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RINGERS' DOUBLE FEATURE

I WENT to the cinema this week to see 'Quentin Durward' in glorious Technicolor and wide screen, with a largely British cast of actors. Some preposterous episodes in the story are acted with assured gusto by talented humorists Robert Morley, George Cole and Wilfred Hyde White, while the more romantic figures, Kay Kendall and Robert Taylor, do their best to remain serious.

The glorious extravaganza culminates, apart from some ensuing underhand diplomacy and the inevitable love conciliation, with a fight in a belfry, Quentin Durward and Count de la Marck swinging ape-like across the void clinging to bell ropes and slashing at one another, while the bells overhead clang sonorously and a conflagration blazes beneath. The bells do not sound like a modern casting, but whether appropriate to Liège in the 15th century is a nice question. Moreover, I have a fleeting impression that the frame and hanging were modern—being interested in the plot one tends to miss the technical details. Perhaps someone more observant will be able to confirm this. Rich though the film is, it is hardly worth another special visit. But if anyone is going and wants to see the bells scene round twice, he should go in about 15 minutes before the film ends.

Was it some design of the cinema manager that provided a 'second feature' that night, a British film entitled 'Doublecross'? The tale was thin, an affair of escaping spies, told with the lack of tautness and introduction of rambling by-play that betrays a second rate film. Acknowledgment to the Oxford Diocesan Guild in the film's opening credit titles aroused interest at once, and the bells this time were handbells, a team practising change ringing in the local pub (where better?). This had the slightest connection with the plot. There the village ringers were practising Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, while alongside treason was discussed in undertones. The ringing was crisp, but to expect professional actors to synchronise their hand movements was perhaps too much. (It was amusing to note the 'U.A.' straight-up-and-down style.)

To a bell-ringer in the audience the effect was disconcerting, bells all over the shop, flapping up and down, sometimes in the middle of the previous change, yet the sound coming fairly even. Later in the film a similar practice is held with one regular man short (away on a clandestine voyage) and a novice substituted. What follows must be unique in cinema history. Handbells in films are rare enough; a handbell practice course breaking down in the way we all know so well is delightful. Break down it does. The novice (local policeman) brought in as substitute just is not good enough and admits so. The ringing fiasco is nicely managed.

Who, I wonder, coached the professional actors? Who recorded the sound? Could some member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild tell us more about the circumstances?

R. B. M.

CONFIDENCE IN YOUTH

A CONFIDENCE that modern youth is interested in our art is firmly subscribed to by Mr. R. O. Fry, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, which with 1,600 members is the largest diocesan association in the country. In the country branches in particular he finds that more young people are coming forward. There is nothing wrong with the attitude of youth to-day towards ringing. Mr. Fry's printed report makes interesting reading, and those who have recently contributed to our columns on training young ringers will not fail to give heed to this secretary who, although young in years, has already proved his worth as a successful instructor. He writes:—

> 'Whenever and wherever I hear that old familiar "We can't get young people to take up ringing these days," my first reaction is to have a look at the tower-master and the way he carries out his duties, and all too often the reason for the empty tower and the bells hanging silent becomes immediately evident. Those of us who have been appointed by our incumbents to the position of tower-master must always remember that honours and privileges always bring with them added responsibilities, and that it is our duty to see that there is ever a steady flow of beginners into our belfries, and that the bells upon which they learn to ring are kept in good going order.'

This accent on youth is also referred to by the Master (the Rev. M. B. St. L. Hurst-Bannister). Imploring patience with beginners, he writes: 'Older ringers must be prepared to sacrifice their own ringing to help the learners, that is to say ready and willing to ring "Rounds" and "Queen's" when perhaps really wanting to ring something more advanced. Do not make the learners feel that they are unwanted, a nuisance or put up with on sufferance as a possible source of usefulness at some future date.'

Youth of any age is always seeking for adventure, and our art provides abundant opportunities to satisfy this craving. Good luck to Bath and Wells and its youth.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	H. LESLIE PASK	7
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	JOHN WALDEN	8
GWEN I. RUSBY	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	JOHN FREEMAN	10
STANLEY E. BENNETT	5	RALPH EDWARDS	11
GEORGE H. RANDLES	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by D. PARSONS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM DAVIES	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	7
*ALAN G. FOSTER	2	*STELLA HUGHES	8
*STANLEY PRESTIDGE	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	*P. GEORGE GOLDER	10
*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	5	†BARNABAS G. KEY	11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	6	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Maximus. † 300th peal. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

TEN BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

*GWENDOLYN I. HOWLETT	*Treble*	ALAN P. CAVE	6
†JOHN NELSON	2	ERNEST F. BENNETT	7
LESTER L. GRAY	3	JOHN E. SPICE	8
THOMAS LEE	4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	9
JOHN N. BROWN	5	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the conductor.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. GEORGE AND DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27¼ cwt.

*ALAN PENDLEBURY	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	7
*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	3	IVOR R. NICHOLLS	8
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	A. NEVILLE BROWN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung for the celebration of Eastertide.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

JAMES B. MORLEY	*Treble*	*CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	6
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE	2	*C. JACK GIBSON	7
*BETTY SYRETT	3	*REGINALD J. DARCH	8
*E. AUSTIN HEAD	4	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	9
G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	5	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal on ten bells.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Easter Day, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, Miss G. L. Friswell 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. K. Brady 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

GWEN I. RUSBY	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3	*JOHN E. COOK	8
DENIS A. FRITH	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	9
H. LESLIE PASK	5	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. V. PEARSON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Oakham Royal.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22¼ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
ANN BARR	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
JOAN BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	8
DENNIS BERESFORD	4	EDMUND MALIN	9
J. EDWARD CAWSER	5	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal in the county.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

PETER NASH	*Treble*	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	*R. ROGER SAVORY	7
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
NELIA M. LEAHY	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	9
†ADRIAN TUMBER	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of London Royal. † First peal in the method.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

T. MARK WHITE	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	2	†GEORGE E. EVENDEN	7
JOHN HILL	3	‡WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	8
GORDON P. T. PETERS	4	ROGER O. FRY	9
JOHN N. DISERENS	5	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Royal.
A wedding compliment to Mariella Mundy and Norman Mallett.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

LEONARD W. CONDUCT	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	5
*WENDY FOULGER	2	PAUL RIGBY	6
H. DAVID HOLLAND	3	WILLIAM C. RHODES	7
J. WILLIAM HOVEY	4	*HAROLD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES R. TAYLOR	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	JOHN W. SINFIELD	6
*ERIC SHARP	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	7
*STEPHEN IVIN	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.
This peal was rung to celebrate the conductor's election to an Open Scholarship in Classics at Merton College, Oxford.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
A PEAL OF 5088 INGARSBY SURPRISE MAJOR

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 6). Conducted by B. G. WARWICK.
The first peal in the method, which is Dorchester with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end.

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 31, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

REGINALD W. REX	*Treble*	PETER NASH	5
*PETER R. SANDERS	2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	6
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	HAROLD P. REED	7
GEOFFREY K. DODDS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob. First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob on the bells.

RIPPONDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10½ cwt.

STEPHEN LL. PARRY	*Treble*	FRED PRITCHARD	5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	2	*GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
*DEREK SANDERSON	3	IVAN KAY	7
†MRS. G. S. MILLS	4	JOHN T. WALMSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN KAY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung half-muffled to the glory of God and the Church triumphant.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 31, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD H. SMITH	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
*ROBIN G. LEALE	4	*ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.
A 27th wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the ringer of the second.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY	*Treble*	*JUNE M. CLEMENTS	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	†GEORGE FRANCIS	6
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	†W. LESLIE WELLER	7
*RICHARD WILSON	4	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method and 25th peal together. First of Surprise as conductor.

HUNSDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's, No. 2. Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	*PETER J. COLES	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
*MARY LAWRENCE	4	STANLEY HUCKLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
V. MARY MATTHEWS	2	DAVID N. PENROSE	6
BRIGHID M. SIMPKIN	3	HARRY HARPER	7
ARTHUR F. BURLEY	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by D. W. BEARD. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
Composition now rung for the first time.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss J. A. Carveth and Mr. B. S. Taylor at Kenwyn this day.

MANSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. A. SIMPSON	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. FOSSEY	5
*MARGARET E. HILL	2	J. DAVID CLARKE	6
JAMES H. PAILING	3	ALLAN SIMPSON	7
MRS. M. I. PAILING	4	*THOMAS O. GREASLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Salter.

NORTHLEACH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HAROLD POPE	*Treble*	*BRIAN R. MYLES	5
†LLEWELYN J. SLY	2	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	6
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	7
THOMAS F. STONE	4	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. P. Wilson.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

ROGER BALDWIN	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
*ROBIN G. LEALE	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
DAVID R. REED	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise.

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TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

James W. Jones	Treble	Thomas Gwilt	5
James Corbett	2	*Robert E. Tallis	6
Vincent A. Hemming	3	Geoffrey J. Hemming	7
Gerald C. Hemming	4	†Basil Tison	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*Ernest F. Payne	Treble	Royston Wilmore	5
*B. Stedman Payne	2	Geoffrey J. Lowe	6
Geoffrey M. Brewin	3	Ernest Morris	7
F. Kevin Thompson	4	Frederick J. Bindley	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* 50th peal together (father and son). The conductor's 1,600th peal. First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all the band except the conductor.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Elizabeth A. Wardill	Treble	Howard Scott	5
Frederick J. Jackson	2	J. Frederick Milner	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Dennis A. Chapman	7
Milton C. Fowler	4	Norman Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Kippin. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., April 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*John R. Mayne	Treble	*Alfred J. House	5
Barbara A. Mitchell	2	Alick Cutler	6
Mary Lawrence	3	Richard F. B. Speed	7
Mrs. T. J. Lock	4	†A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* 50th peal together. † First peal on these bells. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Yvonne Eloie	Treble	*Lewis F. Cobb	5
Daniel T. Matkin	2	*Philip N. Tubbs	6
Joan M. Gray	3	John Hartless	7
Frank L. Harris	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal of Major.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

Thomas R. Simmons	Treble	Arthur W. Dickerson	5
*Bridget Mutimer	2	H. William Barrett	6
Arthur G. Bason	3	†Herbert Howlett	7
Nolan Golden	4	David Heighton	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by David Heighton.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Easter Sunday, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hawkins 1, M. Sinden 2, H. Barrett (first of Stedman) 3, J. Rea 4, G. Parsons 5, E. Talbot 6, J. Euston 7, S. Howard 8. Rung for Easter Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

Barbara A. Mitchell	Treble	Claudia A. Critchley	5
*Marion J. Skinner	2	Gladys Manchip	6
Anne B. Speed	3	Kathleen M. Lock	7
Mary Lawrence	4	Hilda G. Snowden	Tenor

Conducted by Hilda G. Snowden.
* First Surprise peal.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*Michael D. H. Brown	Treble	Eric T. Lee	5
June M. Clements	2	George Francis	6
†Gerald M. Rouse	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Barwell B. Dibben	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells. The first peal of Plain Bob on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

AMPORT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

J. Michael Lakin	Treble	Adrian J. Tumber	4
Geoffrey K. Dodds	2	Peter Nash	5
Harold P. Reed	3	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
The first peal on the bells.
Rung in memory of the late Mr. A. Lynds, a life-long member of the local band.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Old, and ten extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Percy Bray	Treble	Peter J. H. Wycherley	4
W. John Phippen	2	*Ernest E. Bray	5
David Robertson	3	Hugh Vennell	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest E. Bray.
* 25th peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Rosemary and Ronald Smith, married at Bath on Saturday, March 31st, 1956.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Leonard W. King	Treble	Wilfred G. Saunders	4
Frank C. J. Arnold	2	Charles E. G. Banham	5
*Dr. Paul H. A. Jonason	3	†Cedric F. W. Phillippo	Tenor

Conducted by Cedric F. W. Phillippo.
* First peal in four methods. † 100th peal for Norwich Association.
Rung in memoriam William George Dixon, ringer for many years at this church.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

Kenneth G. Brown	Treble	Richard Rose	4
Ernest Bishop	2	Harry King	5
*Leslie Melton	3	Leonard S. Sharpe	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.
* First peal.

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of New Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob, three extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, one 240 Morris's Arrangement, and 25 six-scores Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

ALLEN COLCOMBE	*Treble*	CHARLES PHILLIPS	4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE.. ..	2	THOMAS J. GUNDY	5
REGINALD G. POWELL ..	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE ..	*Tenor*

Conduced by REGINALD G. POWELL.

First peal in five methods by all the band.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. B. G. Ap-Ivor, who has left to take up missionary work in Basutoland.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
and
THE GLOUCESTER GUILD OF UNITED CHURCH BELL RINGERS.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Reverse Canterbury Bob, 16 extents of All Saints, and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEOFFREY P. GREEN ..	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER	4
*MICHAEL LING	2	†W. CYRIL WIXEY	5
PETER T. HURCOMBE ..	3	SIDNEY J. PUGH..	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of W. Cyril Wixey, ringer of the fifth.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob combined, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Treble*	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK ..	4
MONICA HOWARD	2	PETER A. LAWRENCE	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cunecastre, Lightfoot, Wells, Bourne, Netherseale, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ROY L. SHUTTER	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
FREDERICK J. SHUTTER ..	2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES.. ..	5
WALTER AYRE	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung as a wedding peal for Henry Peter Ayre and Barbara Lilian Aldous, who were married at Leverstock Green on March 31st.

BAWTRY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ALEC WILSON	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4
JAMES THORLEY	2	NORMAN SMITH	5
HOWARD SCOTT	3	FREDERICK J. JACKSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BISHOP'S CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 of Morris's and 40 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*NORMAN L. PHILLIPS ..	*Treble*	ALBERT E. JONES	4
†A. C. P. PUGH..	2	JOHN J. P. ELLAMS	5
NOEL E. PHILLIPS	3	*SYDNEY WHITEFOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal for the Hereford Guild. Believed to be the first peal for 30 years on the bells.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Northrepps and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*NORMA W. G. WILLIAMS *Treble*	ALAN C. COZENS 4
*JACQUELINE A. DOWNING .. 2	REX LINE 5
GEORGE F. ROOME 3	NORMAN LINE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by REX LINE.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. B. Cartwright and Miss Patricia M. Lawrence, married at this church prior to the peal.

SANDFORD ST. MARTIN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. *Treble*	†JOHN H. GREGORY 4
*JO ROPER 2	MARIE R. CROSS 5
†ROBERT A. REEVES 3	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.

* First in method. † First peal.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Guild.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (4) Double Court Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) Hereward Bob, (7) St. Clement's Bob; each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER .. .. *Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4
*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	*RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. 5
*DAVID STAPLES 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in more than seven methods. First peal in nine methods by all the band.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. H. J. E. Bowman.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*STUART E. DYER .. .. *Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER 4
LUCY ALLEN 2	FRANK W. LACK 5
GILES C. GALLEY 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley as Rector of this parish for ten years; also to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mallett upon their marriage on April 2nd, 1956.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., April 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's of St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE WATERMAN .. .. *Treble*	JAMES BENNETT 4
*MARIAN H. MILLS 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
*MICHAEL A. MILLS 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in seven methods.

A 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*H. BUNTING .. .. .. *Treble*	W. SWAIN 4
F. KNOWLES 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 5
E. G. HOLDGATE 3	B. BARKER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal.

Rung in memoriam Mr. Fred Marshall, a ringer at Clay Cross for over 60 years, and for many years captain and steeplekeeper.

BOZEAT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Albans, St. Martin's, St. Paul, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Little Aston, Seighford, Marchington, Austrey, Plain Bob, April Day, Norfolk, Kennington and Old Doubles. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JEAN M. PACKWOOD .. *Treble*	†GEORGE F. ROOME 3
†REX LINE 2	†NORMAN LINE 4

ALAN C. COZENS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

* First peal. † First peal in 21 methods. First peal in 21 methods as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 25, 1956, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT 67, ORIEL ROAD, NORTH END,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 7.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 1—2	*ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 3—4
ROGER BALDWIN .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* 50th peal.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of 3-4.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., March 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT 35, MARKET STREET,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER BERESFORD .. .. 1—2	JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 5—6
DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 3—4	*CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 7—8

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal 'in hand' on eight.

GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 1, 1956, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
AT 35, BRIGHTON AVENUE, BROCKHURST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Court and six extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 7 in D.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT 1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. .. 3—4
*ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* 25th peal together.

First peal in two Minor methods by all the band.

A 27th wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the ringer of 1 and 2.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
IN A FIELD ON NEW FARM, BRADING,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court and Single Oxford Bob, and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 3—4
ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal in three Minor methods by all the band. First peal in a field by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

*MARGARET BEAMISH .. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3—4	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. .. 7—8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Surprise 'in hand.'

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sangwin 1, R. Pearce 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, H. Heard 4, H. Stacey 5, S. Stacey 6. Rung for Easter.

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Twenty-One New Members Since January 1st

THE annual meeting of the Association was held at Appleby on Easter Monday. The six bells at St. Lawrence's Church were rung throughout, the afternoon and early evening, the methods ranging from rounds to London Surprise. The service was conducted by the president, Canon W. R. M. Chaplin.

A company of 80 including 39 visitors (principally from the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association) met for tea, the principal guests being the Mayor and Mayoress of Appleby accompanied by the Town Clerk and his wife.

After tea the president read a message from the patron of the Association, the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, which concluded with the words: 'In carrying on with the ringing, the bell-ringers are maintaining one of the grand and delightful customs of our country and I would also like them to think that as they pull the bells, that in a real sense God was using them to speak a message from Him to all who could hear. When the bells are rung in this way the ringers have themselves a sense of service on a high level.'

Mr. C. Heelis, in welcoming the Association to the county town of Westmorland, stated that it must be the first such gathering of ringers at Appleby. The welcome was supported by the Mayor.

Replying on behalf of the visitors, Mr. Peter Border said that it was his first visit to the extreme north of England, but that he had so enjoyed his visit that he was sure he would return in the near future. The general secretary, Mr. J. W. Brownrigg, replied on behalf of the Association. He stated that this was the first Association meeting to be held in Appleby, and also that it was the first Association meeting to be attended by a Mayor.

At the subsequent annual meeting the officers' reports were taken as read, in view of the fact that they were contained in the annual report which was circulated prior to the meeting.

Mr. G. McKay, in proposing the adoption of a new constitution, stated that the new draft was shorter, simpler and less ambiguous than the existing constitution. The new constitution was adopted unanimously.

Canon Chaplin was re-elected president and received the thanks of all members for the extraordinary amount of work he had done in this capacity during the previous year. Other officers re-elected were: J. W. Brownrigg (general secretary); S. Richardson (ringing secretary); G. Tembey (treasurer); Mr. T. Hogarth (auditor).

Following the election of the new committee, twelve new members were admitted, making a total of 21 new members since January 1st, thus raising the total Association membership to 64.

The adoption of a Form of Service was discussed on the basis of a draft provided by the president, and the committee was requested to draw up a final draft for approval at the next meeting

The president called attention to the proposed Ringing Festival to be held at Carlisle Cathedral on September 15th. Neighbouring Associations would be specifically invited to take part, although all ringers would be most welcome. A sub-committee (J. W. Brownrigg, J. Butterfield and G. McKay) was appointed to assist the Diocesan Advisory Committee on ringing matters when necessary.

Mr. N. M. Newby, on behalf of the visitors, thanked members for their welcome and noted with pleasure that the Association was making a rapid recovery from its recent decline and hoped that this progress would continue.

The best wishes of all present were conveyed to two members, Stanley Richardson and Myra Gibson, who were to be married on the following day.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch held at Westbury on April 7th attracted some 45 ringers. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Gallaway, who gave an inspiring address. Tea was served in the Church Room.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Mr. A. Weeks), who welcomed the Vicar to his first meeting since his induction as Vicar of Westbury, also the visitors from Bath, Frome, Yeovil and Chippenham. The next three meetings were fixed for Upavon, Chirton and Warminster. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and the ladies for providing tea. Ringing continued on the lovely eight till later in the evening. Methods ranging from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise were rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Exeter Cathedral band were ringing Grandsire Caters as their salute to the Easter Morn at 6 a.m., when the 10th clapper broke in the shaft. It has been sent to the foundry for repair with hopes of having it back in time to ring for the Queen's visit on May 8th. Meanwhile ringing continues on the 'Thomas Eight,' this a true octave (tenor 28½ cwt. in E flat).

Owing to a sudden illness, Mr. F. A. Salter was unable to stand in the peal at Mansfield on April 2nd. The band wish him a speedy recovery.

Well-known ringers of Lincoln Cathedral band paid a visit to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Easter Monday, where they were successful in a peal of Stedman Cinques.

Mainly composed of Lichfield ringing personalities, a band rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Leominster, Herefordshire, on April 7th.

Last year there were over 200,000 visitors to Woburn Abbey and Park, but only three or four visiting ringers joined in the Sunday service ringing. Times of ringing on Sundays are 10.30 a.m. and 5.15 p.m.

We congratulate Mr. Stephen Ivin, whose compositions have frequently appeared in our pages, on his election to an open scholarship in classics at Merton College, Oxford. The Oxford University Society, we feel sure, will find a niche in their ranks for him.

The quarter peal of Bob Minor at Walberton on Easter Sunday, called by Sylvia Streater the day after her 16th birthday, enabled Raymond Dark, who took up ringing when he came from Edgware nearly two years ago to learn farming in the Walberton district, to ring his first quarter peal a week before leaving for National Service.

In connection with the Guildford Diocesan Mission, Farnborough, Hants, ringers had planned to ring on 18 occasions and attempt five quarter peals. Their plans received a nasty set-back when a stay broke during practice the previous week and the second bell was cracked from top to bottom, wide enough to get a finger in!

Mr. F. Skidmore has retired after six years as secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. His successor is Mr. W. F. Scudamore, of Bristol Rural.

Mr. Harold Wilson (St. Bees) has been elected Master of the Cumberland and N.W. Association in succession to Mr. J. R. Mossop, who is shortly joining the R.A.F.

It should be Mr. James Parker and not Mr. J. J. Parker who called the peal of New Gloucester in 1926 at Willesden. (Correction to 'Belfry Gossip,' page 200.)

Two well-known members of the Cumberland Association, Mr. Stanley Richardson and Miss Myra Gibson, were married at Harrington Parish Church on April 3rd.

For the wedding of Mr. Henry Peter Ayre and Miss Barbara Lilian Aldous at Leverstock Green on March 31st, handbells were rung by Miss P. A. Martin, Mr. W. Ayre and Mr. D. E. Latchford, and full honours came on April 3rd with a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods, conducted by Mr. Ayre. Leverstock Green Church has only two bells.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon writes in the current quarterly of the Maidstone District, 'The Belfry,' his early reminiscences as a beginner. Although he first handled a bell at Easter, 1928, it was not until the following October that he first rang rounds. His first peal was on July 15th, 1930, at Deptford, the tenor to Stedman Triples.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The third session of the 27th Council (59th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, 22nd May, 1956, in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Leicester, by kind permission of the Lord Mayor and Corporation, at 10 o'clock.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12,30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

Report of the Hon. Secretary as to representation of Socicties and as to subscriptions.

Application by the University of London Society to affiliate to the Council.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of Honorary Members.

   Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and A. J. Pitman retire and are eligible for re-election.

2. Loss of members through death.
3. Minutes of the last meeting.
4. Report of the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.
5. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
6. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1955.
7. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
8. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following Committees:—

   To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

   (a) Standing Committee.

   Report of the sub-committee appointed to prepare the Council's Handbook.

   (b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
   (c) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
   (d) Literature and Press Committee.
   (e) Biographies Committee.
   (f) Records Committee.
   (g) Peals Collection Committee.
   (h) Analysis Committee.
   (i) Methods Committee.
   (j) Nomination Committee.
   (k) Peal Boards Committee.
   (l) Towers and Belfries Committee.

ALTERATION OF RULES.

9. To amend Rule 11 (Committees) by the addition of the following clauses:—

   '(ii) The Standing Committee shall consist of

   (a) Present and past holders of the office of President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and Honorary Librarian of the Council.

   (b) Honorary Auditors and Conveners of Committees ex-officio.

   (c) Twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than twelve names are proposed). The twelve retiring members to be the first names to be proposed.

   The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two other members of the Council.

   (iii) At the Annual Meeting next after each Triennial Election, members of any Committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such Committee has a report to present) have the right to attend and vote on any matter arising exclusively out of that report.'

   Proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

MOTIONS.

10. (a) That the Central Council Publication 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners' be revised in the light of recent advances and experiments in teaching technique, and that such revision should contain not only sections intended primarily for Instructors on the teaching of handling a bell, instruction in ringing rounds and method ringing in its early stages, but also a section on these matters which can easily be understood by beginners.

    Proposed by Miss M. R. Cross, seconded by Mr. R. F. B. Speed.

    (b) That the Collection of Minor Methods and the Collection of Triples Methods, both of which are out of print, should be republished as soon as possible.

    Proposed by Miss M. R. Cross, seconded by Mr. R. F. B. Speed.

    (c) 1. That no peal of Doubles or Minor shall be recognised in which, for any reason, the bells strike in rounds other than

    (i) at the beginning and end of the peal

    (ii) at the beginning of each extent

    (iii) when round-blocks of two or more extents are used, at the appropriate places in the round block.

    2. That no peal on higher numbers of bells shall be recognised in which, for any reason, the bells strike in rounds other than at the beginning and end of the peal.

    Proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

    (d) That this Council disapproves of the twin bob marked 'X' being used to indicate one bob only in compositions printed in 'The Ringing World.'

    Proposed by Mr. J. Segar, seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby.

11. To fix the place of the next meeting.
12. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

OVER 80 members attended the annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, held at All Saints', Newport, on Easter Monday. The bells, which were available at 2 o'clock, were made good use of until 4 o'clock—the time appointed for the service. This was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. Sproule-Jones. The tea at the Parish Rooms was served by the ladies of the church, who were duly thanked by Mr. Arthur Hoare.

The Vicar presided at the meeting. Arising out of the minutes the secretary reported that the handbells—which were being repaired—were not yet to hand.

Mr. T. Roderick presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £10 1s. 10d. on the year's working It was decided that a copy of the balance sheet should in future be sent out to each tower before the annual meeting. Mr. J. Alsop was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. The other officers were re-elected.

The committee appointed to review the Form of Service in their report recommended only one or two minor alterations with the addition of two more hymns. The committee's report was accepted.

The secretary was asked to send a letter to Mr. J. W. Jones, the former secretary, who is 90, conveying the goodwill of the meeting.

Mr. T. Roderick gave notice that he would propose at the next annual meeting that a panel be appointed to advise on the matter of bells whenever it was needed.

Mr. A. J. Pitman was made a life member in appreciation of his service to ringing by his wonderful compositions.

Eleven new members were elected. On the proposition of the Rev. T. Richards the Vicar was thanked for all he had done to make the meeting such a success. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Cardiff. F. J. H.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Yorkshire District

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire District took place at Drighlington on March 24th. Members came from Rotherham, Sheffield, Leeds, York, Bradford, Armley and Collingham, etc.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent in the spacious and well-heated belfry. Methods were rung to suit all tastes, including call changes for the beginners.

A nearby cafe provided a very substantial tea, after which the business meeting was held in the vestry of the church. Apologies for absence included one from the vice-president, Mrs. P. M. Thorley, and the company had the pleasure of electing her infant daughter as an honorary member of the Guild. Two ringing members were also elected.

The report showed that steady progress had been made during 1955. The present membership of the District stood at 50, which was the highest it had ever been. The financial position was satisfactory.

The secretary pointed out that she had completed 21 years in office and, having found a willing successor, wished to retire. Miss E. Bate, of Handsworth, Sheffield, was elected the new secretary and the other officers remained as before.

It was proposed to ask permission to hold the next meeting at Bolsover on June 23rd.

On returning to the belfry a vote of thanks was expressed to the Rev. E. H. Hargrave, who is always so generously disposed to requests for the bells, and to Mr. S. H. Barron, who made excellent arrangements for the ringers.

The Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild was inaugurated at Handsworth, Sheffield, in 1926—30 years ago. Two ladies' peals have been rung in Handsworth—in 1928 and 1931.

E. D. K.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Ringing Popular With Youth

THE 67th annual general meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Taunton on Easter Monday. The Association service was held in St. James' Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Edwin Hirst, the sermon being preached by the Master, the Rev. Michael Hurst-Bannister. Lunch was served to 70 members in the Gaumont Restaurant after the service.

The business meeting was held in St. James' Church Hall, the Master taking the chair. By this time the numbers had increased, and there were some 120 members present, with visitors from Warwickshire, Leicestershire, Devonshire, Staffordshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Middlesex. Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Lord Bishop of Taunton, the Archdeacon of Taunton, the Rev. Prebendary A. J. Hook, Past-Master of the Association, the Vicar of St. James' and Messrs. J. Pugsley, E. J. Chivers and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Prescott.

In his report, the Master stated that ringing had continued throughout the Diocese with its customary regularity. It was encouraging to hear of so many young people learning to ring; to them he would say 'Persevere,' as it was so easy to become discouraged because of apparent lack of success. It was important that there should be close co-operation between ringers and incumbents, and the former, as church workers, should not fail in their duty as members of the Church in attending services. He was pleased to announce that the bells of his own parish, Pilton, had been restored and would be dedicated on April 21st.

MEMBERSHIP AN ALL-TIME RECORD

The general secretary, Mr. Roger O. Fry, then presented his report. He regretted that he had not been able to attend as many Branch meetings during 1955 as in previous years, but from his own observations, and with data collected from the annual returns, he was able to report that the enthusiasm of the members carried on with unabated vigour. The membership figure was moving surely to the 1,600 mark, an all-time record, and there were many towers either re-entering the Association or joining for the first time. He again found it necessary to comment on the large and increasing number of young people joining the Association, particularly in the country Branches. He believed it was no longer true, if there ever had been any truth in the statement, that the youngster of to-day could not be interested in ringing. He did not wish the older members to think that they had been overlooked: rather his foregoing remarks were a compliment to those older ringers who had the wisdom and foresight to teach these young people, thus ensuring that ringing had a good future in store in the Diocese.

From the business point of view the Association was in a healthy state. The 1955 report had now been printed and distributed, probably the earliest report for many years. For the first time for four years there was a supply of badges in hand. The Association was grateful to Mr. W. A. Osborn, who had very generously defrayed the cost of the new die, which would now be held in safe custody by the committee.

RELATIONS WITH CALL CHANGE RINGERS

During the past 12 months both the Master and the secretary had given much thought to the matter of the Association Rules, and it had been decided that the time had come for some revisions to be made. The present Rules were the same now as those made in 1890, when the Association was formed, its membership then being 160 in 19 towers. He would hesitate to query the wisdom of the great men who founded this Association, and who took it so successfully through its infancy, but he often found himself wishing they had named it the 'Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers,' thus opening their ranks to the non-change ringing brethren. He felt that there was something of a colour-bar where the humble call change ringers were concerned. He believed that their work was equally important and worthy of recognition, and it had been his experience over the length and breadth of the country that they were usually better acquainted with the inside of their churches than were those ringers who looked down their noses at call change ringing. The committee had decided to have a meeting at Bath in June to thrash out the whole matter, and their proposals would be put to the annual general meeting at Wrington in 1957.

The secretary commented upon a peal of Bob Major rung at Chewton Mendip during 1955, and regretted that this had been recorded for the Worcestershire and Districts Association. He hoped that all Tower Masters would take steps in future that visiting bands rang peals for the Association, unless they were members of a non-territorial Society.

In closing his report, the secretary was conscious of the privilege of addressing a meeting at Taunton, where the Inauguration Festival was held in July, 1890. Taunton might well be described as being the spiritual home of the Association, and for many years had possessed a band which accomplished peal ringing feats which no local band in the West Country could emulate to-day. It was hoped that the fine-toned 12 at St. Mary's would now be rung regularly and that a capable 12-bell band would be brought into being to regain the laurels of the past.

SUBSCRIPTION ADEQUATE

The treasurer, Mr. L. W. Pullin, presented a favourable balance sheet, showing that the Association was in financial good health, with ample reserves to draw upon should the need arise. Costs of stationery and printing were rising, but there would be no need to think about increasing subscriptions for some years, if at all. He wished to thank all the Branch secretaries and treasurers for their help during the past year.

The peal secretary, Mr. H. J. Sanger, reported that 65 peals had been rung during 1955, in 49 towers, with 191 different ringers taking part, the conducting being shared by 28 members. Some of the normally prolific peal ringers were not so much in evidence because they had been devoting much of their energy to training new bands in towers with recently restored rings. He concluded by thanking all peal arrangers for so promptly sending in peal reports and subscriptions, evidence of the spirit of co-operation abroad in the Diocese.

Mr. W. A. Osborne, the Diocesan adviser on the care of church bells had had another busy year. He found that the general trend in the Diocese was to restore and to keep the bells in good order. He had inspected and given advice in eight towers, and faculties had been passed for work to proceed at West Pennard, Barrington, Stawley, Holton and West Buckland. Feeling the need to take things a little easier because of advancing years, he had been looking for an assistant in his duties, and he commended for this purpose Mr. R. Gardiner, who was prepared to take over the duties eventually.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year with the addition of Mr. Gardiner.

'OLD YEAR' RINGING

Under 'Any other business,' the meeting discussed the views expressed by Mr. J. T. Dyke at the annual meeting of the Frome Branch, that the 'Christian significance of the bells is lost to a sentimental custom which had grown out of tradition.' The Master commented that as long as he was an incumbent the bells of the church, bells and church hall at the disyear. Mr. S. G. Coles expressed the opinion that Mr. Dyke's views were his personal ones and not those of the Association.

Mr. W. H. Coles, of Hillingdon, an old and valued friend of the Association, brought greetings from the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

The meeting was closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar of St. James' for so kindly placing the church, bells and church hall at the disposal of the members, to Mr. W. Gigg for his work in arranging the ringing at St. James' and St. Mary's, and to Mr. A. H. Reed for arranging for so many country towers to be available. The members then dispersed to St. James', St. Mary's (where Stedman Cinques was rung), St. George's, Wilton, Wellington, Milverton, Trull, Staplegrove and Curry Rivel.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Eastern District Annual Meeting

Easter Monday was one of the finest and warmest April days within living memory at Dublin, when the annual meeting of the Eastern District was held. The magnificent eight bells (tenor 28¼ cwt.) of Christ Church Cathedral were a great attraction.

At the business meeting Mr. James McManus (District chairman) presided, over 60 bellringers being present. Officers elected were: Vice-president (for Eastern District), Mr. S. J. Evans, Arklow; chairman, Mr. McManus, Dublin; Ringing Master, Mr. Adrian Bakker, Dublin; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Drogheda; assistant secretary, Mr. Roy Huber, Drogheda; treasurer, Mr. W. D. Graham, Drogheda. Five new members were elected and certificates presented, viz:—Rev. and Mrs. J. Hobcroft (Drogheda), Miss Jennifer Jobson (Drogheda, formerly St. Mark's, Sydney, N.S.W.), M. Dwyer (St. John's, Dublin) and W. Kinch (Arklow).

Four teams competed for the Gabriel Lindoff Cup judged by Messrs. F. Brogan, G. Bingham and H. Ellis. Drogheda won with 72 faults, followed by Bray 90, Arklow 109 and Dublin 140. Drogheda also won the attendance shield with 100 per cent. for 1955, the first time since the inauguration of the competition in 1913.

The bells were put to good use during the day to call changes, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Southern ringers present took a tape recording of the competition ringing so that they could train their team better than Drogheda's standard for the final contest for the Murphy Cup.

AN EXETER WEDDING

The marriage took place at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, on April 2nd, of two very popular members of the band, Mr. Norman Mallett and Miss Mariella Mundy.

The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. P. Henton, and Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. The bells rang a merry send-off after the service. The brilliant sunshine was, it is hoped, a good omen for the future of the happy couple.

Peals were attempted at both St. Thomas' and the Cathedral, but sadly came to grief about half-way.

Both the Cathedral (of which the bride and bridegroom are members) and St. Thomas' bands are happy to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Mallett will continue to reside in the district, at 98, Alphington Road, Exeter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BEAUTY AND THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I have read with great indignation the article by 'D. R. C.' (whoever he may be) about 'Beauty and the Belfry' ('Ringing World,' April 6th, 1956). The writer apparently thinks very little of the lady ringers, whatever age they may be (as ringers I mean). Where, oh where, would one find enough ringers without the help of the ladies? We have five lady ringers in our towers (six bells) and five gentlemen. All the ladies have rung quarter peals and three have rung peals (one has conducted one). Our ladies range from 14 to 21 years of age. Our band has capabilities of ringing Kent and Cambridge Minor, three ladies and three gentlemen making up the band. I am sure other towers are in the same position as us. Where would the band come from without our help?

Quoting: 'Many women are pushed into ringing in the first place by efforts of so-called friends.' Oh, no! Not entirely all, in fact very few. I should say most of them either start accidentally or there have been other ringers in the family, and a desire to 'have a go' takes hold of them and the 'bug' bites. When first taking hold of a rope, who wouldn't be frightened of what was going to happen until one has the feel and control of a bell, and as to breaking a stay, a thing rarely done if taught properly, I am certain it would be of great concern if such a thing happened and would not be laughed at, and 'flocking into a milk bar after the practice' is unheard of. The thing after a practice is to talk of what has happened during the practice, then cycle home between one and three miles for the local ringers.

The biggest draw-back in a lady ringer is she is unable to 'turn in' a heavy bell, with a very few exceptions, but then, surely the gentlemen can help do that.

The gentlemen, from stories I have heard, are not nearly so well behaved or regular as the ladies, who turn up in full force, come rain, sleet, snow or sunshine

One last thing. I wonder how many gentlemen make an evening of the practice by going off to the nearest non-milk-bar bar!

Gentlemen, we don't want to take charge of your ringing, but please give us the credit due to us.

KATHLEEN M. YEO.

SS. Peter and Paul's, Hellingly.

FAST PEAL RINGING

Dear Sir,—Reference to Mr. Derek P. Jones' letter, I do not see that I should condone fast ringing merely because I reside in the county that he chooses to label 'Fast peals on heavy bells.'

He certainly has tried hard to justify the speed of the peal which I questioned, and I would like to give him a few facts about the fast peal in which I rang:—

(1) We were all a Sunday service band who had learned to ring Grandsire Doubles during the previous 15 months, and certainly did not start with the idea of a quick peal.

(2) The referee of the 720 pointed out to me that we rang without 'open' leads, which would account for a cut of at least ten minutes, and in addition 'open' leads would have had a slowing-up effect on the whole peal.

(3) The tapping of the bells was near perfect throughout the peal in spite of the 'cartwheel rhythm.'

I would conclude that our performance was far from dubious worth as, being a young band, we learned a lot about leading from our referee.

In any case **we did** prove our performance without any efforts of self-justification.

I still admire and look for good, steady ringing.—Yours faithfully,

H. A. RICE.

Yatton, Somerset.

TECHNICAL TITTLE-TATTLE

Dear Sir,—Having struggled through all the tattle and discovered ultimately what Mr. York-Bramble was attempting to teach 'beginners and call change ringers,' it seemed he was merely making a new start with the next generation of ringers to force upon the Exercise a self-created collection of technical terms which have failed to find acceptance among an older generation. The subject matter has been satisfactorily explained, but why introduce learners to scientific jargon?

He would have us believe that 'a good word . . . . which has been used in theory talks and papers is **transit.**' I would not agree that it is a good word, and I have never heard it used. In the first place, both my memory of Latin and my dictionary tell me that transit means 'a going across,' but in no sense a reciprocal movement as when a pair of bells exchange positions. Why, too, must those people with scientific minds fly to Latin or Greek? Our beautiful Anglo-Saxon language (which is not inadequate to express what we mean) is being crowded out by scientific un-English words or their abbreviations. Please, Mr. York-Bramble, if you must introduce new terms into ringing, use the language we speak and can understand—and which beginners also can understand **and use without being misunderstood.** Surely when two bells change places they do not make a 'transit,' but an interchange, exchange or swap. I am certain that a beginner would not understand me if I said, with Mr. York-Bramble, 'two transits and one transit,' but I know he would if I said, 'Two swaps and one swap' (even if it doesn't sound scientific) or 'two exchanges and one exchange.'

And why must a row become a 'change-row'? A row of figures is simply a row, even if it is changed from a previous row. Instead of simplifying the problems and language of change ringing Mr. York-Bramble has started his new series by complicating them, and burying them in a mass of tittle-tattle.

I much enjoyed Mr. Shepherd's article on 'Odd and Even Rows'—and I notice he used the phrase 'the **interchange** of two pairs of bells.' May I ask him not to take anything for granted? A colleague who had studied his article (and who does quite an amount of conducting) asked me how to recognise whether a row was in or out of course. Perhaps Mr. Shepherd might explain this, in case other young ringers might also have wondered the same. It is often necessary to know.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

DISTANCE A BELL CAN BE HEARD

Dear Sir,—In his recent article on 'Bow Bells,' the Rev. H. E. Hopkins suggests that it would have been quite possible for Dick Whittington to have heard the curfew being rung from four miles away. In support of this he makes the interesting observation that 'the repeated tolling of one bell can be heard much further than the ring of a peal.'

I think this is probably true and it would be quite possible for a large bell to be heard four miles away if the atmospheric conditions were favourable. On a really calm day I myself have heard the faint boom of Great Tom, the clock bell of Lincoln Cathedral, when at Saxilby, nearly six miles away. I might add that the Cathedral stands on a hill and the intervening countryside is flat and open. It is doubtful if the ringing peal could be heard at this distance, although I know for a fact that Saxilby bells can be heard within a radius of at least four miles.—Yours faithfully,

M. L. MANN.

Lincoln.

DANEHILL BELLS

Dear Sir,—The Church of All Saints in the charming little Sussex village of Danehill has a pleasant ring of four, with tenor of 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. As was the case with too many of our village towers throughout the country, the local band failed to 'get going' again after the war, and apart from very occasional ringing by visitors the bells remained silent.

About a year ago, however, a determined attempt was made to train a band for Sunday service ringing—the start being made with only one individual able to handle a bell! So successful have their efforts been that the bells now ring out for Matins and Evensong each Sunday, there being a membership of about 12 in the local band.

They have found, however, that for additional interest, they need to visit other towers, to practise on the higher numbers, and in doing so they have revived the ringing at Ardingly—another tower which had unfortunately fallen silent.

Being even more ambitious, they have obtained permission to start a fund, aiming at £500, to have two new trebles added at Danehill to form a ring of six. Permission to start the fund was difficult to obtain, money already being urgently required for other church improvements, such as heating. I am confident, however, that in due course the Danehill ringers, by proceeds from whist drives, jumble sales, fetes, etc., together with a local appeal, will achieve their target. I know, however—and this brings me to the main point of my letter—that any donation from the ringing fraternity will be a great encouragement to them in their efforts, and such gifts, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged.

It is worthy of mention that a private school at Danehill now encourages pupils to learn to handle a bell. Although the local band can gain no lasting benefit from this, they gladly undertake the task, hoping that when the pupils leave the school they will become efficient members of their home towers throughout the country.

Any donations, please, should be sent to:—Danehill P.C.C. Bell Fund, c/o The Rev. P. G. P. Cornish, The Vicarage, Danehill, Haywards Heath, Sussex.—Yours faithfully,

IVAN BUTCHER.

Turner's Hill, Sussex.

A DICK WHITTINGTON TEST

Dear Sir,—After reading the article by the Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, I am reminded of a test I made of the authenticity of Dick Whittington having heard the bells of Bow calling him back to London. In about the year 1908 I, as a lad, lived near the Whittington Stone at Highgate, and on a Tuesday, when it was a still and fairly foggy evening, and I knew it was practice night for the College Youths at St. Mary-le-Bow, I stood near the stone in Highgate Hill and definitely heard the bells in peal.—Yours faithfully,

HENRY J. RANZETTA.

Buckhurst Hill, Essex.

THE LATE B. A. KNIGHTS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—The list of 369 peals rung by the above, up to 1925, included 70 rung for the Lancashire Association. According to the figures quoted by Mr. J. Blackburn, Ben, therefore, rang a further 112 peals for the Lancashire Association (after 1925).

Ben kept a complete personal record of his peals after 1925, but altogether it would appear that he rang almost 500 peals. The analysis already submitted by me gives a fair picture of his great experience and ability as a ringer and conductor, and I am indebted to Mr. Blackburn for the further information about Ben's peal total.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

325th Anniversary of Stedman's Birth

YET again the Ely Association was favoured with fine, sunny weather for its annual meeting on Easter Monday. In all about 150 ringers and friends partook of the ringing during the day. Arrangements for ringing had been greatly disturbed by the very large number of weddings due to take place in the various churches around Ely, which was to be the centre for the day. Nevertheless ten towers were available and all were kept busy throughout the time allocated.

Proceedings began at ten o'clock, when two towers were opened—Hilgay (8), where ringing very appropriately started with rounds for two young men who had just finished the lashed-practice stage at one of the struggling towers, and Sutton, a somewhat hard-going six, which seemed to be a greater attraction, so much so that there were over 40 ringers there very soon after ten o'clock.

The Hilgay contingent moved on to St. Mary's, Ely, at 11 o'clock, and continued there until one o'clock, whilst the Sutton party moved to Haddenham and then to Wilburton, each for an hour. In the afternoon Stretham (6), Fordham (6) and Burwell (8) were all kept busy with crowded belfries, whilst a dozen or so of our 'tower-grabbing' friends found time to 'do' Swaffham Prior (6) in addition to the prescribed programme.

Shortly before four o'clock all gathered in the Cathedral in readiness for the service, many taking the opportunity of exploring this ancient foundation. The service was conducted by the Rev. Denis Foulds, one of the District presidents, and the Bishop of Ely gave a very informative and inspiring address. After the Blessing four visitors rang a very creditable plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, probably the first change ringing ever heard in this Cathedral, which, like many of her sisters in this part of the country, suffers from an absence of ringable bells.

After tea the Bishop, who is president of the Association, took the chair at the meeting. The annual report had been circulated and was adopted. It showed another small increase in membership and a further increase in activity, if peals are any guide to an Association's progress. All the officers were re-elected.

The Association decided to hold a dinner in Cambridge on September 29th this year. Many expressed the hope that this will develop into an annual event, and it has been pointed out that it will be an occasion to remember the birth of Fabian Stedman (325th anniversary this year). The organiser hopes to provide opportunity for the ringing of Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques during the afternoon and a good meal for not more than 15s. during the evening, together with the usual good fellowship and sparkling wit associated with such an enterprise. Watch 'The Ringing World' for details.

The Association decided to support the appeal for Bow Bells by setting aside the bell repair collection at one meeting in each District during the next month or so. One further proposal was that the Association invite the Ancient Society of College Youths to hold their provincial meeting in Cambridge in 1957.

After the business meeting ringing continued at Stretham, St. Mary's, Ely, and Soham (10) until 8.30 p.m. At the latter place our 'tower-grabbing' friends arrived very near the end and so became very desperate: five minutes of rounds were rung by some 20 ringers.

Next year's meeting will be in Cambridge and we hope that by that time the eight at St. Andrew's will have been recast and that Trumpington bells will have been augmented to eight. To our 'tower-grabbing' friends—Have you ever rung at Fen Ditton or Horningsea?

W. J. R.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held in Bedford on Easter Monday. As customary, the bells of St. Peter's and St. Paul's were at the disposal of members throughout the day, and some good touches brought home, including Plain, Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal, Superlative, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major.

After luncheon at the Dujon members and friends attended the business meeting which followed. The president, Miss E. Steel, opened the meeting by welcoming members and visitors from as far away as Chesterfield and Middlesex to Bedford, once again.

Apologies for absence were received from Canon A. Rust and Mr. A. E. Sharman.

The Committee's report stated that membership had increased, the 1955 figures being 25 honorary and 291 performing. The financial position showed an increase of £4 17s. 8d. over the year, the balance now standing at £85 15s. 6½d.

The enthusiasts amassed a total of 44 peals, this being the second largest total in the Association's history. The list contains many worthy of special mention, including the first peal of Bedfordshire Surprise Major ever rung, at Maulden, Spliced Surprise Major in six methods at Woburn, and Little Bob Royal at Leighton Buzzard.

A number of members reached important landmarks in their respective ringing careers, 14 members rang their first peal, Mr. A. C. Sinfield and Mr. R. J. Sharp their 200th peal together, and Mr. C. E. Jeffries rang his 100th peal as conductor for the Association.

The officers of the Association were elected as follows: President, Miss E. Steel; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. King, A. E. Sharman, H. O. Harris, W. Stapleton, C. J. Ball, L. H. Bywaters, P. Inskip; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. W. Sinfield; auditor, Mr. G. H. Mason; peal secretary, Mr. D. Knox; librarian, Mr. S. Foskett; assistant librarian, Mr. D. Thompson.

The joint summer festival with the Hertford County Association in St. Albans on June 16th next was discussed and members asked to make a special effort to attend.

The meeting was of the opinion that the catering for the Association dinner would be better if placed in the hands of the Dujon Restaurant in future, which would necessitate holding the function on a week-night, possibly Wednesday, March 13th.

Mr. H. A. Harris proposed a vote of thanks to Miss E. Steel for presiding, and the clergy for the use of the bells.

Further ringing was carried on at the Bedford towers, the back eight at St. Paul's being lowered at 8.30.

J. W. S.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

East Devon Financially Healthy

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Honiton on Easter Monday. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. A. Fane de Salis, who also gave the address.

At the business meeting, which followed a very enjoyable tea, two new members were elected and certificates were presented by the president, Prebendary E. V. Cox, to Mr. B. Cole, Mr. R. Netherway, Miss J. Pollard, Mr. G. B. Manley and Mr. Farmer.

All the officers were re-elected and were thanked by the president for all they had done during the past year. The secretary's report showed that the Branch was still in a very healthy financial position and had a slight increase in membership. After the meeting some good ringing was had on the bells until nine p.m.

W. W.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Mr. C. W. Pipe's Successor

THE annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Bury St. Edmunds on April 7th, when the bells of the Norman Tower and St. Mary's were rung to a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening. The service was held in the Cathedral with the robed choir in attendance a gesture which was very much appreciated by the members.

A most hearty welcome was extended by the Provost (the Very Rev. J. L. White), who pointed out in his address that with ringing, as in other church work, some of the best results of that work were never known by the ringers themselves. The bells carried the voice of the Church to the people and also expressed the voices and feelings of the nation in joy and sorrow. The ringers were the unseen workers of the Church and he expressed the hope that they were not unseen in the worship of the Church.

Nearly 50 members and visitors sat down to an excellent tea at Dunn's Restaurant. At the business meeting which followed, the chair was occupied by the Ringing Master (Mr. C. J. Sedgley).

In spite of the decline in peal ringing during 1955 the membership had increased and the accounts revealed a healthy state of affairs. The committee recommended that £33 12s. 8d. be transferred to the Restoration Fund, bringing the balance up to £150, to meet applications for grants during the coming year.

Mr. C. W. Pipe, who relinquished the office of general secretary and treasurer during 1955, was elected a vice-president in recognition of his ten years in office. Mr. C. J. Sedgley was re-elected Ringing Master and Mr. J. W. Blythe, the present general secretary and treasurer, was also re-elected. A new committee, comprising Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Miss R. Seabrook and Messrs. James Bennett, sen., R. Clouston, C. E. Fisher, R. E. Lester, H. D. Lister, L. D. Mills, C. W. Pipe and S. Twitchett, was elected.

Polstead had made application for a grant from the Restoration Fund and the sum of £19 6s. (two per cent. of the total cost) was approved.

The appeal for Bow Bells was discussed at some length and it was eventually decided to send a donation of £5 5s. from general funds to be devoted entirely towards the cost of rehanging the bells, and expressing the hope that if at some time members desired to ring there, this privilege would not be denied them.

Three new members were elected and the election of a non-resident life member before a peal was ratified.

The next annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on the first or second Saturday after Easter next year.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Provost and Canon Pelly for the use of their bells, and to the Provost, choir and organist for the service.

J. W. B.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held at Hessle on April 7th and attended by 35 members. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells. After tea in the Church Hall the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) presided over the business meeting, when the following four new members were elected: Messrs. K Kale, F. Horner, F. Kershaw and Miss E. Harrop.

It is hoped to hold the annual District meeting at Selby on June 23rd. The usual votes of thanks were passed. Further ringing on the six bells terminated a successful meeting.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): Rev. O. G. Rees (Vicar) 1, D. Kerley 2, D. Evans 3, B. Gladwyn 4, G. Kerley (cond.) 5, Patricia Crimmin 6, T. Templeman 7, L. Scott 8. First quarter for 1 and 6.

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne Le Grice 1, K. L. Brown (cond.) 2, H. W. Lidbetter 3, B. Willgress 4, Doris E. Lidbetter 5, May Lidbetter 6. For Easter Evensong.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Alma J. L. Sutton 1, H. Sutton 2, F. Hiscock 3, F. S. Sutton (cond.) 4, S. Sutton 5, G. Emerton 6. For Evensong. A 21st birthday compliment to G. Emerton and 1st birthday compliment to Carole, daughter of F. S. Sutton.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. R. Manning (first away from cover bell) 1, Jill G. Draper (first 'inside') 2, Patricia A. M. Forster 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, S. Walklate 5. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to Miss Bernice A. Manning.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Lewis 1, F. Oakshott 2, J. Hayns 3, J. T. Symonds 4, Brenda Payne 5, P. Jackson 6, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 7, H. H. Hayns 8. For Evensong.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Andrews (first quarter) 1, H. Sear 2, R. Cadamy 3, A. Daniels (first 'inside') 4, N. H. Peers 5, W. Daniels 6, D. J. Meager (cond.) 7, E. Smith 8. For Easter Evensong.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Harrison 1, E. J. Runter 2, R. C. Thrift 3, E. W. Furbank 4, A. Hume 5, L. J. Clarke 6, B. C. Hines 7, P. J. Eves (cond.) 8. Rung on the back eight for the winter festival of the Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On April 8th, 480 Bob Doubles, 780 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny George (first quarter) 1, Eileen Moore (first 'inside') 2, J. Parker 3, V. Webster 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, S. Manger 6. For Evensong.

EDGWARE, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. M. Porter (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Townshend (first quarter) 2, H. E. Clayton 3, R. G. Ouston 4, A. Hartley 5, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 8th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. Clarke 1, F. W. Richardson 2, F. Hurrell 3, J. Hurrell 4, K. Small 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, G. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. For Evensong; also a 76th birthday compliment to F. W. Richardson.

EYTHORNE, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1.260 Doubles (120 each of Stedman, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Miss A. N. Banks 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 2, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 3, P. J. Rye 4, F. W. Lawrence 5. First quarter in eight methods by all the band.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of (1) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Norbury; (2) Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure): Mrs. G. Richardson 1, W. A. Smith 2, G. H. Paulson 3, Rev. G. G. Graham 4, B. J. Woodruffe 5, A. Richardson (cond.) 6.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Madeline Wright (first quarter in method) 1, T. W. Crowe 2, J. A. Ainsworth 3, G. S. Deas 4, T. Sewell 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, E. N. Harrison 7, G. P. Cairns 8. Rung for the Palm Sunday children's service.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smalley (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Overend 2, J. Phippen 3, W. Mills 4, D. Robertson 5, E. Bray 6, D. Flower (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. For evening service, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Mills, Mr. J. Phippen and Miss J. R. Scudamore.

GLOSSOP, DERBYS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: S. Hough 1, A. W. Stone 2, N. Lomas 3, G. Fearnehough 4, T. Taylor 5, D. Mottershead 6, D. Taylor 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for all but the 3rd ringer. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Mar. 18th, 720 Ipswich and 576 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Mar. 25th, 720 Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise Spliced and 720 Cambridge: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. First 720 of Spliced Surprise for 2, 3, 4 and as conductor. For morning service.

HINTON ADMIRAL, HANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. E. Daniels 1, M. I. Best 2, F. L. Harris (cond.) 3, P. N. Tubbs 4, R. N. Marlow 5. First quarter of Stedman Doubles for all.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (420 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Carr 1, A. Grout 2, G. J. Berry 3, T. Evans 4, H. Oglesby (first as cond.) 5, P. Shepherd 6. For morning service.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Ashdown 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Salway 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. A compliment to Mr. E. R. Retter, a member of the local band, and Miss P. M. Evis, who were married at Sidmouth Parish Church earlier in the day.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pullen 1, Audrey M. Trott 2, J. Smart (85) 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, E. J. Munday 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, D. Mitchell 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Mar. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss D. Robinson (first quarter) 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, M. J. Dyer (first as cond.) 6. For morning service.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: L. Melton 1, L. Pierce 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, E. Bishop 4, L. Sharpe 5, H. King 6.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On April 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, Miss V. M. Matthews 2, Mrs. B. Simpkin 3, A. F. Burley 4, C. A. Wratten 5, D. N. Penrose 6, H. Harper 7, R. A. Southwood 8. After Evensong.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Preston (first of Triples) 1, B. Morgan 2, F. Jukes 3, B. Lawton 4, M. Wright 5, T. Hemming 6, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 7, D. Griffiths 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Beryl Peakman and Mr. James Crew.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss E. Wootton 1, A. C. Morris (cond.) 2, A. A. Upton 3, E. E. Wimlett 4, J. L. Lightfoot 5, A. Nix 7, P. Payne 6, D. Wimlett 8.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Free (first quarter) 1, R. Hazell (first quarter) 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, L. Sears 6. For Evensong.

LYNCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Brown 1, Miss Emm 2, M. Helps (cond.) 3, R. G. Perry 4, L. Coles 5, S. Townsend 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. O. Withers, 40 years a church worker, who was interred this day.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): J. Adams 1, F. Morton 2, B. Porter 3, R. A. Trickett 4, J. D. Smith (cond.) 5, K. Collier 6. First quarter by all except conductor.

NEWPORT PAGNALL, BUCKS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Sharp (first quarter) 1, R. H. Howson 2, R. G. Abraham 3, H. C. Beard (cond.) 4, R. Evans 5, E. G. Lathall 6, R. A. Hall 7, F. Lucas (first quarter) 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. D. Mason and Miss M. James.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On April 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Pugh 1, S. Pugh 2, P. Hurcombe (cond.) 3, M. Ling 4, W. C. Wixey 5, C. Wixey 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on April 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss H. Brant (first on 10) 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, Miss A. Diserens 3, A. Diserens 4, R. W. Rex 5, B. C. Stirland 6, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 7, F. Lewis 8, R. Burton 9; V. Cherrill 10.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, G. Walford 2, I. Hughes (first 'inside') 3, C. Webber 4, G. Gammon (cond.) 5, C. Baker 6. For early Holy Communion.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Apps (first quarter) 1, W. Rogers 2, Mrs. W. H. Dobbie 3, T. E. Sone 4, E. J. Ladd 5, F. Hammond 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, M. E. Hammond 8.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Noreen Winter (first quarter) 1, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 2, J. Small 3, Patricia A. M. Forster 4, Ruth S. Hodgson 5, Rosemary G. Hicks 6, M. J. McRobbie 7, J. Moore 8. For morning service.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.—On April 1st, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge, 720 Kent): A. F. Burley 1, A. H. Eplett 2, D. N. Penrose 3, C. A. Wratten 4, R. A. Southwood 5, A. Carveth (cond.) 6.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON. — On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Lewis (first quarter) 1, P. F. Coombes 2, H. J. Pratley (cond.) 3, L. G. Pittaway 4, W. Lewis 5, P. Meecham (first quarter) 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Mar. 25th, 1,260 Spliced St. Clement's and Plain Bob: M. Rowe 1, Miss F. Secker 2, Miss J. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Cubitt 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First quarter of Minor ever rung by an entirely local band.

STANTON LACY, SALOP.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Sherry 1, D. Ferguson 2, G. Fletcher 3, A. E. Jones (cond.) 4, J. J. P. Ellams 5, D. Tolley 6. Also on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hutton 1, A. E. Jones (cond.) 2, G. Fletcher 3, J. J. P. Ellams 4, D. Ferguson 5, H. Sherry 6.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Brown 1, M. Maisey 2, H. P. Reed 3, Miss P. A. Gaunt 4, R. W. Hinde 5, R. Christopher 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, J. Chapple 8. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Dark (first quarter) 1, W. H. Harrison 2, Betty McKane 3, Jean Egerton 4, Sylvia Streater (first as cond.) 5, E. Treagus 6. For Easter Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Mar. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, H. Ellis 5, B. K. Lunn 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Hicks 1, H. Stacey 2, Ann Clifton 3, S. Littlejohns 4, C. Sangwin (cond.) 5, S. Stacey 6. Rung in the Octave of Easter.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On April 1st, 1,320 Double Bob Minor: Miss B. Philpot 1, E. S. Ruck 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, D. Staples 6. Also on April 8th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, L. C. Smith 4, R. J. Carlton 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also 1,272 Oswald Delight: Miss R. A. Gower 1, A. J. Lancefield 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton 5, D. Staples 6. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, M. H. Sinden 2, F. E. Corfield 3, J. W. Euston (cond.) 4, S. Howard 5, A. F. Lewry 6, M. F. Oakshett 7, E. G. Talbot 8.

WINGFIELD, NORFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,260 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: J. Barber 1, Miss B. Filby 2, A. Lawes 3, G. Filby 4, R. Plummer 5, G. J. Filby (cond.) 6. Rung by the local Sunday service band for 11 a.m. Easter service.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. J. Gaylard 1, T. E. Marks 2, L. Parris 3, T. Look 4, R. J. Fox 5, J. Looker 6, G. Gaylard (cond.) 7, T. J. Setter 8. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Male.

OBITUARY

MR. FRED MARSHALL

For over 60 years a ringer at Clay Cross, during the greater part of which he was captain and steeplekeeper, Mr. Fred Marshall died in hospital at Chesterfield on March 28th, aged 87 years. His association with Clay Cross dates back to the days when the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was in its infancy. As a chorister and bellringer he served under seven vicars, and he was most conscientious about his Sunday service ringing.

At the funeral service held in Clay Cross Parish Church on April 2nd the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band, and on April 7th a memorial peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at St. Bartholomew's, conducted by the deceased's nephew, Mr. David J. Marshall.

REDEDICATION

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET

For some time the ring of eight bells at All Saints' Church, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorks, although ringable, were not all that could be desired from a ringer's point of view, and despite the fact that the fabric of the church requires urgent attention, by the graciousness of a parishioner, who kindly supplied the necessary loan, the work of rehanging in roller bearings, overhauling frame, wheels, etc., was undertaken recently by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The service of rededication was held on March 31st, being attended by a large congregation. Mr. John P. Fidler and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fidler (representing John Taylor and Co.) were present along with ringers from York Minster, Selby Abbey, Goole, Rothwell, Horbury, Tadcaster, Eastrington, Thorne, Doncaster, Bawtry, Hemingbrough and the local company.

During the singing of the hymn 'Unchanging God Who Livest,' the clergy and choir proceeded to the west end of the church, and the Rev. L. E. Griffith, M.A., R.D. (Vicar of Thorp Arch), rededicated the bells, tolling the treble bell. The dedication hymn 'Lifted Safe Within the Steeple' was sung, followed by an interesting address by the Rev. L. E. Griffith, who spoke on bells and their uses throughout the ages. The Blessing concluded the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. McLane, assisted by Mr. T. Carr.

An excellent tea, provided by Miss D. M. Hawley and lady helpers, was served in the Schoolroom, following which ringers proceeded to the tower.

After the eight bells had been raised in peal, rounds were rung by H. Paul 1, John P. Fidler 2, Miss D. M. Hawley 3, A. Thornton 4, E. M. Bradley 5, J. Potts 6, D. Ruckledge 7, A. Fidler 8 (local company and representatives of John Taylor and Co.).

Changeringing followed, all present taking part in various touches with Mr. L. M. Woodhead (St. John's, Goole) acting as Ringing Master. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. During the ringing of 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major a recording was made, and at some future date ringers will be invited to Sherburn-in-Elmet to hear the result. Ringing concluded with an excellent touch of Stedman Triples.

All present expressed their gratification upon the excellent 'go' and tone of the bells, and congratulations are extended to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. L. M. W.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Jennings (first quarter) 1, Ann Miles 2, Lena Skeet 3, M. Jennings 4, G. Jennings (cond.) 5, S. Arnold 6, W. Slaughter 7, J. Laker 8. For Easter Day Evensong.

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PARR—BOULDEN.—The engagement is announced between David John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Parr, 3, Briar Grove, Sanderstead, Surrey, and Anne Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Boulden, 9, Eastern Road, Lydd, Kent. 8143

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ACCRINGTON.—Until further notice there will be no practice on the last Friday in each month. 8167

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—Will friends please note that practice night will be on Mondays at 7.30 p.m., not Tuesdays, starting from April 30th. Visitors always welcome. 8152

WEST WICKHAM, KENT, St. John the Baptist Church.—The cracked fifth has been recast and the back five bells rehung. Sunday service ringing, 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Practice, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Visitors welcome. 8156

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MEETINGS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Skelton (8) on Saturday, April 21st, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 8147

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Stratford-on-Avon, April 21st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by business. Bells until 8.30.—D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8097

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell (6), Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8096

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Beckley, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 8087

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Wheathampstead, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 8104

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Next meeting at Corringham on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15.—George L. C. Lunn. Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 8091

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District—Programme April: Quarterly, Walthamstow, Saturday, 21st, St. Mary's (10), 3-5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. St. Saviour's (8), Markhouse Road, 6 p.m. Business in belfry and further ringing. Learners' practice, St. Mary-atte-Bow East (8), Wednesday, 25th, 6.30–8 p.m. A cordial welcome to all.—L. Bullock, Hon. Sec. 8108

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Twickenham, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. St. Mary's and All Hallows' (10) after. 8088

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, April 21st, at 3.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells will rededicate the bells, St. John-the-Baptist Church. The bells (6) have been retuned, hung on ball bearings and the third bell recast. All ringers will be most welcome.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Oxted, April 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8069

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted (8), April 21st, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 8090

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 21st, Soberton. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in White Lion Inn. Business meeting follows. 8079

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual general meeting after St. Andrew's practice, Wednesday, April 25th, in hon. treasurer's rooms, E., Clare Old Court.—Desmond Painter, Hon. Sec. 8163

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Notify for tea by Tuesday, April 24th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Som. 8105

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cannington, April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Notify for tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 8144

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Meeting at West Camel (5 bells), April 28th. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards. Six-bell tower after business meeting.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 8171

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Compton Bishop, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Railway Farm, Cheddar. 8140

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington on April 28th. Bells (8) (not available 21st) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names to Ivor Pett, The Square, Toddington.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 8133

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at New Mills, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Miss E. J. Sheppard, 73, Lancside Road, Low Leighton, New Mills, near Stockport, before April 24th.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 8170

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting, Heanor, April 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Trent bus No. 55 or 55A. All welcome.—V. H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 8092

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Townstal, Dartmouth (6), Saturday, April 28th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 8139

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Arksey (8), April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey, near Doncaster, by Thursday, April 26th. Large attendance requested. 8138

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Hurworth, April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea by April 26th to Mr. D. Hodgson, 11, Wayside, Hurworth, Darlington. 8168

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8159

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.— Meeting at Arkesden (6) on Saturday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Green Man Inn. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 8109

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Winchcombe, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (own arrangements). —Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 8160

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Grittleton (6), April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea essential by Tuesday previous to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham, Wilts. 8165

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at St. Briavels, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Reynolds, Pentwyn, St. Briavels, Glos.—D. Stafford, Branch Sec. 8150

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall (6), April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8166

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Crondall (6) on Saturday, April 28th, from 6 to 9 p.m. —C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8146

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Pulverbatch, April 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 8161

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Northern District.—Anstey, April 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Killamarsh T.B. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8130

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Meeting at Hayes, Saturday, April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Names for tea, by Monday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8089

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Ospringe, April 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea (with cash, please, 2s. per head), not later than Wednesday, April 25th, to Mr. F. C Farnsworth, 14, King's Road, Faversham. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8114

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual meeting, Armley, April 28th. Bells available 3 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12, by Wednesday previous.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 8164

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Croft, April 28th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Schools 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, April 25th, to Mr. F. Watson, 5, Pochin Street, Croft, Leicester. 8153

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Lincoln, April 28th. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Eastgate Court Cafe, only to those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank. Business meeting, Chapter House, 6 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements at Cathedral and other city churches. 8101

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Kirtlington (8), Saturday, April 28th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 23rd, please, to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester. 8157

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hampstead Norris, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. J. Wearing, Church Rd., Hampstead Norris.—Patricia Gaunt, Branch Sec. 8154

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cookham, April 28th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Names by 23rd.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 8172

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Duston on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by April 24th, to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 8135

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Meeting at Cotterstock (5), April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, Bassett Place, Oundle. 8173

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Hawkchurch, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by April 23rd to Mrs. E. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 8141

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting in Edinburgh on April 28th. St. James', 12 noon to 1 p.m.; St. Cuthbert's, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Mary's in the evening. Names for tea by 25th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 8137

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.— Meeting to be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent, April 28th. Names for tea to M. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, by Thursday previous. 8169

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Saturday, April 28th, changed to Rotherfield. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to W. Rogers, 1, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield, Crowborough, Sussex.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 8155

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Surprise practice, Crawley, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss A. Miles, 34, Meadow Lands, West Green, Crawley.—I. Butcher. 8129

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Odiham (Hants), Saturday, April 28th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 24th to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 8158

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Thirsk, April 28th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Names for tea to me by April 26th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon. 8119

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Tuesday, May 1st, at 8 p.m. Bells (8) available. Ringing tour (Shropshire) starts on July 8th. Will anyone interested please notify secretary, Anne Muirhead, Langdale Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester, 14. 8085

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District. — Meeting, Great Holland, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Rectory for those who notify me by Tuesday, May 1st.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 8162

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Southminster (6) on Saturday, May 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Buses depart Maldon 1.15, 1.45, 2.25 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8151

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, May 5th. Bells of Cathedral Church and St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4. Tea and meeting, Congregational Hall, North Street, 4.45 p.m. Bells of St. Nicolas' and Stoke after the meeting. Numbers for tea to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, by May 2nd, please.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 8128

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden (6) on May 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must reach Mr. P. Reeves, 5, The Oaks, Smarden, by Tuesday, May 1st.—W. P. Garner. 8145

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please) by Thursday, May 3rd, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 8134

NORWICH, DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 5th, at Norwich. Bells available: Mancroft (12), 3.15 to 4 p.m.; St. Giles' (8) and St. George, Colegate (6), 1.30 to 4 p.m. Bells also available after business meeting. St. John de Sepulchre (8) and St. Miles' (8) by request only by complete companies of eight. Service, Mancroft, 4 p.m. Address by the Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Thetford (clergy attending, please robe). Tea, Chantry Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea must be notified by May 2nd to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Standing committee meeting at 2.45 p.m. to be held in the Vestry, St. Peter Mancroft.—W. Love, Gen. Sec., 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. 8142

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Eastwood (8) on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Sun Inn, Market Place (3s. 6d. each). Names to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 8148

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 5th, St. Nicholas', Brighton. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Union Hall, 5.15. Ringing: Good Shepherd, 3 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's, 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Individual names for tea must be received by Wednesday, May 2nd, to R. Percy, 24, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 8131

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,260 changes: W. Sutton 1, G. Hunt 2, E. Nice 3, R. Rose 4, L. Nice (cond.) 5, N. Round Turner 6. For Easter.

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