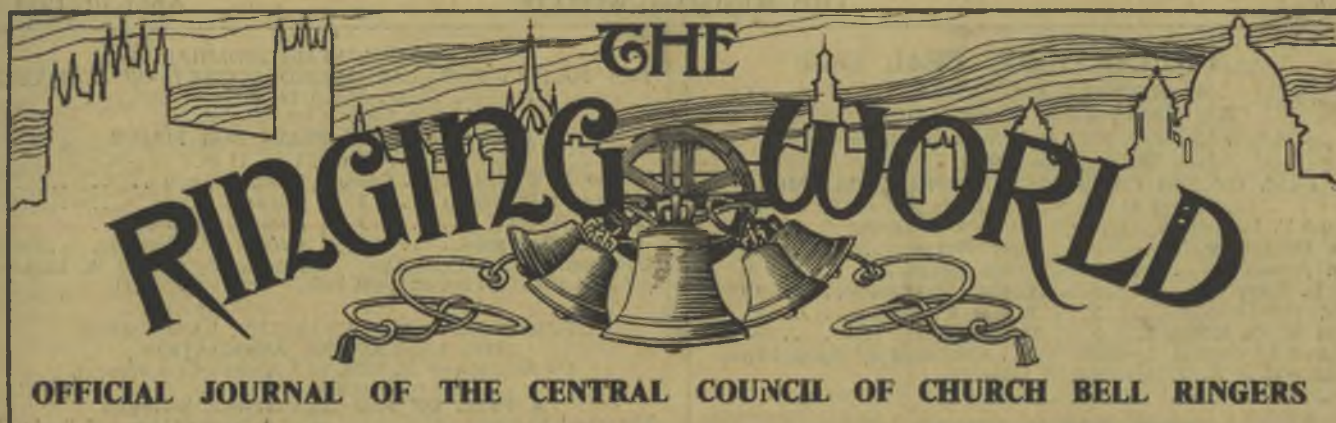




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ORANGES AND LEMONS

DICK, later Sir Richard Whittington, was Lord Mayor of London in 1406-7, and again in 1419, 1420 and 1423. It is not until 1605 that we find any reference to the legend of his being inspired by the sound of church bells, and that information comes to us in the records of the licensing of a play entitled 'The History of Richard Whittington, of His Lowe Byrth, His Great Fortune.' One can speculate as to how the play came to be written and come to any conclusion one likes best. It may be that the bells inspired Whittington, but it is equally likely that they inspired the playwright. Whichever way it was, one point must be kept in mind.

Before the Reformation very few churches were allowed to have a ring of more than three bells; and whether or not Bow was one of the more fortunate, and whether or not it was the Bow bells which Whittington heard, it is almost a certainty that it would be a ring of three bells which the playwright heard. But however that may be, it would not be the ringing of Cambridge Surprise or some other scientific change-ringing which inspired either Whittington or his historian. No! It would be the oft-repeated 'called' change, and that most likely on three bells only. 'Turn again: Whittington': one, two three; one, two, three; 'Thou worthy: citizen': one, two, three: one, two, three.'

It is a sobering thought that no more people go to church in places where there are eight or ten good bells rung in the best tradition than there are in parishes with only an odd and not so musical little thing swinging in an arch. But that is not to say that the ringing of a full eight is of no more worth than the single bell. But much depends on the manner of ringing. If then the attendance at church is not in proportion to the number of bells and the style of ringing, just where is the value of a full ring to be found? Surely it is dependent on the impression which the ringing makes on the listener. But what does the listener hear? Does one just hear the bells or does

one listen to them? There can be very little doubt that people who are quite uninformed in matters pertaining to campanology only hear the bells. The question that then presents itself to ringers is—How can we ring so that people are made to listen?

It was not Kent Treble Bob on the bells of St. Clement's which inspired that wonderful party game of our childhood—nor Stedman on the bells of Shoreditch. Surely, it can only have been an oft-repeated but well-struck called change; and maybe there is a lesson for us today to be found in the sometimes despised work of our forbears. One thing can be certain, and that is that the constant altering of the order of the bells, however well it is performed, will never impress itself on the mind of the casual hearer; and if our ringing is going to have any lasting benefit at least some part of our Sunday effort must contain an oft-repeated called change which would impress itself on the mind of all who heard it. It would then be carried away in memory, and though the people who heard it might not be aware of it at the time they would recall it in days to come. And who can tell what saving grace such recollection might impart?

There is a place in every tower for a 'Signature Tune,' and the cultivation of that can only lead to better and more fruitful ringing. At present we ring too much for our own ears.

HENRY ALLEN.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 28, 1959, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 8
BASIL JONES .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. 10
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 11
*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* 50th peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composer's circuits, D.W.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*H. GEORGE HART .. Treble	DAVID CORNWALL .. 6
MRS. JOYCE DODDS .. 2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7
MRS. ELSIE K. HART .. 3	GEOFFREY DODDS .. 8
†VERNON GREEN .. 4	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 9
REGINALD W. REX .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Yorkshire.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 6
GEORGE SAYER .. 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 7
DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 8
KENNETH L. BROWN .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. 9
CLIFFORD BIRD .. 5	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A wedding compliment to Janet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Goodman, and Anthony G. Webster, who were married at St. Edmund's, Costessey, on Saturday, March 28th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. Treble	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 2	*DONALD F. MURFEE .. 6
GEORGE E. THODAY .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 7
JOHN G. GIPSON .. 4	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 5
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 2	*D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	E. DENNIS POOLE .. 7
*RICHARD E. DEAN .. 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate a lifetime of faithful service to Church and Guild by the late T. John Fowler.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., March 19, 1959,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*DAVID J. WILKES .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH .. 5
†MARGARET PRITCHARD .. 2	MICHAEL ELSON .. 6
STELLA HUGHES .. 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

* First peal. † First on eight bells.

FARNWORTH AND KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part.

Tenor 12½ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

GORDON W. LIMMER .. Treble	NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 5
DAVID YOUNG .. 2	PETER CROOK .. 6
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD .. 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 7
*ELAINE A. RICHARDSON .. 4	HENRY PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the wedding on March 14th at this church of Orrell Davies and Barbara Avison. The bridegroom is a regular ringer at this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
PETER R. JOHNSON .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.

First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung on the conductor's birthday.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HAROLD W. DUNSDEN .. Treble	ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH .. 5
*HENRY L. BISHOP .. 2	*FRANK ABSOLOM .. 6
CLAUDE CORDEROY .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
*FRANK E. GODDEN .. 4	*†ALEC F. F. SAMLER .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal in the method. † First on eight bells. Claude Corderoy has now 'completed the circle' of the tower for the second time. 50th peal on the bells.

LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. Treble	JAMES E. DANIELS .. 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	MICHAEL J. BEST .. 6
HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 7
COLIN CONWAY .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

A compliment to Miss Joan Mitchell on her engagement.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in D.

PHILIP J. HUDSON .. Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. 5
MRS. GORDON A. HALLS .. 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 6
HAROLD HAMER .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT .. 7
PETER CROOK .. 4	GORDON A. HALLS .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

Rung as a farewell to the Parish Priest, the Rev. J. J. Broadhurst, after a happy ministry at this church.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ..	Treble	HUBERT G. SUMMERS ..	5
FRANK W. PERRENS ..	2	LEONARD TREVOR ..	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ..	3	*JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD ..	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ..	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ..	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* 50th peal for the Guild.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.	
EVE PEARSON ..	Treble	*STANLEY E. PONTING ..	5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS ..	2	ANTHONY V. QUEEN ..	6
JOHN P. MCDERMOTT ..	3	E. JOHN WELLS ..	7
MONICA E. COLLINS ..	4	JOHN L. QUEEN ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* 100th peal.

To the glory of God, as a thanksgiving for the life and ministry of
the Rev. Canon Percy Reginald Lobb, M.A., Rector of this parish
1939-1959.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*PATRICIA A. WARDLE ..	Treble	G. HARRY BRAY ..	5
†A. JAMES POYNOR ..	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS ..	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY ..	7
ERNEST MORRIS ..	4	FREDERICK WATSON ..	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Stedman. † 25th peal.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

LYDD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY ..	Treble	DEREK C. JACKSON ..	5
MRS. R. WRATTEN ..	2	STEPHEN J. BOULDEN ..	6
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT ..	3	ROBERT J. SWIFT ..	7
MAISIE VANTOM ..	4	†ANTONY JACKSON ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

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

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

*CAROL FURNLEY ..	Treble	*WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY ..	6
BASIL JONES ..	3	ROBERT B. SMITH ..	7
*FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	4	BRIAN HARRIS ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.		Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).	
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ..	Treble	EDMUND MALIN ..	4
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	2	*DAVID W. FRIEND ..	5
*ROBERT J. WARRILLOW ..	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

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

NORTON DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.		Tenor 8 cwt.	
COLIN G. JACKSON ..	Treble	EDWARD J. BROWN ..	4
PHILIP C. PITCHFORD ..	2	FREDERICK DERRY ..	5
RONALD G. RUSSELL ..	3	JAMES H. MUSSON ..	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A wedding compliment to James Gilmore, of Penrith, Cumberland,
and Miss Freda M. Sibey, of Quarrington, Lincolnshire.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.		Tenor 10 cwt. in A.	
ANDREW T. BECKWITH ..	Treble	ALAN R. SYDER ..	4
PETER L. WOOD ..	2	WALTER ARNOLD ..	5
JOHN A. WARNER ..	3	TERRY EARLE ..	Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

YORK.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL STUDY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.		Tenor 9 cwt.	
JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD ..	Treble	MICHAEL MASKILL ..	4
*IRIS LEMARE ..	2	MARGARET E. WILKINSON ..	5
COLIN REEVES ..	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughters, Katharine and
Penelope.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., March 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
HEATHER STEWART ..	Treble	GEORGE WATERMAN ..	4
URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ..	5
ROBERT E. LESTER ..	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's, one each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.		Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.	
*WILLIAM STOKER ..	Treble	G. FREDERICK TERRY ..	4
MRS. J. RENDER ..	2	JOHN POTTS ..	5
KENNETH B. SISSONS ..	3	ALAN SHEPPARD ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* First peal.

Annual Good Friday peal, rung half-muffled.

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ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
DOUGLAS W. WOODCOCK .. Treble | COLIN F. MCGILL .. 4
JOHN C. PERRIN 2 | PETER J. MILTON .. 5
RALPH BIRD 3 | ANDREW M. MACVE .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: (1) to (3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4) to (7) Plain Bob, (8) to (11) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (12) and (13) April Day, (14) Plain Bob, (15) and (16) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (17) Plain Bob, (18) and (19) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (20) April Day, (21) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (22) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (23) and (24) Grandsire, (25) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (26) Plain Bob, (27) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (28) April Day, (29) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (30) Plain Bob, (31) April Day, (32) Plain Bob, (33) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (34) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (35) Plain Bob, (36) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (37) Grandsire, (38) April Day, (39) to (41) Grandsire, (42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
*VALERIE GREEN Treble | BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3
†PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 2 | A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4

RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First in more than one method 'inside.'

WAINFLEET ST. MARY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Day, March 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of London Surprise and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. EDWARD W. COLLEY Treble | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 | EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 5
LOUIS WILLIERS .. 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. COLLEY.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 20 six-scores Stedman, 11 six-scores Plain Bob and 11 six-scores Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

G. ARNOLD MOORE Treble | HARRY HODSON .. 4
ERIC YOUNG 2 | WILLIAM TALBOT .. 5
ALBERT LAWTON 3 | WILLIAM WATKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

An 80th birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. W. Garner.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1), (3) and (5) London Surprise, (2) Plain and Oxford Bob, (4) Double and Single Court, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble | RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2 | LOUIS WILLIERS .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3 | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble | EDWARD J. JENNER .. 4
*MARGARET A. LADD .. 2 | *STANLEY JENNER .. 5
GEORGE FRY .. 3 | ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss J. French (a local ringer) and Mr. K. S. Hohl, who were married at this church this day.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

CHARLES B. SKINNER .. Treble | BENJAMIN W. FARHALL .. 4
MARIAN SKINNER .. 2 | GEORGE FRANCIS .. 5
LEONARD STILWELL .. 3 | RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Charles Hone and Miss Jocelyn Gumbrell at this church; also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Helen Skinner, of the local band.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION VISIT ISLE OF THANET

FOR the third time since the war, it was the turn of the Canterbury District to be hosts for the annual meeting of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday; but this time instead of Canterbury the venue was Margate, after an interval of 21 years. For many it was the first opportunity for a concerted attack on the Thanet towers: the recently recast octave at All Saints', Birchington; the unique ring of 12 in Quex Park; the ten bells of St. Lawrence-in-Thanet (an 11th century church with an interesting approach to the ringing chamber); the ring of eight at St. Peter-in-Thanet, which church has distinguished itself by building up a local band of 38 (thirty-eight!) ringers; and the octave at Margate Parish Church itself. Over 200 members from all parts of Kent attended.

THE SERVICE

The service at noon in Margate Parish Church was a glorious experience. The beautiful Easter decorations, the robed choir even on a Bank Holiday (the choirboys volunteering to come), the singing of the Ringers' Hymn and the great Easter hymns, not least the sermon by the Vicar (Canon S. A. Odum), which opened with the arresting words: 'Whether you like it or not, the plain truth of the Christian faith is this, that it is God who gives all power, it is HIS-STORY'; all this combined to give a deep sense of inspiration.

Second came the luncheon in the sun lounge of the Winter Gardens, and we were privileged to have with us as our guests the Mayor of Margate, his chaplain (the Vicar of Margate) and the Vicars of Birchington (Rev. Christopher Donaldson) and St. Peter-in-Thanet (Rev. Tom Prichard). It was an excellent repast, and everyone was in good humour and conscious of a glow of welcome. Both the Mayor and Canon Odum remarked with pleasure on the large number of young people present—a healthy sign for the future.

The third corporate activity was the annual meeting, under the excellent chairmanship of Mr. John Willis. Apologies had been received from Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. F. S. Macey, Mr. E. J. Ladd, Mr. A. G. Hill, Jill and Geoff Waters (pressure of lambing) and Mr. G. H. Spice. After the minutes the secretary (Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher) presented his report, the company standing in silence while the names of members who had died during the year were read. Especially tragic was the untimely death of John L. Morris, to cut short a brilliant career and to rob the Exercise of an outstanding ringer and a potential leader of great promise.

THE SURVEY—NOTHING BUT GOOD

The report began by extending good wishes to Dr. Crick, the former Dean of Rochester, and Mrs. Crick on their retirement, and welcomed the former's successor, who as Bishop of Woolwich was already a vice-president. Summing up 1958, the activity and vigour of the Association was ramified throughout every District, and as an organised body was reasonably equipped to face the great challenge of the present, a challenge soon to be interpreted factually by the Sunday Ringing Survey. Later in the meeting it was announced that the towers of the county had responded well to the survey invitation, and the chairman remarked that it was a long time since any similar survey was made and that nothing but good would result.

There was an improvement in membership, with subscriptions from 1,045 practising members, the new members (166) still being offset by considerable 'wastage.' Of six towers affiliated during the year, Minster (Thanet) and Ulcombe were for the first time ever, while Hunton was one of the original founder towers

of 1880. A full programme of 44 District meetings was carried through, a few of these jointly with other Guilds, and the annual dinner in Maidstone on November 22nd was attended by a company of 120, the president of the Central Council (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) being among the guests. Interesting events of each District in turn were mentioned, and to conclude his report the secretary recalled that at the request of the Bishop of Rochester the bells of the diocese pealed forth on the day of the great thanksgiving service in the Royal Festival Hall for the wonderful progress of church extension in the vast new housing areas, the tinge of sadness being at the dearth of planning eventually to build towers to the new churches in which bells could be hung. 'Still, we are extremely delighted that a ring of six bells is to be hung in the new church at Biggin Hill.'

REPORTS—DISAPPOINTING SALE

Mr. B. W. May, as treasurer, presented a most satisfactory report, noting, however, that the price of badges was to be increased to 3s. 6d. to meet their extra cost, and that the sale of printed reports was disappointing, only one member in ten buying one. The cost of their printing is the Association's heaviest item of expenditure, and it was regretful that at half their cost price the available copies were not eagerly taken up. Considerable effort goes in the compilation of the report, especially to bring it out in time for Easter Monday. This year such efforts had been thwarted as proofs did not arrive from the new printer until the Monday and Thursday of Holy Week. Incidentally, fewer peals were rung during the year, and on the comment that this would ease the pressure on space in the report, the secretary informed the meeting that he was utilising this to give an up to date summary of Association peals and details of first performances.

In the election of officers two changes occurred, Mr. A. S. Richards succeeding Mr. W. L. Rayner as hon. auditor and Mr. Ian H. Oram succeeding Mr. T. Cullingworth as peal secretary, Mr. B. W. May continuing as hon. treasurer and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher as hon. secretary.

The date of the annual dinner had been fixed for Saturday, September 26th, in Rochester, just previous to the round of annual District meetings and, as far as possible, avoiding clashing with the dinners of other Guilds and Associations.

During the year four younger members had submitted designs for a new membership certificate, and it was announced that a sub-committee had been formed charged with the responsibility of selecting a winning design and supervising its printing.

INVITATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

Perhaps the most significant item of business came late on the agenda, for after consideration by the meeting it was unanimously agreed to extend a very warm invitation to the Central Council to hold their 1960 meeting in Kent, this being the 80th year since the Association was founded, and also fairly early in the period of office as secretary to the Council of Mr. E. A. Barnett, a vice-president of the Kent County Association and a member of a great Kent ringing family. Appropriately enough, under 'Any other business,' Mr. E. A. Barnett read a letter he had received from the Rector of Pluckley, giving warm thanks for the expert advice given to him by Mr. F. E. Collins, a member of the Council's Towers and Belfries Committee, who happily was present. Finally, Mr. P. A. Corby gave a hearty vote of thanks to 'everyone to whom it should be extended' for all that had been done to make the day

such a success: Mr. B. J. Luck (District secretary), Mr. A. J. Dadds, of Margate, the Mayor of Margate, the Vicar of Margate and the incumbents of the other Thanet towers; for the service arrangements, especially the choir; to Mr. John Willis as chairman, and to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher.

The sun shone as we poured out of the Winter Gardens. A breath of sea air, a cup of tea, and then resumption of ringing—a truly wonderful day and worth every ounce of effort put into its preparation. Perhaps 21 years will not be allowed to pass before we return to the Isle of Thanet for our Easter rendezvous!

E. S. J. H.

NAILSEA'S BORDER VISIT

A first in the method by all the band, including the conductor, was recorded when on March 14th Nailsea ringers and their supporters toured towers on the Devon-Somerset border in a Microbus, expertly driven by Michael. Due to the poor weather, the journeys between the valleys were made up in the clouds.

The first tower, Luppitt (6, 10 cwt.), was located after a drive across the runway of a disused aerodrome, similar in surface to a certain bypass. The church is tucked away on the side of the hill and contains a first-class and well-struck ring of six bells. We were joined here by the remainder of our party from Warmley, and some good false touches were rung. A climb up the hill and down the steep slope took us to Upottery (6, 17 cwt.); ringing was delayed when it was discovered that the clappers had all been tied for the benefit of local learners. Once this was remedied good use was made of this rather heavy going six before adjourning for tea.

At Yarcombe (5, 17 cwt.) the low ceiling is not conducive to easy handling. The pleasing tone of the back four is offset by a notoriously sharp treble, rather jarring to the sensitive ear. In contrast, the five bells at Whitestaunton, rung in the vestry, proved very enjoyable and mellow. Ropesight is good, and a variety of Doubles methods were rung.

Darkness had fallen by the time the party reached Combe St. Nicholas (6, 14 cwt.), a surprisingly large church with a beautifully-carved screen, and without doubt the best six bells of the day. The standard of striking was good, and the elusive touch of London was brought round. The final call was Buckland St. Mary (6, 13 cwt.), where tower sway affects the ringing. A plain course of Double Stedman S.C. Minor—the 'poor man's Bristol,' as the cynics call it—came round (I think!), and a good fall ended a very successful afternoon's ringing.

We must thank Mary for her excellent planning, including tea, and incumbents and tower captains for making us welcome: last but not least Michael, whose 'first attempt' steered the Microbus on a perfect plain course (except for one dodge!).

J. B.

50 YEARS AGO

'BELL NEWS,' APRIL 10th, 1909

Peals recorded.—Treble Bob Royal 1, Stedman Caters 3, Grandsire Caters 2, London prise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, London Treble Bob Major 1, Treble Bob Major 3, Double Norwich 1, Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 4, Grandsire Triples 7, Minor 3, Doubles 2. Total 31.

The death is presumed of Charles Rahill, the last survivor of the band that rang in Philadelphia the first complete peal achieved outside the British Isles. He was born in Deptford in 1826.

HALF PEAL

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On Mar. 28th, 2,520 Stedman Doubles (15 callings): C. Crosswaite (cond.) 1, W. Wilkinson 2, Miss P. Bourn 3, V. C. J. Wood 4, E. J. Gower 5, J. Jolleys 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Audrey Jolleys, daughter of the tenor ringer.

ABSON, GLOS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 360 Stedman, 240 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): G. S. Sprules 1, Sandra Lewis 2, Rita M. Webb 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Bray 1, L. Scoot 2, R. Castledine (cond.) 3, J. Dear 4, A. Leggett 5, D. Sutcliffe (first in method) 6, E. Buck 7, C. Harwood 8. First in method by an all-local band. Also on Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Leggett 1, S. Bonnett 2, J. Dear 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, P. Flack 5, C. Harwood 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, J. Varney 8. First in method by 1 and 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dear at the birth of their son; also for the engagement of Pauline Mitchell and David Sutcliffe.

BILSBORROW, LANCS.—On Mar. 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: K. Bonehill 1, J. Gartside 2, T. Barker 3, J. Jackson 4, A. Rigby 5, F. Stead 6, W. Illesley (first in method) 7, S. Walmsley (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction service of the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Dunderdale).

BOLTON, LANCS.—At the Church of the Saviour, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 7, 8 covering): S. Watton 1, K. Hurst 2, Gillian Bridgford 3, J. Bogle 4, D. Young (cond.) 5, R. Eastham 6, A. Dawson (first quarter) 7, R. Crook 8.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stepman Triples: E. Booth 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, Margaret Parker 3, Mrs. Doreen Dykes 5, J. Blatchford 5, M. Bazeley (first in method as cond.) 6, C. Conway 7, J. Davis 8. For Evensong.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): J. J. Marshall 1, F. Derry (cond.) 2, P. C. Pitchford 3, G. C. Jackson 4, J. E. Brown 5. Rung half-muffled on Good Friday for children's service.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Gravett 1, G. North 2, A. W. Bond 3, H. W. Woolven 4, F. Page 5, F. H. Dallaway 6, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 7, C. W. T. Riddleston 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—On Mar. 27th, at St. Ambrose's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. M. Hussey (first quarter) 1, R. G. Hooper 2, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 3, A. C. Baker 4, F. Skidmore 5, A. V. Bennett 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Rung half-muffled for the Good Friday family service. Also on Mar. 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Sutton 1, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 2, E. Sutton 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, H. T. Ferris 5, F. Hansford 6, R. G. Hooper 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Yates 1, W. Townsend 2, R. A. Vickers 3, F. Vickers (cond.) 4, G. W. Holland 5, C. Gough 6, W. A. Yates 7, F. Pateman 8. For Mothering Sunday service. Also on Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Vickers 1, F. Vickers (cond.) 2, W. A. Yates 3, J. Linnell 4, R. Keeley 5, F. Pateman 6, G. W. Holland 7, H. Jenkins 8.

CRESWILL, DERBYS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): Miss M. Hill (first quarter) 1, P. Richardson (first 'inside') 2, L. Barlow 3, D. Smedley 4, G. Chambers 5, L. Bacon (cond.) 6.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): A. W. Ivings 1, C. C. Clarke 2, Yvonne M. Obbard (first 'inside') 3, W. H. Minnear

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4, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 5, R. G. A. West 6, W. E. Honour 7, W. Ivings 8. Rung for the birth on February 13th of Adrian Michael Moreton.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On Mar. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Smith 1, D. Drury 2, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 3, W. S. Smith 4, B. Smith 5, G. Robinson 6. First quarter by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Tyson).

DYFFRYN, GLAM.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. 'Bloxham' J. D. J. Lewis 2, H. Boyce 3, D. J. Williams 4, J. T. Williams 5, B. Williams 6, G. I. Lewis 7. A last token of respect to Mr. E. Phillips, of Cadoxton, Neath.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 29th, at Christ the Saviour Church, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): W. G. Wilson 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, G. Harvey 3, F. Ranson 4, D. Theodm 5, M. Williamson 6. For Evensong.

EAST WOODHAY, HANTS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): W. Kewell 1, R. W. Rex 2, Canon F. Saunders 3, M. J. Dodd 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. Webb 6. Rung following the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Walter).

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Eades 1, Mrs. E. S. Palin 2, F. Pack 3, F. Farnsworth 4, B. Jemmett 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, N. Tumber 8. For Evensong.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Westmore 1, Miss M. Daish 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Callaway 6. For Easter, also in memoriam C. H. Denness, father of the conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of S. Nicolas, on Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica E. Collins 1, F. Oldroyd 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, Jill M. Lane 4, P. A. Bird 5, A. C. Hazelden 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, C. A. Slyfield 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral service of the Rev. Canon P. R. Lobb, Rector, 1939-1959.

HANLEY, STAFFS.—1,320 Stedman Doubles: A. Kelsall 1, F. E. Wilshaw 2, C. A. S. Webb 3, K. P. Jones 4, G. Davies 5. Conducting shared by 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung to commemorate All Fools' Day, 1959.

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HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. George 1, Miss G. May (first quarter) 2, H. Colcombe 3, C. Chinnery 4, J. King (cond.) 5, S. Davies (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. W. Seymour 1, Miss C. T. Townley (first on 10) 2, J. Hill 3, F. C. Price 4, W. H. Coles 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, M. J. Palmer 7, N. D. Robinson 8, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 9, C. Ashpool 10.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, E. C. Crewe 2, T. Holmes 3, S. W. R. Crewe 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, B. Maund 6. First quarter for 4 and 6. Rung for the 27th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 3rd.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Royal (first quarter, 12 years) 1, Mary Woodward 2, Christine Morris 3, P. Merry 4, J. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Webb 6. For Evensong on Easter Sunday.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Bond 1, K. Kirk 2, J. Perrett (first as cond.) 3, D. Johnson 4, J. Rank 5, I. Goldthorpe 6. For Matins on Easter Sunday.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): J. Hawkins (first away from cover bell) 1, S. Smith 2, K. Seymour 3, R. Hazell (first as cond.) 4, C. Hagger 5, L. Sears 6. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 29th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: L. Willders (first of Stedman Caters) 1, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 2, H. Lowman 3, S. A. Chambers 4, R. F. Smith 5, W. Thomlinson 6, C. E. Brown 7, H. L. Pask 8, J. Walden 9, G. Paul 10.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, C. King 2, R. Fraser 3, M. Soper 4, C. Ward 5, W. J. Bradbrook (first 'inside') 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Quint 1, J. Yeates 2, Mrs. D. Strong (first of Plain Bob) 3, Mary Powell 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Griffith 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 3, J. R. Haycock 4, Margaret Stanley (first 'inside') 5, W. C. Budd 6. For Evensong.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth George (first quarter) 1, A. E. Pound 2, R. Day 3, W. Hitch 4, Miss J. Sanderson 5, H. Werrett (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): Pamela M. Turner 1, Judith M. Gwilt 2, R. E. Tallis 3, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, D. A. Hawkes (first quarter) 6. First in two methods by 1, 2 and 5. Conducted jointly by 3, 4 and 5. For Matins.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Mar. 29th, at St. Mary's Church, Portsea, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Webb (first quarter) 1, Joan Salmons 2, T. R. Taylor 3, F. W. Rogers 4, S. J. Harding 5, L. D. Duguid 6, E. F. Salmons (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. For Evensong.

RANDWICK, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Klima (first quarter) 1, W. D. Watson (first of Triples) 2, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 3, E. J. Fowell 4, Mrs. T. W. Goodyer 5, J. J. Cummins 6, J. H. Fryer (first of Triples 'inside') 7, E. J. Sheehy 8. Rung for the centenary of the Municipality of Randwick. Also on Mar. 21st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey E. Peters 1, J. H. Fryer 2, W. D. Watson (first of Doubles 'inside') 3, R. J. Klima (first of Doubles and first 'inside') 4, J. J. Cummins (cond.) 5, J. J. Hammond (first quarter) 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. C. Sadler 1, A. H. Worboys 2, W. J. Ellis 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, E. J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin 6, A. J. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung half-muffled for morning service. Also on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Ely 1, G. S. Sandwell 2, A. H. Worboys 4, F. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 6, A. J. House 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Elizabeth A. Clay 1, Noreen Winter 2, A. J. Hicks 3, C. H. Knowles (first as cond.) 4, Judith Walker (first 'inside') 5, Vicki Davies (first quarter) 6, J. Small 7, J. Moore 8. For Matins. Also on Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Felicity M. A. Rooke (first of Triples) 2, Noreen Winter 3, M. Winter 4, C. H. Knowles 5, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 6, M. E. Downs 7, S. Skinner 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 3 and 4.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Mar. 29th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss C. Pullen (first of Bob Royal) 1, S. P. Darvill (first quarter) 2, K. J. Darvill (first on 10) 3, R. W. Darvill 4, Mrs. J. Dodds 5, C. Hayter 6, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 7, A. E. Ewer 8, H. V. Frost 9, G. W. Debenham 10. For Evensong.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook 1, E. T. Avery 2, H. Edwards 3, A. H. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Allcorn 8.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Scales 1, R. Kemp 2, R. Harrison 3, I. Pantan 4, M. Edwards 5, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Mar. 29th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob: M. Keyworth (first quarter) 1, Shirley Guymer 2, Pamela Cox 3, M. L. Mann 4, H. Dove 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6 and 8 covering, 2 omitted): Sheila Lewis 1, W. E. Coombes 3, E. Townsend 4, P. A. Meecham 5, Miss D. Clifford 6, B. Lewis 7, R. Clapton 8. For Mothering Sunday.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Pamela M. Jervis 1, Freda P. Greaves 2, Linda J. Kew 3, Valerie Hoby (first of Major 'inside') 4, A. D. Rivers 5, J. Schofield 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, N. V. Harding 8. For the Easter festival.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gratton 1, A. Callow 2, Stella Allen 3, F. G. Sparks 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. Rung for the wedding of Ray Lee and Helen D. White, daughter of the conductor.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Plain 1, P. Wakefield 2, Anne Stephens 3, B. Wakefield (cond.) 4, B. Stephens 5, M. Cook 6. Rung for Evensong by members of the choir wishing Miss Anne Curtis, a fellow-chorister, every happiness in her marriage on Easter Monday.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Smith 1, A. Norman (first 'inside') 2, B. G. Warwick 3, E. Morris 4, R. K. Stretton (first as cond.) 5, P. Norman 6. For Parish Communion.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Hunt (first quarter) 1, W. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss J. Puttnam 3, G. Wykes 4, J. Griffen 5. For morning service.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. W. Attaway 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, J. E. Cawser 3, A. A. Rackham 4, E. Elton 5, H. J. Dakin 6, G. H. Peers (cond.) 7, G. H. Peers (jun.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

TENBY, PEMBS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Stella Lewis 1, A. R. Price 2, Eileen Price 3, G. Thomas 4, B. J. Johns 5, H. Jenkins 6, B. D. Price (cond.) 7, J. Webb 8. For Evensong.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Rich 1, P. Jermy 2, G. Rich 3, J. Wilson (cond.) 4, E. Emerson 5, W. Rose 6.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Stoter (first quarter) 1, A. E. Fullbrook 2, H. V. Booker 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, H. Gregory 5, C. Lester 6, A. R. Wood 7, D. Stoter (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, and in honour of the 70th birthday of C. Lester and the 25th wedding anniversary of H. V. Booker.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rumens 1, F. C. Maynard 3, P. D. Chapman 4, F. W. Sykes 5, E. E. Holman (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, T. Hawkings 8. For Evensong.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—On Feb. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. Barker 1, S. Walmsley 2, K. Bonehill 3, W. Mansley 4, P. Barrand 5, J. Jackson 6, A. Rigby 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8. For St. David's Day.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Linnell 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, C. Truman 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, R. Keeley 5.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 18th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. W. Coleman 1, F. C. Case 2, R. Keeley 3, C. Clark 4, J. Linnell 5, J. Gregory 6, G. W. Holland 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 4, 5 and 6. Rung for the birth of Robin George, son of the conductor.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Moore (first of Stedman) 1, T. E. Marks 2, T. Look 3, L. Parris (first quarter) 4, G. Gaylard 5, J. Looker 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, T. J. Setter 8. For Evensong.

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Swansea ringers are delighted with their new ring of eight, which was rung for the first time on Easter Day. Forty people crammed into the small, partly-finished belfry at one time. Among the visitors was Mr. E. T. P. Field, who started at 4.30 a.m. for the 170 miles to Swansea. The opinion of Mr. J. A. Hoare, the captain of the tower, is that the bells are a grand ring—one of the most perfect he has rung on. They have a mellow tone and the movements are perfect, he told the local press.

Some 18 months ago a band was formed at Dunholme, Lincs, with Mr. John M. Blaikie as instructor, and has made good progress. This week we record the first quarter peal. These bells are now rung regularly on Sundays after years of silence.

The Church Council and parishioners of Petham, near Canterbury, have presented a chiming clock to Mr. A. Jarvis to mark his completion of 50 years as a ringer at All Saints', Petham. A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on March 14th in honour of the occasion. In it there were three first quarters, one being by Mrs. Philpott, from St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, who is Mr. Jarvis' sister.

Very strong resentment is expressed by Cambridge ringers at a letter which appeared in a local paper stating: 'To see real unadulterated dirt at its thickest one should climb into the belfry. Here one may often hear colourful language which puts the mere railway porter to shame. Campanology is a very trying business.' Mr. T. Reginald Dennis comments: 'Of course we know in our travels some belfries could do with a good spring clean, but I draw the line about "colourful language," which I think is a definite slander on the Exercise as we know it today.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Tenby lifeboat was called 'into the hunt' on one occasion over the Easter holidays when a sailing craft manned by two Sea Scouts capsized in the bay. It was called 'out of the hunt' a little later after fishing the two Scouts out of the water and taking their boat in tow. The following evening, on Easter Sunday, one of the Sea Scouts proved that he was none the worse for his early dip by calling a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Tenby Church.

The peal at Swynnerton on March 7th (see page 200) was rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Albert Hoggetts.

Kent County Association has 1,045 practising members. New members during 1958 totalled 166.

The new bell at Cromhall, Glos, to be dedicated soon, is named after the former Rector, A. D. H. Allan, and will be dedicated by him.

The name of the new Bishop of Bristol, for whose enthronement a peal was rung on Bristol Cathedral bells, is the Rt. Rev. Oliver Stratford Tomkins.

The T.V. film of some ringing at Baldock was not shown on B.B.C. T.V. on Lady Day. This was because the rest of the programme was too long. It was suggested to Canon F. G. Brechley (Rector of Baldock) that the film be shown in the Wednesday Magazine of May 13th.

Leicester Diocesan Guild at their annual meeting last Saturday elected Mr. Peter J. Staniforth as president in succession to Mr. Paul L. Taylor. Mr. Arthur Rowley, who had been treasurer since 1946, retired, and Mr. Ernest Morris was appointed to the office. Mr. Frank Measures and Mr. P. L. Taylor are the vice-presidents. A motion to stop juniors voting was lost by 114 votes to 10.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

80th Annual Dinner

THE 80th anniversary dinner of the Cambridge University Guild was held on March 7th, and the writer must apologise for being so late in sending in this account of it—he can only plead that his 'chronic lethargy' has been worse than usual in the past few weeks. This delay has, however, its compensations, as will be seen later.

All the best ringers' dinners start on Friday and finish on Sunday, and the Cambridge University Guild's dinner has never, since it was first held in 1949, been an exception. Your correspondent followed some rather vague instructions on the Friday evening, and was rewarded by finding himself in a room in a building 'half way to Bedford' which was filled with members of the Guild and the sound of handbells. The members were in their turn being filled with coffee and biscuits, and it was clear that the other residents in the building thought we were mad.

Saturday morning 'dawned bright and fair,' although the weather soon deteriorated. It had been thought that it was a tradition of the Guild that it should snow on dinner day, but this year, for a change, persistent heavy rain was laid on.

TRADITION BROKEN!

Another thing that looked like becoming a tradition of the Guild was losing a peal at Saffron Walden, but this time, in spite of the efforts of some of the band, a peal of Cambridge Royal was scored. ('The rhythm of some of that peal reminded me of a young man named McNamara,' remarked one of the band afterwards.) The band will long remember the tenor ringer's acrobatics in opening a door when it was thought there were workmen on the church roof who wanted to come through. His performance even surpassed the famous 'rope-trick' performed at Chelmsford in 1957. While all this was going on, a more sedate band, who had risen later, rang a peal of Little Bob Major at Trumpington.

During the afternoon and evening there was ringing to be had at all four towers in Cambridge. This evidently mystified the citizens of Cambridge, judging by the following conversation overheard in a 'place of refreshment':—

Mild and Bitter: 'Them bells again! Bin ringing all afternoon they 'ave, all over the place!'

Stout: 'Yeah. 'n' 'smorning they was ringing in Trumpington too, and Saffron when I came by there with ole Charlie.'

Pint of Wallop: 'Spect it's weddings. Getting near April, 'y know—end of the ole financial year. Always get lots o' weddings 'bout this time.'

Stout: (Deleted by censor.)

The dinner itself was served in the Hall of Selwyn College as last year, and an excellent meal it was. It is difficult to imagine a more suitable place for a function of this sort. After the loyal toast, the president (Rev. A. C. Blyth) welcomed us all, and passed on apologies for absence from Major Freeborn, Dr. Poole and P. K. Williamson.

IN PARENTHESIS

(This is where the writer finds himself compensated for not having written this report earlier. In previous years, it was not until the following day that he was asked to write the report for 'The Ringing World.' This gave him an excuse to ignore completely whatever he remembered of the speeches, and instead to report what he thought should have been said. This year he was warned in advance, and took copious notes of the speeches. Now, however, after three weeks, he finds these notes quite meaningless, and is therefore once again able to give his pen free rein.)

BRAVE YOUNG EVESHAM RINGER



Sensible of the solemnity of the occasion, the London University Society felt it would be an insult merely to be represented by their Master, and so they were represented by their president (Mr. P. J. M. Gray), who proposed the toast of 'The Guild.' Before doing this he told us an anecdote about Mr. Khrushchev, spoke at length about the Central Council Survey of Sunday ringing, and eventually said that he thought the health of a University Guild should be measured by what the members do on 'going down' from their universities. It seems reasonable to assume that he expressed a certain amount of satisfaction at the activities of our non-resident members.

BEST HANDBELL BAND FOR YEARS

Replying to the toast, the Master (Mr. Hugh Neill) said: 'It is the privilege of Masters of University Societies to make the most boring speech of the evening, as all they have to do is to review the year's activities'—or words to that effect. No comment. Among other activities, he praised in particular the work of Robin Heppenstall in training the best handbell band the Guild has had for many years. This band has rung a peal in 14 Spliced Plain Major methods, and a peal of Bob Maximus—achievements which would do credit to any ringing Society. Other outstanding features of the year were the very successful Guild week at Bristol, the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Aston, and the Guild's 500th peal. The Master also reported that during term time the resident members had continued to ring for four services each Sunday, and that the standard of ringing had shown a good improvement.

Mr. W. J. Ridgman proposed the toast of 'The Guests,' and took away most of their characters. They included Canon Woodard, of Great St. Andrew's (in welcoming him, Mr. Ridgman said that only £170 was now needed for the bell restoration fund), Messrs. Dennis and Brown ('who had taught the Guild many things'), of the Cambridge Youths, Mr. J. (Hammers) Gipson and Mr. E. Bullman, of the Ely Diocesan Association, Mr. J. Paling (Master of the Oxford University Society), Mr. Gray (see above), Mr. J. Davis, from Reading University. (Continued in next column)

BRAVERY on the part of a 15-year-old Worcestershire ringer, Geoffrey Richard James Hemming, who dived into the River Avon to rescue a girl aged four, although he had a broken wrist which was still in plaster, has been recognised by the Royal Humane Society.

At a meeting of the magistrates on March 23rd, the Mayor of Evesham (Cler. Bert Godwin) presented Geoffrey with the R.H.S. life-saving certificate, and said the whole town was proud of him. Our picture shows Geoffrey receiving his certificate from the Mayor. With him are Brian Knight (left) and Charles Rogers who rendered assistance.

The rescue took place last August. Geoffrey, walking in a riverside playing field at Evesham, saw the child—Pat Newbury—floating downstream. He dived immediately, brought her to the bank and applied artificial respiration. She recovered completely.

Geoffrey, an experienced young ringer, is a son of Mr. Geoffrey Hemming, of Peewit Road, Hampton. Evesham, who is Master of the ringers of Evesham bell tower, a College Youth and one of Worcestershire's best-known campanologists. Mr. Hemming took a leading part in the restoration of Evesham bell tower and, as a committee member responsible especially for advising about the bells, successfully persuaded fund organisers that a ring of 12 was essential. Formerly the tower had ten. He got his way.

Geoffrey's grandfather, Ald. James Hemming, a former mayor of Evesham, was another prominent ringer. One of Evesham bell tower's present ring of 12 is named after him.

(Continued from previous column)

versity, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Threlfall, and 'others too numerous to mention'—the writer apologises to anyone whose name he has forgotten.

Mr. Paling replied on behalf of the guests. His speech was brief and, for a change, to the point.

Suitable refreshments were available after dinner. Appropriately enough, these were served in 'The Tower Room.'

A great deal of ringing took place on Sunday, but your correspondent has run out of ink, so cannot describe it in detail. W. T. C.

CONTEST RINGING IN NORTH OF ENGLAND

By NOEL F. MOXON

(Continued from page 219)

Between the wars Liversedge were a great power in the competition, winning 13 contests, with Batley close on their heels with 12 wins. Much of the success of Liversedge (who now have won the cup 21 times) during the past 25 years must be due to Mr. Fred Hodgson who was conductor during this period. When sitting in the tower whilst Liversedge were competing, one was always struck by the carefree attitude of the conductor and the other ringers, very different from the grim and strained appearance of some other bands; but when Liversedge began the test piece it was very apparent they were in deadly earnest!

ONE SLIP FATAL

On one occasion, having been winners the previous year Liversedge had to change their method for a contest, and full of confidence rang Cambridge Surprise, but again came out top. Friezland, of whom little was heard during the early part of this century, began to provide serious opposition to the crack teams, and the standard of 6-bell ringing rose to great heights; even if a team had rung well during the test piece, a slight slip, although instantly corrected, was sufficient to place them well down the list.

Three contests are held each year—spring, summer and autumn—small prizes being awarded only at the summer event. Worthy of mention is the Halifax contest at Elland on April 1st, 1950, when eight teams competed and the test piece was shortened from 600 changes to 504. Meltham rang first, but Edward Earnshaw forgot about the alteration and called 600; Friezland followed on, and although aware of Meltham's slip rang 600 and were also disqualified. Shelley 'B,' who had the least number of faults of the remaining teams, were therefore the winners, but before the cup could be presented it was revealed that they had committed a breach of rules and therefore received 30 penalties. This brought Cawthorne into the picture and they were awarded the cup—their first win—but a hollow victory, and it was not until 1957 that they did eventually win the cup properly.

THE MELTHAM TEAM

This Society has been well served by Mr. Edward Earnshaw, of Meltham, who has been chairman for 32 years. A fine tenor ringer, he has had the backing of the Meltham team, where a sound reputation of good striking has been maintained. Included in the team is Mrs. Mary Greenwood, her husband Mr. Joseph Greenwood, and her father Mr. Charles Byram. Sheffield also has an interest in contest ringing, and although the cup which they possess is over 60 years old there is no evidence that prizes were included in the competition.

According to Mr. Sidney Palmer, the cup was first given by a Mr. Nicholson, of Treeton, to the old East Derbyshire Society, now amalgamated with the Sheffield and District Society. The cup had a varied career since coming into the possession of the S. and D. Society, who had once to take legal action to recover it from the last tower company to win it and who wrongly refused to give it up. The cup lay dormant for several years through lack of interest until revived after the last war. Contests have been held regularly in post-war years and

the rules were revised in 1953, bringing them more or less into line with the West Yorkshire competitions; the test piece is 360 changes of Minor or Doubles, usually rung with open leads. During recent years Warsop have won the cup four years in succession, having attained a very high standard of striking, whilst Handsworth have three wins to their credit.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

In 1926 the Barnsley and District Society purchased a large oak shield with a silver centre depicting a ringer standing beneath a bell in the set position. The first contest was held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, with an entry of 11 teams. The bells at that time were heavy going, and one man collapsed under the tenor bell. Shelley were awarded the shield with Cawthorne runners-up. At Crofton in 1929 the number of entries fell to four, and when the judge announced his decision, Wath, Sandal and Shelley were astounded to learn they had all tied with 121 faults! On October 12th the three teams rang again, but Shelley proved easy winners; under their conductor, Mr. Andra' Hoyle, they continued until 1940 with great success, taking the shield away seven times.

Liversedge, scoring well in the Halifax Cup, turned to Barnsley for fresh fields to conquer, and met with great success, winning the shield in 1935–36–37–38. Friezland came to hear of the Barnsley Shield in an interesting way. Mr. Stanhope, of Cannon Hall, Cawthorne, had a friend near Friezland who spoke to him about the bells and ringers of this village, and Mr. Stanhope promptly responded with the prowess of the Cawthorne ringers. As a result of the conversation, the Friezland ringers visited Cawthorne, rang the bells, and hearing of the Barnsley Shield decided to enter the competition. They were runners-up in 1937, and in spite of the hold Liversedge had on the shield Friezland would not be denied, and carried away the trophy in 1939.

FRIEZLAND'S 'TRIPLE CROWN'

When the competition was resumed after the war, Friezland maintained their high standard of ringing, and up to date have scored five wins and three seconds. In 1949 Friezland won the 'Triple Crown,' the Barnsley Shield, the Halifax Cup and the Shelley Cup. Each year since the inception, a shield contest has been held, excepting the years when the ban was in operation, and in all 29 competitions have been held. The shield when enclosed in its case is fairly heavy, requiring two people to carry it, and some years ago a suggestion was put forward that a token silver cup be purchased to replace the shield, but the matter was not pursued.

In 1950, to commemorate the centenary of Christ Church, Friezland, the local company organised a 6-bell contest, and ringers from ten towers assembled to compete for the four sets of prizes, total value £30. The Friezland team opened the ringing as a prelude to the contest but, alas, broke down—a tragic occurrence which did not pass unnoticed by the visitors! At the close of the day the judges declared Liversedge the winners, with New Mill, Lindley and Shelley 'A' as runners-up.

HOYLANDSWAINE CUP

Besides the contests organised by Societies, competitions are run by local ringers, one such being Hoylandswaine, a small village near Penistone: a silver cup was purchased in 1924 and put up each year until 1935. The first winners were Wath-on-Deerne, who had a good team of ringers at this period, and in 1925–26–28 Cawthorne secured the cup. Other winners in the pre-war period were Shelley, Holmfirth, Meltham and Liversedge.

The cup lay dormant until 1948, when the Barnsley and District Society borrowed it and organised a September competition confined to towers within a 12-mile radius of Barnsley. Cawthorne have up to date scored five wins, other successful entrants being Silkstone, Shelley, Royston and Barnsley. Last year, 1958, the venue was Hoylandswaine, and it is hoped to annually hold the competition at this tower where the cup belongs.

At Shelley, near Huddersfield, the parishioners subscribed towards a handsome silver cup purchased in 1931, and contests are held at which attractive prizes are offered. Of the 14 contests held in all, New Mill and Meltham have each secured the cup five times, the latter team having won the last four contests, a remarkable feat considering the fierce competition.

Of the methods rung today, Oxford is the most popular, and when a change has to be made the year following a win, Kent or Woodbine are substituted. Plain methods such as Bob Minor find little favour, and some towers are unable to ring this method.

[To be continued.]

A KENT WEDDING

On Easter Monday the wedding of Miss Janet French to Mr. Kevin Hohl took place at the Church of St. Giles, Shipbourne, Kent. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. W. Wilson) in the presence of a large congregation of relatives and friends, and immediately after the ceremony the bride and bridegroom were rung out of church by some ringing friends.

Miss French, who learnt to ring at Shipbourne, was for several years secretary of the local band, whilst Mr. Hohl was, until his service in the R.A.F., a member of the band at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells. Both the bride and the bridegroom are members of the Kent County Association and the East Grinstead Guild.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung at Shipbourne in the evening by friends of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—With reference to Roger Fry's letter in your issue of April 3rd, with its quite excellent suggestions, it is worth noting that, at the request of the Central Council's Committee on Sunday Service Ringing, I have recently completed an inquiry covering all the English Theological Colleges. The following questions were asked:—

- (1) Have you a regular band of ringers amongst the students?
- (2) Have you a ringing instructor from a local church, in addition to the ringers in college?
- (3) Would you welcome the assistance of a local ringer as instructor?
- (4) Do you have an occasional lecture on ringing and ringers?
- (5) Would you welcome one if offered, if you have not one already?
- (6) Have you books on this subject in the library?
- (7) Do you hold regular ringing practices, and where?
- (8) Any other comments.

Analysis of the replies reveals the following:

(A) Some colleges find it impossible to include any kind of ringing instruction or practice in their curriculum, mainly because it is already overcrowded. These include Queens' (Birmingham), Westcott House (Cambridge), Chichester, Kelham, Lincoln, Mirfield and Wells. None seem hostile, and one or two note that keen students can ring if they want, to do so.

(B) Colleges where ringing flourishes. These include Cheshunt (whose Principal, Canon Trillo, is learning to ring), Cuddesdon, Lichfield and Salisbury.

(C) Colleges about which we ought to be doing something. These include: St. Aidan's, Birkenhead, wants a lecture. Ridley Hall, Cambridge, says men can ring with Cambridge University Guild, which it is hoped keeps in touch. Clifton has a lecture and books; no doubt Bristol University Society can keep in touch. Ely has six men who want to learn, and ask if they might do so at St. Mary's. Llandaff would welcome help from a local instructor, also a lecture. Oak Hill wants a lecture. Ripon Hall, Oxford, wants books for the library, and notes the existence of Oxford University Society, which it is hoped keeps in touch. Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, same applies. London College of Divinity wants a lecture in near future and thereafter regularly, and might start practising at a nearby tower.

Action is being taken with regard to class (C). Those clergy who attended colleges in the condition of class (A) are not necessarily lost for ever. Apart from the ever-present possibility of conversion in middle age, there are such activities nowadays as Diocesan Clergy Schools. I lectured at ours on 'Ringers in the Church' on April 6th.—Yours faithfully,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Great Yarmouth.

SHARESHILL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to reply to the statement in 'The Ringing World' regarding 'Shreshill Ringers Disbanded'? I am certainly not carrying on by myself; the Rev. E. R. Roe received my resignation on March 13th. I quote an extract from my resignation:

'These young ringers, their parents, and myself, all agree that the action you have taken in disbanning the present band of ringers is far too drastic and out of all proportion.'

I have also sent a similar statement to the 'Wolverhampton Express and Star,' which was published. I hope this will clear any wrong impression it may have given to readers of 'The Ringing World'.—Yours truly,

H. BUTLER.

(Ex-) Tower Captain.

Shreshill, Staffs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Lecture To Branch Meeting

The monthly practice of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Boyne Hill in March, ringing in a variety of methods from rounds to Spliced Triples and Surprise Major being enjoyed by a large number of members and visitors.

After an excellent tea, supplied at a very modest cost by the local ringers, Mr. A. D. Barker gave a short lecture on the theory of change-ringing. He began with the handling of a bell, saying that the position of the feet was very important—a fact often forgotten these days—the rope should be kept straight, and an open handstroke lead should be kept, but closer on 10 and 12 than on eight—another point often forgotten.

He then dealt with method ringing, giving his opinion on the advantages of Triples over Major for a beginner, and the pitfalls of learning the bells rather than places. If anything was to be learnt, then the lead-ends of Plain Bob should be memorised, for they are the same for all regular methods, whether Surprise or Plain.

How to conduct Thurstan's peal of Stedman Triples was the next subject, the positioning of the hobs being discussed, and the inadvisability of calling odd touches of Stedman Triples. Mr. Barker also mentioned the in and out of course of the changes, referring all those interested to Snowden's Treatise on Treble Bob, Part I. He stated that he personally proved all the peals he conducted beforehand, and thus had not yet rung a false one.

Mr. G. Gilbert suggested that any of the younger ringers who had not been able to understand Mr. Barker should purchase a copy of 'Ropesight,' in which they would find all they wanted to know.

Mr. Barker mentioned the Dillington House course and suggested that members should consider the possibility of organising one in the Branch or Guild.

It is believed that this was the first time that a lecture of this sort has been given at a Guild meeting. Many thanks are due to Mr. Barker, although much of his talk was too complicated for some of the company.

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Composed by HAROLD CHANT

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Randwick, New South Wales, the oldest municipality in Australia, as part of its centenary celebrations had the bells rung. Two quarters from this tower are recorded in this issue. One is especially noteworthy: Mr. J. Hammond walked into the tower and rang the tenor, a temperamental bell, without previous practice.

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BELLS HEARD BY MILLIONS

A SHORT HISTORY OF ST. PETER'S, EVERCREECH

By HARRY SANGER

AT the foot of the Mendip Hills, some 25 miles south of Bristol, lies the village of Evercreech, famous for centuries for the magnificent tower of the Church of St. Peter, described by many authorities as the finest in this county famous for its splendid towers. Built in the latter half of the 15th century, it rises to a height of a hundred feet in graceful proportion and commands the eye from every entry to the village. In it is hung a fine modern ring of ten bells, with a tenor of some 21 cwt., and generally considered to be very much in keeping with the tower which houses them.

These bells of St. Peter's have been heard by millions of listeners to the B.B.C. Light Programme over the past six years, opening the programme on Sunday mornings, and apart from Bow Bells have been heard by more people than any other bells in the country. Little wonder, then, that the present generation of Evercreech folk is as proud of its bells as its forefathers were of the tower.

It is now ten years since the new bells were installed in the tower, and their popularity with visitors and the general public has prompted the writing of the story of 'The Bells of St. Peter's.'

A 500-YEAR-OLD BELL

Their story commences in about 1530, when the first bell was hung in the tower. It was cast by Thomas Geffries, of Bristol, and weighed about 13 cwt. Till 1949 it had been in use in its original state, with the exception of the removal of the canons, for a period of 500 years. It is now hung 'dead' and used as a service bell, and is one of the few survivors of this mediaeval Bristol foundry. The inscription, 'Sancta. Trinitas. Unus. Deus.', with rosettes and fleurs-de-lys interspersed, is round the crown of the bell.

The next mention of the bells is in 1634, when it would appear four bells were added, three lighter and one heavier than the 1530 bell. All records of the inscriptions on these bells have been lost, with the exception of the third of these four. The inscription on this bell was: 'R.T.T.H.R.—P. [with a bell design between the R. and P.] Anno Domini 1634. As this bell was recast over 100 years ago, we can only rely on written records for this date; but strangely enough the first initials are those of the churchwardens of 1632, Ralph Turber and Thomas Hayes, the final ones being those of the founder, Roger Purdue, of Bristol.

The churchwardens' accounts reveal nothing further concerning the bells till 1717, when we find the following entry:—

Item. A catalogue of those who subscribed toward erecting a new ring loft.

and in the following year, 1718, the bells were very much to the fore in village affairs, as these items indicate.

<i>Item.</i>	£	s.	d.
Spent at making the contract for the two bells	1	0	
Paid James Pearse for making the contract	5	0	
Beer to help the second bell up	2	2	
To taking the bell to Frome	5	0	
To fetching the bells home	10	0	
Spent at the unloading of the Treble and hanging the bell up	3	6	
Paid William Goodfellow for the exchange of the first and second bell wheels	1	10	0
Paid for hanging the bell longer	2	6	



ST. PETER'S, EVERCREECH

Paid William Cockey, Bell-founder, for casting 716 lbs. of old metal at 18s. per cwt., and paid him for 587 lbs. of new metal added at 1s. per lb. A pair of new brasses for the second bell, 18 lbs. at 1s. lb., and a new clapper, 26 lbs., at 6d. a lb. 29 7 0

A RING OF SIX

The foregoing items give a clear account of the work carried out; as can be seen, a new treble was added making six bells in all, and the treble of the five was recast. The inscriptions on these bells were:—

1.—W. Cockey cast me. 1718.

2.—W. Cockey cast me. 1718.

Mr. Richard Hayes and Peter Hucker, Churchwardens.

An item in 1719 reads: Received by the parish's consent for the new metal added to the bells, £11 5s. 0d.; and in 1721: Paid Thomas House for splicing the clapper of the 6th bell, for lengthening the flight, and adding 7½ lbs. iron. for a key and a ferrule and 3 cleats as per bill, 10s. 0d. From this item it would appear that the sound of this bell, the tenor, was inadequate, and this work was done to make it a more satisfactory cover for the rest of the ring.

3d. RATE FOR RECASTING BELLS

In 1720 we find an entry: Paid for a door for the ringing loft, 5s. 0d. This door is still in use and in an excellent state of repair. The next item of interest appears under the year 1745/6, when there appears—

Item. Paid Mott for news of the bells, a pint, 2d. and the record of a rate made at 3d. in the pound, for repairing the church and recasting the bells. The work carried out on the bells was the recasting of the third and tenor, and this was done by T. Bilbie, of Chewstoke, at a cost of £44 4s.

These bells bore the inscriptions—
3rd.—T. Bilbie. 1746.

Tenor.—William Cozens, Gent., and Mr. John Perry, Churchwardens. T. Bilbie. Fecit. 1746.

An item in the accounts for 1759 reads as follows:—

Item. Paid for liquor at two meetings of the vestry held at landlord Clarks', 5s. 0d.

Whilst perhaps not associated with the bells, this item does indicate a custom of the times, and it might be interesting here to link this with the habits of ringers of those days. One often hears stories of the bad habits of the older generation of ringers, such as taking a drinking jug to the belfry and being heavy drinkers. Habits and customs of 200 years ago were completely different from those of today. It was quite a natural thing for the vicar and his associates to hold a meeting at one of the local inns, and to take liquor whilst there. The vestry in those days was responsible for much of the parish business and the clergy were very powerful. In this parish they were men of some substance.

RINGING STRENUOUS

Life in general was much more strenuous than it is today, and liquor, particularly beer or ale, was consumed in much greater quantities, and was in fact everyone's drink, especially among the poorer classes. Bell-ringing in those days was an extremely strenuous job; the modern metal frame and easy-running bearings were unheard of, and the manner in which the bells were attached to the headstocks often left much to be desired. It was quite a common thing to need two or three men to raise the tenor bell ready for ringing, and in some places, such as Queen Camel and Sherborne Abbey, it is recorded that it took five, six or even seven men to raise the tenor. From this it is easy to see that a comparatively short spell of ringing could create a very healthy thirst, and what more natural than that the everyday drink of the times should be on hand to remedy it. So, the more joyful the occasion, the more the bells were rung, the greater was the need for the jug and the merrier the ringers became. All very natural when viewed in the light of the times.

Again, in older times, ringing was of a much more secular nature than it is today. The bells were rung very much more for national and social occasions than they were for church services; in fact, in many places service ringing was a rarity. During the 18th and 19th centuries we find many entries in our churchwardens' accounts for moneys paid to the ringers for ringing for such things as the anniversary of the King's coronation and November 5th, etc.; for many years they received 7s. for ringing on November 5th and a much smaller sum for the King. A record of little more than 50 years ago shows that whilst the ringers of this village had two practice nights each week in the winter, they rang for Sunday service only once a month.

Times have changed since then, and chiefly through the influence of the diocesan ringing organisations, the bells of our village churches are rung at least once each Sunday, and in many cases for both morning and evening services, and with well-designed and cared-for frames and bearings, the need for belfry refreshment has ceased to exist.

So much for custom and usage. Let us return to the bells.

1761. £ s. d.
Item. Paid for making a new bell wheel and other jobs . . . 1 10 0

1782.
Item. Paid Henry Mathews for six bell ropes 1 3 7

These prices are in striking contrast to those of today when a single bell rope costs nearly £4.

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

MRS. MARGARET SHURCLIFF AN APPRECIATION

Mrs. Margaret Shurcliff died on February 28th at her home in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

In 1902, Dr. Nichols took his daughter Margaret to England for a summer of bell-ringing. Miss Nichols became a member of the Middlesex County Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths. She rang her first peal at the Church of St. Matthew in Upper Clapton. This peal of Stedman, rung to celebrate the coronation of King Edward VII, was conducted by Mr. Brighton. Other members of the band included Mr. Pratt, Mr. Eden and the Brothers Pye. Her second peal, of Grandsire Triples, was rung at St. Mary's, Acton, and the third peal at the Church of St. Magnus, London Bridge. Quarter peals were rung at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and in St. Peter's Church, St. Albans.

Miss Nichols also rang three peals 'in hand.' The first two, Grandsire Triples and Stedman, were rung in one afternoon at the home of Mr. Challis F. Winney. The ringers were George N. Price 1-2, Herbert P. Warman 3-4, Challis F. Winney 5-6, Miss Margaret Nichols 7-8. The peals were conducted by Mr. Winney and Mr. Price respectively. At the close of the afternoon, Mr. Hughes presented to Miss Nichols the set of handbells used for the afternoon's ringing. Four of the peals mentioned here were recorded in the 'Bell News' of August 23rd, 1902.

Some time after her return, Miss Nichols married Arthur Shurcliff (then spelled 'Shurt-leff'), and together they pursued a life of wide and active interests. Their first public performance on the handbells was quite spontaneous. Awakened in the early hours of Armistice Day, 1918, they arose and took their bells into the streets to help proclaim the good tidings.

In the '20s Mrs. Shurcliff was one of a temporary band that came together each Christmas season to ring changes before and after the evening service at the Church of the Advent in Boston. In 1926 she went from her tower ringing to join her six children and their young friends who were ringing carols on handbells in the streets of Beacon Hill. Crowds gathered, and the interest in bell-ringing began to spread. This carolling has become a tradition, and the Beacon Hill Handbell Ringers, with changing membership, were led by Mrs. Shurcliff throughout her life.

So many other groups were started that in 1936 Mrs. Shurcliff organised the New England Guild of Handbell Ringers. In 1954 she formed the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers to meet the needs of ringing groups throughout the entire country, and initiated the Guild's annual ringing festival at Ipswich, Mass.

The bell towers in this country (with two exceptions) were gradually silenced by complaints of noise. Mrs. Shurcliff continued to ring changes 'in hand' whenever possible. (The rapid growth of ringing here has been in the direction of melodies, not changes.) This last summer we had the great pleasure of ringing some touches of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' with Mrs. Shurcliff and her daughter, Alice.

It was indeed a privilege to know and ring with Mrs. Shurcliff. Her art, enthusiasm and patience inspired many. The handbell ringing which she fostered in this country will be a permanent testimony to the life she lived so well.

Alice Dickinson (Mrs.),
Ely Diocesan Guild.

218, East Pleasant Street,
Amherst, Mass, U.S.A.

MR. EDWARD PHILLIPS AN APPRECIATION

With great regret and deep sympathy I heard of the sudden death of Mr. Edward Phillips, who was one of the Cadoxton, Neath, ringers.

He was known to all as 'Ted,' and in the ringing fraternity as a very reliable and excellent ringer. It wasn't always that he was known for his knowledge of the art of ringing though, but to many it was his radiant smile, and I myself will always remember him in that way. He will be greatly missed in the district, and it will be very difficult to replace him. May he rest in peace.

ARTHUR HOARE,
'Swansea and Brecon.'

MR. WILLIAM RICHARDS

The death occurred on March 15th at Builth Wells of Mr. William Richards at the age of 76. For 30 years Mr. Richards was a ringer and sidesman at St. John's, Cardiff. He learnt to ring at Abergavenny. On coming to Cardiff in 1921 he joined the local band, and was a faithful member until he retired and went to live at Builth Wells in 1951. He retained his interest in bell-ringing by joining the local band, and also became a sidesman at the church.

A peal to his memory was rung on St. John's bells on March 30th.

MR. JAMES F. WHITE

The death took place on March 26th of Mr. James F. White, of the Pakefield, Suffolk, company, in his 85th year.

He had no pretensions, ringing only one peal on the old ring of five in 1938, but gave loyal service to his church as a ringer for 56 years, being punctual for Sunday service ringing—an example in this respect to us all.

When the church was restored in 1951, after being gutted by fire by enemy action during the war, the bells were augmented to eight and James White bore the cost of the new treble.

The many summer visitors to this tower will remember his courteous greetings. To us at Pakefield he will be remembered as Uncle Jim, one of nature's gentlemen and a loyal servant of his church.

The interment took place in the churchyard at Pakefield on April 1st, a course of Plain Bob Minor being rung over the grave by three of his fellow ringers. B. S. T.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

A little incident took place at the quarterly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch at Bishop's Cleeve on March 21st. As the bells were not available after 7.30 p.m. it was decided to hold the business meeting last instead of immediately after tea.

A ringer arriving around 7.30 p.m. for the business meeting found his way into the church barred by a chair on which lay a postcard of the church. On the reverse side of the card was written: 'You are a gang of hooligans beneath contempt. Your work is no more to the glory of God than Bishop's Cleeve football team. I am instructing my solicitor.' It was signed by a comparative newcomer to the district, who lives near the church. We still wonder if the writer paid 4d. for the card!

We admit to one roughish touch of Bob Major, but apart from that the ringing was not too bad, and it had been a meeting of particular use to learners.

During the meeting five new members were elected: Mr. W. Drinkwater (Charlton Kings), Mr. H. Strang (Cheltenham, St. Mary's) and Godfrey Appesley, Nicholas Harris and Keith Birt (junior members from St. Mark's).

E. M. B.

MEDWAY VALLEY VISITED

Shortly after 9 a.m. on March 14th, a group of ringers converged on Northfleet, Kent. They had gathered from Hertfordshire, Kent and North London, together with two enthusiasts who had travelled down the previous night from Handsworth (Birmingham) and Lichfield Cathedral.

The anti-clockwise ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt. in F) was enjoyed before going to the Chapel of Unity at Gravesend, which is one of the best eights in Kent. At nearby Cobham the six bells are tuned to the key of F with a 14 cwt. tenor, but this church is more famous for its wonderful collection of brasses. At short notice we were privileged to ring on the pleasant six at Snodland, a ground floor ring. We received a great welcome from the new vicar at Wouldham, where until recently it was thought that the six bells (tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp) were unringable. We found them fairly easy to ring, and the Vicar is keen to have them rung regularly, having recently learned to handle a bell himself.

Unfortunately, at this point, Ian Oram had to leave us in order to attempt a peal at St. Clement Danes' that afternoon: but lunch being over, we reassembled for a short ring on the respectable eight at Frindsbury. Although the weight of the tenor bell at St. Mary's Church, Chatham, is 25 cwt. in E flat, the bells are scarcely audible inside the ringing room and are heard to advantage outside. Moving on to Hartlip, we enjoyed a brief ring on the six bells that sound over the area of this beautiful village. We paid a brief visit to nearby Newington, with its 12 cwt. six, and then followed an enjoyable five at Stockbury, where the local band were in the midst of their 'spring cleaning.'

Refreshments consumed, the 9 cwt. six at Bobbing were rung prior to moving on to Milton Regis. Here the 600-year-old church tower, which rises to a height of 94 feet, is massive, with walls over four feet thick. Despite all this stonework there are only six bells, with a tenor of 10½ cwt. At Sittingbourne touches of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung. The day's programme finished with two sixes at Rodmersham and Lynsted.

Ringing during the day ranged from Grand-sire Doubles to Soliced and London Surprise Major. Sincere thanks are expressed to Ian Oram for arranging the trip.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A District meeting took place at Great Barton on March 21st, when some 30 ringers were present from 15 towers. (Very encouraging indeed for the District secretary.) This had been a neglected District as far as meetings were concerned, and in November last, at its first meeting for quite a long time, only eight members were present.

The tea and business meeting were held in the Village Institute, presided over by Mr. H. Mitson, supported by the District secretary (Mr. L. Wright). Miss J. Wright was elected a ringing member. Mr. Philip Meyhew a non-resident member, and the brothers David, Raymond and Alan Fordham, of Great Barton, probationers.

For the next meeting place it was agreed to try and visit Bardwell in the afternoon and Ixworth in the evening on June 6th. A keen ringing enthusiast from Watton, in Norfolk—Miss Dorothy Wilton-Jones—cycled 27 miles without John to ring in one more new tower.

LATE NOTICE

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick (6), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Notify for tea by Tuesday, April 14th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4191

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The hon. secretary of the GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS is now Mr. Charles Rouse, Brookfield Lawn, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. Reports of peals, together with peal booking fees and details of composition, rung for the Association should be sent as soon as possible to the hon. peal secretary, Mr. F. G. Wilton, 54, Goddard Avenue, Swindon, Wilts. 4180

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The Branch quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton (8) on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lee, 3, New Road Buildings, Twerton, Bath. 4113

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Timsbury (6). Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4115

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Monthly meeting, Henlow, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A warm welcome awaits everyone.—H. Smith, Dis. Sec., Turnpike Farm, Pottton Road, Biggleswade. 4148

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Poynton, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise before Tuesday, April 7th. Mr. I. Jenkins, 2, Bardell Crescent, Dickens Lane, Poynton.—C. K. Lewis. 4100

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Fulbourn, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 4104

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, April 11th, Danehill. Come and have a ring on the newest six in Sussex.—C. A. Bassett. 4114

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Dagenham, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. 4084

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross (8), Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 4130

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Little Munden, Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 4107

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—P. Barton, Hon. Sec. 4087

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting to be held at Hucknall, Notts, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. 4086

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Rochdale Branch, Lancashire Association, St. Luke's, Heywood, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea (free of charge) 5 p.m.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 4102

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Rotherfield, Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 4108

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Halling on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. at The Plough.—Pamela J. Osborne, Hon. Sec. 4169

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Church Lane, Kingsbury, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business, for election of officers, etc., to follow. Buses 52 and 83 pass the church, or buses 16 and 46 to Blackbird Cross, or train to Wembley Park Station. Ringing 2.30 to 4 p.m.; also at Edgware (two minutes Edgware tube station) and Hendon (buses 83 and 143, alight bus garage, or five minutes Hendon Central Station).—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 4097

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Symondsburry, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4095

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, April 11th. St. John-at-Hackney, Mare Street, 3 to 5 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 6.30 p.m.—A. W. J. Butler, H. W. Rogers. 4136

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Epsom (Christ Church) on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4068

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Wisborough Green, Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. 4093

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Amport, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. 4139

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Bishop's Waltham, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 4140

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Preston Candover on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. 4137

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Easingwold (8), Saturday, April 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 4138

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 18th. Butleigh. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Notify for tea before Tuesday, April 14th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 4172

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Wrington (10), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and Business 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4122

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wembdon, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 4162

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Sinfield, Church Farm Cottage, Totternhoe, near Dunstable, Beds. 4151

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Nuneaton, Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m., with business meeting following. Names for tea, please, by April 15th to Mr. W. Beebe, 80, Wheat Street, Nuneaton.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 4126

DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Arksey, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey.—George Watson, Sec. 4156

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting at West Hartlepool, St. Oswald's (10), 3 p.m., Saturday, April 18th. (Please note change of date.). Names for tea by April 16th to J. M. Cox, 8, Greenwood Avenue, Middlesbrough. 4155

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys (6), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4182

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4184

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Malmesbury (8), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to H. G. Blanchard, J. Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury.—H. Heath. 4179

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6), Saturday, April 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by April 15th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. Next meeting, Saturday, May 9th, Cromhall. Dedication of new fourth. 4181

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Ticehurst, Saturday, April 18th. Names to E. A. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 4178

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Stokesay, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—G. Randle. 4165

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Appledore, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. L. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, Appledore.—C. T. H. 4168

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Ottershaw, Saturday, April 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 14th, to Miss B. J. Mayers, 2, The Parade, Blackbridge Road, Woking. 4188

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Deane, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows. Cups of tea provided. Please note change of tower.—Thornley, Sec. 4157

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, St. Anne's Parish Church (junction St. Anne's Road East, Church Road and Headroomgate Road), Lytham St. Anne's, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. F. Turner. 4163

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 18th. Bells: St. Philip's, Hulme (8), 3 to 5 p.m. (No. 1, 41, 42 bus to All Saints); Sacred Trinity, Salford (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. in Sacred Trinity Parish Room (rear of Rectory, Blackfriars Street).—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 4186

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Bacup, Saturday, April 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 4185

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Markfield, Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. at the Rectory. Names by Wednesday, April 15th, please, to Mr. J. Wardle, 180, Main Street, Markfield, near Leicester. 4149

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 18th. Oaks-in-Charnwood (6). Names for tea by 15th to Mr. J. Bowley, 95, Greenhill Road, Coalville.—C. W. Hall. 4091

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Hallaton, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 4175

LINCOLN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Grimsby (8), Saturday, April 18th. Service 7 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Names for tea by April 14th to Mr. Kennington, 211, Robert Street, Grimsby. 4105

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Billingham, Saturday, April 18th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Monday, April 13th, to Mr. L. P. Wilson, 40, Grosvenor Road, Billingham, Sleaford, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4132

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Saturday, April 18th. Ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Business and further ringing. Practice, St. Mary-atte-Bow (8), Wednesday, April 29th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Special meeting, Saturday, May 16th. Details to follow. Please make a note of these dates. Everyone welcome. All tastes catered for.—Bullock, Sec. 4171

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Tutbury, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec. 4177

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 18th, Wymondham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Vicarage Room 5 p.m.

Names for tea by Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.—C. Bird, Branch Hon. Sec. 4103

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Benson, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by April 14th to H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 4116

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Doddington, Saturday, April 18th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 4174

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chilton Foliat, on Saturday, April 18th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 4176

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 18th, Winterslow. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Odd Fellows' Hall, 5 p.m., for those who have notified by Tuesday, 14th. St. Thomas', Salisbury, available 7 to 8 p.m.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 4161

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4164

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham and Newark Districts.—Meeting at Lowdham, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (5) from 6 to 8.30 p.m.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 4145

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Advanced practice, Saturday, April 18th, 3 p.m., Turner's Hill (8). Names for tea by Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. Special method: Double Norwich. 4146

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Romsey, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 4.15. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 15th.—Mr. J. Page, 56, Alma Road, Romsey. 4166

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lifton on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 20th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4152

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, 21st, to Mr. P. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley.—A. Hill, Hon. Sec. 4158

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, April 25th. Lower Machen. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Numbers for tea by April 20th, please.—Mrs. J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow. 4170

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Lincoln, Saturday, April 25th. Cathedral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Tea in Chapter House 5.15 p.m. for those who inform by the Wednesday previous Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Bells of the Cathedral and city churches available afternoon and evening.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 4144

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Winterton, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 22nd, certain, please, to Mr. R. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton, Great Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Hon. Branch Sec. 4147

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Windsor (8), Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea by 20th.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 4127

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Glington (6), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by previous Tuesday. Evening ringing at St. James', Deeping, 7 p.m. onwards.—G. Bush, Sec. 4173

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Annual general meeting, London, Saturday, April 25th. Amended arrangements. 11 a.m., visit to the Whitechapel Foundry, Whitechapel Road. 12 noon, ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney; 3 p.m., St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; also for one hour, between 12 noon and 2.45 p.m., at Southwark Cathedral. Tea 4.30 p.m. in the Fan Makers' Hall, followed by meeting. Further ringing, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Names for tea to Mrs. N. Davies, 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12. All ringers welcome—no closed shop.—W. Frank Stenson. 4134

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild festival, Devizes, Saturday, April 25th. Annual general meeting, Town Hall, 2.15 p.m. Guild service in the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 4 p.m. Address: Ven. the Archdeacon of Wilts. Meat tea in the Town Hall, 5 p.m. (price 5s. per head); admission by ticket only. Tickets obtained before Wednesday, April 22nd, from Mr. F. Saltford, Hon. Asst. Sec., 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, Wilts. Bells available: Trowbridge (12), 6 to 7.30; Devizes—St. John's (8), 12 to 2, 6 to 8; St. Mary's (6), 12 to 2, 6 to 8; Southbrook (6), 12 to 2, 6 to 8; Melksham (8) 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; North Bradley (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Longbridge Deverill (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Warminster (8) 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Westbury (8), 6 to 8; Bradford-on-Avon, H.T. (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Urchfont (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Seend (6), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Bratton (6), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8 p.m. Other towers affiliated to the Branch available by arrangement.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 4154

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting, Putney, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall after. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. A. Clayton, 126, Kenilworth Court, S.W.15. Bells after meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4150

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ombersley, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 21st, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 4183

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Worcester, Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing at Evesham, 11.30 to 12.30. Lunch, followed by business meeting, 1.15. Ringing: Cathedral, 3.15 to 4.45; All Saints', 5 to 6.15. Lunch (6s. 6d.) at the Hopmarket Hotel (near Foregate Street Station) will be reserved for those who notify by April 20th Mr. D. Beacham, The Old Manor, Twynning, near Tewkesbury, Glos., accommodation being limited.—John Chilcott. 4045

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the annual festival will be held on Saturday, July 4th, instead of Saturday, July 18th, as originally advertised.—M. R. Cross. 4141

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