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## KEEPING TOUCH.

A very useful and quite practical suggestion was put forward by a correspondent in our last issue on the subject of keeping touch with young ringers who migrate from their native towers. How often is it lamented that when a promising beginner has been brought on, force of circumstances has taken him away from the tower where he learnt to ring a bell! He has been lost, not only to his parent belfry, but to the Exercise, for lack of machinery to keep him in touch with ringing when he has moved from one village or town to another. There are many reasons which may deter a young ringer from going into a strange belfry, for he has not had the opportunity of realising the spirit of fraternity that exists among the members of the Exercise and the welcome which would await him—in most towers.

How best to introduce him to the new circle is a question which may find many answers. Some may say that if the man is worth his salt as a ringer he will find his own way to the belfry; but among those who take up the art are men who, conscious of shortcomings in their qualifications, would have a reluctance to enter a strange belfry. Yet, with encouragement, they might be capable of development into valuable additions to the Exercise. It is the first introduction to the new tower that is the necessary link for the continuation of the beginner's ringing career, and it ought not to be difficult to suggest some simple machinery by which this could be secured. If the invitation, as our correspondent suggested, could come from the tower nearest to which the stranger has gone to reside, it would give a greater feeling of welcome and comradeship than if the advances were made from the opposite side, and for that reason the method put forward by Mr. Bennett is a good one.

There might be objections to the publication of a book of names and addresses of secretaries by the Central Council, inasmuch as this would rapidly get out of date with the frequent changes that are made, but it might be possible to get some leisured member to undertake to keep an up-to-date list, and to forward information of removals to the right quarters. Or again, such a thing might be possible by being passed directly through the General Secretaries of Associations. Anyhow, the method, as long as it is efficient, matters little; what is wanted is someone to take the initiative in setting up a workable scheme by which migrating ringers—and it is particularly the young ringer that has to be catered for, because the old ringer will always seek out the belfry wherever he goes—can be retained in the Exercise, and thus save the wastage of much good material.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 41 cwt.	
EDWIN HORREX ... .. Treble	WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 9
ALFRED B. PECK ... 4	THOMAS LANGDON ... 10
HENRY G. MILES ... 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 11
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 6	HERBERT LANGDON ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung on the 82nd birthday of Mr. Edwin Horrex, who was heartily congratulated by the Rector and the band.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.	
JAMES BUTLER ... .. Treble	VICTOR BENNETT ... 5
THOMAS EAST ... .. 2	*FREDERICK ABBOTT ... 6
ERNEST A. BUTLER ... 3	JAMES S. NAPPER ... 7
WILLIAM J. E. NAPPER ... 4	WILLIAM GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by T. EAST.

\* First peal.

**HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.	
*WILLIAM BROWN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM COLEY ... 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	VICTOR WHITE ... 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7
EDWARD BRETTE ... 4	MATTHEW HACKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal.

**LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.**  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.	
BENJAMIN COOKE ... .. Treble	ALBERT NORTH ... 5
WALTER KNOTT ... .. 2	WILLIAM THOMAS ... 6
WILLIAM CLARK ... .. 3	EDWARD CROWTHER ... 7
SIDNEY GOODALL ... .. 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by the late OBADIAH LANG.

Conducted by SIDNEY GOODALL.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled to the memory of John Wilson Lang, for 63 years a ringer at this Church.

**GODALMING, SURREY.**

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.	
WILLIAM MONEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES CHILDS ... 5
*VICTOR H. SMITH ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 6
WILLIAM HOOKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. FOWLER ... 7
CHARLES BISH ... .. 4	ROBERT PAMMENT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. BARTLETT

\* First peal inside. The ringer of 6 hails from Chiddingfold, 7 from Puttenham, the rest belong to the local band.

## PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1920, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*JOSEPH PLANT, JUN. ... .. 2	†JOHN WARRILOW ... .. 5
†FRED BIRKS... .. 2	JOHN PERRY ... .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 3	JOHN J. TAYLOR... .. 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	*EDMUND WESTWOOD... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight. Rung to commemorate the signing of Peace. At the conclusion of the peal the band were congratulated by the Vicar and Wardens, to whom thanks are due for their hospitality. The Vicar has kindly offered to erect a board recording the peal.

## LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity,

## A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5312 CHANCES;

## Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. Treble	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 5
ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 6
FRED S. PRICE ... .. 3	JOHN FLINT ... .. 7
THOMAS BETTISON ... .. 4	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR SHEPHERD.

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

First in the method on the bells and in the City of Nottingham.

## SILVERDALE, STAFFS.

## THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## HOLT'S TEN-PART.

## Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS ALICE WHELDON ... Treble	C. PRESTON ... .. 5
G. BLOOR ... .. 2	E. LANDON ... .. 6
W. WHELDON ... .. 3	C. H. PAGE... .. 7
C. MORLEY ... .. 4	*H. MYATT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. H. PAGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Preston and was his first peal in the method. G. Bloor's first peal inside and the first eight-bell peal that a lady has taken part in for this Association. Rung at the first attempt. The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 5th hail from Bucknall, the 4th from Newcastle-under-Lyme, 2nd, 6th and 7th from Stoke and the tenor from Silverdale. \* First peal.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At Christ Church, Cubitt Town,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

## Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. Treble	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 7
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## RAINFHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 21, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

## Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

RICKS PAINE... .. Treble	CHARLES WINNER ... .. 5
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 6
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 3	WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 7
FRANK BELSEY ... .. 4	CHARLES BELSEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## STAPLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

## Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM WENHAM ... .. 5
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 2	CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 6
*LEONARD MANNERING ... 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 7
SERG. G. GILBERT, R.E. 4	PHILLIP HODGKIN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. E. SONE.

\* First peal with a bob bell in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Sergt. Gilbert's 50th peal. He was made a member before starting for the peal. This peal was composed on the Rhine while with the Army of Occupation, and is believed to be the first peal rung that was 'made in Germany.'

## HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HENFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

## Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

ALBERT E. BAKER ... .. Treble	ALFRED BAIGENT ... .. 5
*FREDERICK PARSONS ... 2	WILLIAM J. ALLISS ... .. 6
GEORGE PAYNE ... .. 3	LAZARUS PAYNE ... .. 7
ERNEST LISH ... .. 4	CHARLES TYLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LAZARUS PAYNE.

\* First peal. This peal was rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Lewes.

## APPLEDORE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.)

On Tuesday, February 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## REEVES'

*LUTHER HONESS ... .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 5
CHAS. W. PLAYER ... .. 2	FREDK. G. BURT... .. 6
ALFRED JOHNSON ... .. 3	CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 7
FREDK. G. BURDEN ... .. 4	GEORGE JOHNSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. W. PLAYER.

\* First peal away from tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect and esteem to the late Rev. V. L. Batson, Vicar of Brookland, who was a member of the Association and a ringers' friend.

## LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Thursday, February 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Stratford-Bow,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

## Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 5
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	EMMANUEL HALL ... .. 6
CHARLES S. BURDEN ... .. 3	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 7
JAMES SCHOLES ... .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

## SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 26, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

## Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	*ROBERT WALKER ... .. 5
THOMAS H. NAISBY ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 6
JAMES AYERS ... .. 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Rung to celebrate the 7th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells and as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. L. Patterson.

\* First peal.

**BRISTOL.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
**ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.**  
 (BRISTOL BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, February 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.  
 CHARLES J. WALTON ... *Treble* | ARTHUR T. WALLACE ... 5  
 \*ERNEST DIBBEN ... 2 | ARTHUR W. SEVIOR... 6  
 EDGAR GUISE ... 3 | GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... 7  
 WILLIAM LEWIS ... 4 | HENRY T. WAY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

\* First peal with a bob bell and rung at first attempt. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

**HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 28, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.  
 REV. FRED J. O. HELMORE ... *Treble* | EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... 5  
 HENRY G. FAIRBRASS... 2 | CHARLES W. BRETT ... 6  
 ARTHUR A. ANDREWS... 3 | FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 7  
 PERCY J. PAINE ... 4 | GEORGE G. JENKINS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung to welcome the new Rector, Rev. C. Stonehouse, whose induction took place on Feb. 26th, also in honour of F. G. Brett's birthday.

**EYNSFORD, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 28, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.  
 ISAAC EMERY ... *Treble* | ALBERT BATES ... 5  
 THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2 | EDWIN G. BATES ... 6  
 HERBERT ANDSLEY ... 3 | GEORGE DURLING ... 7  
 WALTER SMITH ... 4 | EDWARD BROWN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

The ringers of 3, 5, 6 and 8 belong to the Dartford company, and it was their first peal in the method.

**TONBRIDGE, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.  
 JAMES HEASMAN ... *Treble* | WILLIAM LATHER ... 5  
 ALBERT BELTON ... 2 | HARRY HARRINGTON ... 6  
 GEORGE H. STONESTREET... 3 | FREDERICK WHITE ... 7  
 WILLIAM STEED ... 4 | HERBERT MARKWELL ... *Tenor*

Composed by H. PRICE.

Conducted by JAMES HEASMAN.

This composition was published in the 'Ringing World' of March 8th, 1918.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**

*On Saturday, February 28, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOLSTERSTONE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.  
 JOHN R. BREARLEY ... *Treble* | \*HAYDN THORPE ... 5  
 DAVID BREARLEY ... 2 | JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 6  
 SAMUEL HARRISON ... 3 | JOHN THORPE ... 7  
 ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 4 | WILLIAM HARRISON ... *Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

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

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**LAMBERHURST, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 21, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

FREDERICK FOREMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE FULLER ... 4
HARRY J. LAMBERT ... 2	JAMES WAGHORN... 5
HARRY PRICE ... 3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. J. Lambert.

**WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, February 28, 1920, in Three Hours,*  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WM. SAMBLES ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER THOMAS ... 4
JOHN DUNNING ... 2	*WILLIAM CLARKE ... 5
†JOHN THOMAS ... 3	ALBERT E. RICHARDS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT E. RICHARDS.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. Ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 hail from Aldford, 4 from Chisleton.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

**CAMBRIDGE.**

**THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Saturday, February 14, 1920, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,*  
 IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

J. BUTLER (Fitzwilliam Hall) 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 3—4	B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7—8

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

First peal of Major as conductor.

**LONDON.**  
**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sunday, February 22, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*  
 AT 49, WOOD STREET, WALTHAMSTOW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANCES;**

JOHN THOMAS ... 1—2	GEORGE R. PYE... 5—6
WILLIAM PYE ... 3—4	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7—8
CHARLES T. COLES ... 9—10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: H. T. SCARLETT.

\* First peal on handbells.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, February 22, 1920, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,*  
 AT 21, WARLEIGH ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 size in B flat.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1—2	CAPT. J. R. MACKMAN ... 5—6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3—4	FRANK BENNETT ... 7—8

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is believed to be the first peal of Major on handbells by the Association.

**LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Feb. 7th an attempt was made for Washbrook Variation of Thurstans' Four-Part peal of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately, after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins., it came to grief in the 49th course: A. R. Hickton 1, F. Price 2, Miss Hilda F. Willson 3, J. Price 4, \*T. H. Kirkby 5, \*T. Hutchinson 6, J. Bailey 7, \*F. Wallace 8. \* Longest length in the method.



ARMLEY, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,  
At 10, MITFORD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

\*MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY... 1-2 | GERALD MOORHOUSE ... 5-6  
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4 | MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 7-8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.  
Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

\* First peal off the tenors.

LEEDS, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 25, 1920, in Two Hours and One Minute,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

JAMES R. KAMP ... 1-2 | WILLIAM BARTON ... 5-6  
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4 | JOHN AMBLER ... 7-8

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.  
Attested by GEORGE A. JOWETT.

First peal of Triples by the ringers of 5-6 and 7-8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,  
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY-)

On Thursday, February 26, 1920, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALFRED H. POLLING ... 1-2 | \*LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 5-6  
MAURICE SMITHER ... 3-4 | GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.  
Witness: MRS. POLLING.

\* First peal on an inside pair. The conductor's 500th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, February 26, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MATTERS, 5057 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

ALBERT WALKER ... 1-2 | GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5-6  
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3-4 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7-8  
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.  
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 26, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. GODFREY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

ARTHUR DYE ... 1 | \*GEORGE COOKE ... 4  
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 2 | CHARLES WYBROW ... 5  
JOHN A. GODFREY ... 3 | ROBERT W. COOKE ... 6  
WILLIAM E. BASON ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.  
Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

\* First peal. First peal on handbells by all the band.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—At St. Giles' and All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, 720 of Grandsire Doubles: B. Harrod 1, W. Harrod 2, H. Joslin 3, H. Chinnery 4, A. Keeling 5, J. O. Bridge 6, W. Halls, D. Howell, A. Howell, S. Howell, W. Wade, A. Wade, G. Duce, W. Hawkins, F. Birch, A. Cowell, A. Keeling and H. Chinnery. Muffled touches were also rung on the following Sunday morning for the memorial service. The bells at Stamford are in perfect going order. They were made and fitted in the tower by the late firm of Moore, Holmes and Mackenzie, of Harleston, Norfolk, whose bells are seldom to be met with.

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### BELFRY GOSSIP.

Forty new members were elected at the first meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, held since the year 1914. The meeting took place at Sibsey, and the Vicar (the Rev. Camplion Cogan) was elected president of the branch; Mr. T. Haud (Sibsey), hon. treas.; and Mr. J. W. Larkin, seur. (Bennington), hon. secretary.

On his 82nd birthday, on Feb. 28th, young 'Ted' Horrex rang the treble to a peal of Treble Twelve at St. Michael's, Cornhill. Hats off to the Father of the College Youths.

The Royal Cumberlands are reviving their annual dinner. The gathering will be held on May Day, and those who intend to be present should at once notify the hon. secretary.

Mr. Arthur T. Morris has tapped yet another peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells—this time for the Norwich Association. It is truly a great performance, for the concentration of thought that is necessary for the task is immense.

Good wishes went out from all the band to Mr. James Barracough, of Huddersfield, who celebrated his 72nd birthday by ringing his 100th peal. This was at Birstall, on February 29th, his first peal having been rung in the same tower nearly 53 years ago.

### SURPRISE METHODS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In reply to the Rev. E. S. Powell's letter in last week's issue of the 'Ringing World,' please allow me to point out with regard to the publication of the 'Collection of Legitimate Methods' that I was not on the committee when that collection was published in 1907, and my name ought not to have been placed on the list of committeemen at all. Further, I did not agree even then to all the methods in that collection, and did not sign it.

Again Mr. Powell says that 'among these methods are several denominated Surprise which have no internal places either at the treble's full lead or lie,' but if he will turn to the preface, article 6 (methods founded on Principles), he will find this statement: 'Surprise Methods, having places made at all cross section,' and it is this for which I am standing.

Again, twenty-one methods (Numbers 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 15, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 40), denominated Surprise on Pages 31—40, are not Surprise at all. They should have been put in with Delight Methods.

I marked these when I received the Collection in 1907, and have held this attitude all through, so that there has not been any change of mind at all.

May I further say that Snowden's 'Standard Methods' is the best book for Surprise Methods?—Yours truly,  
JOHN CARTER.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### ROCHESTER DISTRICT AND ANNUAL COUNTY MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Swanscombe on Saturday, March 6th, and, in spite of the heavy rain, over 50 members attended. A short service was held, the Rector of Swanscombe (the Rev. Campbell-Ward, an hon. member of the Association) officiating, the organist also being in attendance. A collection on behalf of the Kent Ringers' War Memorial realised £1 0s. 6d. After service, the Rector and Mrs. Ward entertained the ringers to an excellent tea in the Parish Room, which was much appreciated.

The business meeting followed presided over by the Rector, who welcomed the Association to Swanscombe. He said it gave Mrs. Ward and himself great pleasure to entertain them all to tea, and assured them that a future visit would be appreciated.

A proposition was unanimously carried: 'That the decision of the Central Committee altering the date of the annual meeting from Whit-Monday to Easter Monday be referred back for further consideration,' and the district secretary was ordered to have this matter placed on the agenda at the annual meeting.

It was further recommended that it be brought forward that all annual meetings of the Central Council be attended by at least two of the county's representatives.

It was also decided that in the event of there being an election of representatives this year, Mr. W. Haigh should be nominated from the Rochester district as a candidate.

Twenty-eight new practising members, and two non-resident life members were elected, and the towers of Cobham and Hartlip again brought into union.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Cliffe on the first Saturday in June.

Mr. W. Haigh proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Rev. and Mrs. Campbell-Ward for the excellent tea they had provided, to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for his address at the service; to the organist, and to Mr. and Mrs. W. Harper for their valued help.

The Rector suitably responded, and after a course of Triples on the handbells the tower was again visited. Fourteen towers in the district were represented at the meeting.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL ARRANGEMENTS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—It seems a pity that no one has taken up your suggestion of a sort of Club Room for the meetings of the Central Council, as it is a requirement which is much needed, and might much facilitate business. The chief difficulty would be, of course, the financial one. It would, however, be worth while adding to the subscription of members a sufficient sum to cover the cost.

There is another suggestion which would not have this objection: that is, that there should be official excursions arranged to places of interest near the town of meeting. These should be quite apart from any peal ringing arrangements, and should be subject to sufficient payments being sent in to a local secretary by a certain date. If the meeting were held on a Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, the Tuesday morning and the Wednesday afternoon might be given up to excursions.

No one has a word to say in defence of the present date. As, including this letter, the date has been questioned four times in your columns, may we assume that it really suits no one? And as no one has raised any objection to my suggestion of a fortnight later, that that would suit everyone?

Not only is Whitsunweek an awkward time for church officials to be away, but it is a time when most Associations hold meetings, at which members of the Council ought to be present. If my memory is correct, for some time after the Council was started, few or no Associations did this. Now that the practice has changed, it makes it difficult to decide which one should attend. In order to attend both, one distinguished member of the Council travelled all night last year. This was not possible for our two representatives, and our absence from our own Association's meeting was most unfortunate, as it happened. In this case, instead of the Central Council helping, it has harmed the Association.

Uford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the South and West District was held at Hillingdon on Saturday last. Among those present were Misses N. G. Williams, Feltham, Gorham, Carrick, Jones, Messrs. C. S. Bird, T. Beadle, W. Hewitt, A. R. Macdonald, W. Lawrence, H. C. Chandler, I. Emery, G. R. Fardon, Robert Holloway, J. J. Pratt, E. H. Pike, etc.

The bells were used to full advantage in Triples, Caters and Royal and during the repairing of a rope the handbells were brought into use to Triples and Caters.

A pleasing and interesting event took place, when the Vicar entered the belfry and dedicated two peal boards, one containing the peal of July 19th last, and the other those rung since 1915, with room for many yet to be rung.

A service in church followed, conducted by the curate, who was assisted by the organist and choir, the hymns sung being 'We love the place, O God,' and 'Hark! hark! my soul.'

A splendid tea, arranged and served by Miss Williams and lady friends, preceded an interesting business meeting, which was presided over by the Master, Mr. C. S. Bird. Mr. E. H. Pike, of Rixmansworth, was elected a member. St. Mary's, Ealing, was suggested for the next meeting.

Mr. Fussell, in a few words, welcomed the new Master, and paid a compliment to his predecessor. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, Curate, organist, choir, Mr. Pratt, and the local ringers, for all they had done to assure a successful meeting.

A discussion took place with reference to the 'Ringing world,' and will be dealt with in our next issue.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****NORTH BUCKS BRANCH MEETING.**

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Newport Pagnell, on Saturday, March 6th, when about 40 ringers attended from Bleckley, Chicheley, Emberton, Stony Stratford, Olney, Calverton, North Crawley, and the local tower, while a very pleasant surprise was sprung upon the ringers by the appearance of the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin), who came unexpectedly, but owing to the long distance before him, very reluctantly had to leave again before the service. A short address was, therefore, given by him in the belfry on the business of the Guild. The Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Gunnery) officiated at the service, and the President of the Branch (the Rev. J. R. Vincent, of Shenley) gave an interesting address. About 36 sat down to tea, arranged by the Rev. F. B. Gunnery, to whom and to the workers who assisted him thanks were proposed.

The methods rung during the meeting were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise.

A few ringing friends from the Bedfordshire Association attended the gathering, which was one of the best meetings held since the conclusion of the war. It is hoped this is a sign that the branch will soon make headway and return to pre-war standard. One more tower, with seven ringing members, joined the branch.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

At a special general meeting held on Saturday last, it was decided to increase the entrance fee to 5s. The rule with regard to steeples has also been amended. Threepence is now charged at all practice meetings, and members must now make up their total payments under this head to 2s. for the year before being entitled to a vote at any business meeting.

The dinner on May 1st, at the Old Bell, Holborn, will be at 6 p.m. Ringing will be arranged for the afternoon (to be announced later), and members (particularly country) are requested to make early application for tickets.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A district meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Leonard's, Upper Deal, on Saturday last. Thirty-two members, including local men, attended. Some good ringing was done on the six at Deal and the eight at Walmer. The Rev. E. D. Bowser (Rector) conducted the service. Tea was provided in the Parish Room, after which the business was transacted. Eighteen practising members were elected. The Revs. E. D. Bowser (Deal), B. W. Chancellor, and F. L. Gower (Wickhambreux) were elected hon. members. The towers of Walmer and Teynham were added to the list of towers in union with the Association.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT DORKING.**

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Dorking on March 6th, between 30 and 40 ringers attending during the afternoon and evening. Among the visitors were the Rev. E. Bankes James and four of his pupils, including 'It' of handbell fame. Tea was partaken of in the Churchroom.

At the short business meeting which followed, three new ringing members were elected from Chiddingfold. These young ladies reflect credit on their instructor, as it is only quite recently that they have taken up the art of change ringing.

The Hon. Secretary (Mrs. Hazelden) reported that a practice had been held at Ash, and another would, if convenient, be held at Atherstone the first Saturday after Easter.

Miss Parker sent her wishes for a successful meeting, and an invitation from Mr. Johnston for the Guild to visit Croydon. This was received with much pleasure.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the district at Chiddingfold in June.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, concluded the meeting.

Service was held in the beautiful chapel in St. Martin's Church, an address being given by the Vicar, and the two hymns 'mark! on high the joyful music,' and 'Lifted high within the steeple,' from the Ladies' Guild Service, were sung for the first time in the district. Ringing was resumed after the service.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Yorktown District was held at Bagshot on Saturday, March 6th. Owing to the stormy weather, only 23 members put in an appearance, but four new members were elected.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the presence of the full choir was much appreciated. An excellent tea was provided at the residence of one of the ringers (Mr. F. Nye).—A vote of thanks to the local band, and to Mrs. Nye in particular, concluded the meeting. Ringing in various methods was enjoyed in the afternoon and evening.

On Wednesday, March 10th, after the induction, and to welcome the new Vicar of Bagshot (the Rev. Canon R. H. Stewart), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: G. Pearce 1, J. Corbett 2, H. Gould 3, H. Stapleton 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, H. Chaffey 6, G. Miles 7, H. Berry 8.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.****'MEMORIAL WINDOW FUND.'**

It is proposed to close the above fund at an early date. Should there remain any members or friends who desire to subscribe to the fund, and who have not been asked, either personally or by letter, I shall be pleased to hear from them.

A. E. PARSONS,

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**A FIRST IN TWO METHODS.**

The Burslem ringers, with the assistance of two from Norton, have just scored their first 720 in two methods, viz., 360 of Oxford and 360 of Woodbine: J. Hurd 1, L. Pennington 2, W. Bourne 3, T. Hurd (conductor) 4, J. Walley 5, J. Royals 6.

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## RECRUITING THE RANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. A. Allen Bennett's suggestion is a most excellent one, which I believe is carried out in many branches of the C.E.M.S., when a member removes to another district.

In our tower we have two enthusiastic ringers, originally six-bell men. One attended morning and evening services for months, when, quite by accident, I heard he was a ringer, and at once approached him, and as a result he became attached to the tower. The other—a Metropolitan policeman—used to wander round the church on his beat on practice nights, but did not find his way up for some considerable time, until I got into touch with him. Now with some such means in force as Mr. Bennett suggests, these two ringing friends would not have been lost to the 'Exercise' so long, but would have been welcomed at once.—Yours truly,

ROBERT HOLLOWAY.

10, Summerlands Avenue, Acton, London, W.3.

## SUSSEX RINGER'S WEDDING.

The marriage of Mr. P. H. Doick, of Pulborough, Sussex, to Miss F. Harrington, of Croydon, took place at St. Saviour's Church, Croydon, on Wednesday, Feb. 11th. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. F. Harrington, of Anerley, and Mr. T. A. Doick, the bridegroom's brother, acted as best man. The ceremony was attended by many of the bride's friends, and among the bridegroom's ringer friends were Mrs. R. Whittington, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whittington, of Croydon. A reception was held at the bride's home, when Mr. and Mrs. Doick were the recipients of many telegraphic and verbal congratulations. The happy couple left for their home at Pulborough in the evening.

On arriving at the station, the bells of the Parish Church (where the bridegroom has been a ringer for many years) were ringing a merry peal.

In recognition of his services in the belfry, the ringers presented the bridegroom with a silver bell inkstand and a set of carvers in case. The Rector, organist and members of the choir also presented him with a silver teapot.

## MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. HARRY EVANS.

The Secretary of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association respectfully invite contributions towards a fund being raised to erect a suitable Memorial to the above-named ringer, who for 35 years was a member of the Association, and 14 years as Secretary for the Western Division. Contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by A. W. Groves, Hon. District Secretary, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

## DATE TOUCHES.

At Selly Oak, on Sunday, January 18th, for evensong a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1920 changes) was rung in 1 hr. and 14 mins., by: P. Luffin 1, J. Withers 2, E. J. Dowler 3, W. Dowler 4, E. Boylin 5, W. Ikin 6, S. Grove 7, H. Withers (composer and conductor) 8.

On Friday evening, Feb. 6th, at St. Margaret's Church, Ditchling, Sussex, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor (1920 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 5 mins.: W. Mayston 1, W. Herney 2, E. E. Bish (conductor) 3, G. Killick 4, J. Pierson 5, J. Fiast 6, W. Stenning 7; and on Friday, February 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Stenning 1, H. Gravett 2, E. E. Bish 3, J. Fiast (conductor) 4, J. Pierson 5, G. Killick 6, T. Stringer 7, E. Berry 8.

At Woburn, Beds, on February 7th, 1920, in 55 minutes, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1920 changes) was rung on handbells: H. D. Harris (conductor) 1-2, L. Herbert 3-4, C. Herbert 5-6, D. Jones 7-8. On the 9th February, 1920, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch (1920 changes) of Bob Major was brought round in 1 hr 16 mins., by: W. Roberts 1, F. Gilby 2, D. Jones (conductor) 3, H. Fleet 4, C. Herbert 5, J. Chance 6, H. D. Harris 7, E. Herbert 8.

At Long Stanton, on Feb. 10th, in 1 hr. and 6 mins., a date touch of Bob Minor, two 720's and a 480 each called differently: L. Cook 1, F. J. Cook 2, J. B. Worley 3, Rev. H. B. Woolley 4, Geo. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6. First date touch by all except No. 3, and longest length as conductor.

At Houghton Conquest (Beds), on Saturday, February 21st, a date touch of Minor (1920 changes) was rung, comprising 720 Oxford Bob and 1,200 Bob Minor, by the following ex-Service men: S. G. Harlow, B.I.Y., 1; H. L. Harlow, 5th Beds, 2; P. Inskip, R.E., 3; H. J. Harlow, R.E., 4; R. Kendall, R.D.F., 5; E. White (conductor), R.E., 6.

At West Deeping, Lincolnshire, Parish Church, for Confirmation service, on February 23rd, a date touch of Doubles: T. E. Henson 1, Ernest Wright 2, William Neal 3, J. H. Roden (conductor) 4, William Tilley 5. This date touch comprised two six-scores New Doubles, four of Plain Bob, two of St. Simon's, four of St. Dunstan's, four of Grand-

## NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab. 1755).—The 32nd Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at The Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 27th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to fully qualified members, to other members and friends, 4s. 6d. each. Only those applications accompanied by remittance will receive attention. It is also necessary for every full member to be clear on the books not later than Saturday, March 20th. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on March 23rd at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Estab. 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Pickering, North Yorks, on Saturday, March 20th, for the purpose of re-organising the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association, and all towers interested are hereby invited to send delegates to that meeting. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. for which a small charge will be made.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec. (*pro tem.* Yorkshire Association), 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Whitnash on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, the 20th March. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in the church at 4.30. Tea in Parish Room at 5.30. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—Chas. Dean, 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION—Leicester District.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday, March 20th. Ringing from 2.30; business meeting 5 p.m.—H. E. Norman, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on March 27th. Bells available from 3; meeting at 5.30. Nearest railway station, Hesketh Bank. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. for the purpose of nomination of officers for the ensuing year. Will all members try and attend?—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m., tea at the Norfolk Arms 5 o'clock. Members intending being present kindly notify me not later than March 24th.—A. W. Groves, Div. Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Heanor on Saturday, March 27th. Bells ready at 2.30.—Thomas H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bethersden on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available from 3 to 6.30, Woodchurch from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, April 3rd. Those intending to be present please notify me on or before 30th March. Bells 3 o'clock; tea 5.30 p.m.—J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., E. Steele, Assist. Sec., 12, Wedgewood Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 5th, to receive officers' report, treasurer's accounts, and for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Under Rule 7, nominations for the various positions must reach me one month before the meeting. Further particulars of meeting later.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Easter Monday, April 5th, 1920. The President, the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich, in the chair. The ring of eight bells of the Parish Church and the ring of six bells at Great Finborough and Barking will be available for the use of members. Committee meeting will be held at the King's Head Hotel at 12 o'clock noon, and the general meeting at 2.30 p.m. District Secretaries are kindly requested to bring this notice before their members in view of the important business to be transacted at the general meeting. Dinner will be served at the King's Head Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 3/6 each. It is earnestly requested that all members intending to be present at the dinner will notify the same to the Secretary by Wednesday, March 31st.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., 'High Croft,' North Walsham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury on Easter Monday, April 5th. Committee meeting in Choristers' School, 1.45 p.m. Evensong at Cathedral, 3 p.m., address by Rev. Canon Gardiner. Tea at Foresters' Hall, 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing in morning till 2.30 p.m. and after 6 p.m.:—Cathedral (10), St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), St. Dunstan's (6) and Holy Cross (5). Apply for tea tickets before March 31st to Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 5th. Three or four towers available from 9 a.m. Service 12.15. Luncheon 1 p.m., followed by business

meeting. Notice has been given of proposed alterations to Rules 6, 7 and 11. Full details later.—Edward P. Duffield, Hon. Sec., Stoke Mills, Sharnbrook, Beds.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The April meeting will be held at Barnsley on Easter Monday, April 5th. Eight bells from 2 to 8.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will take place at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8) available all day, bells of St. Michael's, Headingley (8), available from 3 p.m. Tea provided at 1/6 per head, all applications for same must be made not later than first post on Tuesday, March 30th, to Mr. F. Hutchinson, Weetwood Lane, Far Headingley, Leeds.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec. (*pro tem.*), 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 5th. General meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. for all who notify me before Wednesday, March 31st. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1 to 2 p.m., All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Brentwood on Easter Monday. Bells available at 1 p.m. Short service in St. Thomas' Church at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Church House, Brentwood, at 1/- per head. The towers of Brentwood (8 bells), Shenfield (6 bells) and South Weald (6 bells) will be open to ringers at 1 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present please notify Mr. E. D. Baker, Town Hall, Brentwood, by the 30th inst.?—P. Timson, Hon. District Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on Easter Monday, April 5th. Dinner 4/6 and tea 1/6 at King's Arms Hotel, Wood Street. Service and ringing details will be announced in these columns next week. Will members requiring meals kindly notify me before April 1st?—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter's, St. Michael's, and St. Stephen's from 2 p.m. Ringing can be had earlier at the Cathedral and the six-bell towers by writing to me in good time. Choral service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. J. B. Booth, Vicar of St. Stephen's, St. Albans. Tea in the Abbey Institute at 6 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. *Post me a card not later than April 3rd if you can come, it will help tea arrangements. Don't stay away if you forget to write.* Notice of motion given by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake: 'That this Association is of opinion that the time has come for the Central Council to have powers, other than merely deliberation.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A combined practice for Surprise Methods only will be held at Hurst on Saturday, March 20th, from 4.30 until 8.30 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—R. T. Hibbert, General Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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