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### ASSOCIATION FUNDS.

The Midland Counties Association will surely be the envy of most of the other ringing organisations, for the Hon. Treasurer, at the annual meeting on Easter Monday, was able to report that, although substantial grants had been made to bell restoration, the Association has funds to the extent of £200. There can be few ringing societies in so flourishing a financial condition as this, and the result is largely due to the successful efforts of the executive, and chiefly of the President himself, in securing such an imposing array of honorary members. The contributions received from this source form a very stable foundation for the operations of the Association, and the financial standing of the M.C.A. is an object lesson to other similar organisations.

It must be very comforting to the members, and particularly to the officials, to know that their funds are in such a satisfactory state, but some of those outside, whose balances are not so substantial and who see no present prospect of realising such a happy condition of things, may be inclined to look upon this affluence as the fox in the fable looked upon the grapes which were beyond his reach. We have heard the question asked, when association balances have been discussed, 'What is the use of hoarding up money why not spend it for the benefit of members?' True, these funds belong to the members, but it is a short-sighted policy which would dissipate a sound foundation for a fleeting pleasure for the members. It is a common practice to spend association funds upon teas or railway fares, and, so far as it goes, this is one way of encouraging ringers to attend meetings. We doubt, however, if this is the best method in which funds can be used to promote ringing, as distinct from assisting ringers.

There will probably be many dissentients from our view, but in our opinion it is the art and not the artists that ought to be first considered. Ringers, when joining an association, should ask themselves what can they put into it, rather than what can they get out of it? Yet the question is not infrequently put, 'What do we get for our two shillings?' It is a mean way of looking at things. Ringing associations are primarily founded for furthering the art, and this should be the first object of everyone who enters their ranks. The accumulation of a substantial balance is an initial step towards advancing ringing, for without funds little can be done. We have no doubt that the Midland Counties Association, when the time arrives, will utilise its financial resources with that care and regard for its future that we may expect from an organisation so well managed as it is at present. Its position is an eloquent tribute to the capable manner in which its affairs are conducted.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;**

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

*JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. Treble	\$EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 7
†HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	†WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 8
FRANK W. PERRENS... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 9
HARRY M. HAWKSWOOD ... 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 5	CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. 11
JOHN PERRY ... .. 6	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pickering, and as a farewell peal to H. M. Hawkswood (one of St. Peter's company), who is leaving for Manchester. \* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal of Cinques. ‡ 300th peal. § 50th peal.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;**

Tenor 53 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 8
HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 10
JESSE B. TYLER ... .. 5	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 11
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

PERCY HARRISON ... .. Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 6
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS ... .. 3	JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 9
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. The ringer of the 6th hails from Braintree, Essex, and was elected a life member before starting.

BRIGHTON SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 8
FRANK HAIRS ... .. 4	ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 9
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 5	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, REDS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 27 cwt.

FRED. HOPPER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 8
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Royal in the county.

## LEEDS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

LEONARD MANNERING ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
COL.-SGT. J. BENNET, R.M. 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 9
HERBERT E. ADESLY ... 5	JOHN WHEADON ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal on ten bells.

## LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, April 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 2	THOMAS MILLER ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 8
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4	A. PADDON SMITH ... 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5	WALTER FARLEY ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Specially arranged and rung to commemorate the jubilee of Mr. Frederick J. Cope, of Lichfield, as a ringer at the Cathedral. The tenor man hails from Wells Cathedral.

## KENSINGTON, LONDON.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE LONDON SCHOLARS.)

On St. George's Day, Wednesday, April 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

UPON THE 'ALEXANDRA' PEAL OF BELLS IN THE 'QUEEN'S' TOWER AT THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 38 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in D flat.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... Sussex County Association ... Treble	
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Winchester Diocesan Guild ... 2	
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... Surrey County Association ... 3	
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Oxford Diocesan Guild ... 4	
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Kent County Association ... 5	
WILLIAM MILLER ... Essex County Association ... 6	
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Bedfordshire Association ... 7	
FRANK SMITH ... Middlesex County Association ... 8	
WALTER AYRE ... Hertford County Association ... 9	
JOHN W. CORNFORD ... London County Association ... Tenor	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

This peal was rung to celebrate the official opening of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, by His Majesty King George V., and was organised by special permission of the First Commissioner of His Majesty's Works. The total weight of this magnificent ring of bells is 158 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. They were presented to the Institute by an Australian lady (Mrs. Elizabeth M. Miller, of Melbourne), in 1893, and may appropriately be named 'Bells of Empire.'

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HERBERT GREENHALGH ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... 5
GEORGE POWNALL ... 2	TITUS BARLOW ... 6
SAM GREENHALGH ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Superlative.

## IDLE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 2	FREDERICK SEAGER ... 6
*FRED. DAVISON ... 3	*WILLIAM FEATHER ... 7
*HARRY DAVISON ... 4	*HARRY FOSTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by E. H. SIMPSON.

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

## DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

J. S. WILDE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS ... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5
*GEORGE POWNALL ... 2	HENRY W. WILDE ... 6
*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... 7
HENRY C. COLLYER ... 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN W. GILMOUR ... Treble	JOHN WILKINSON ... 5
CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... 2	HENRY W. WILDE ... 6
WILLIAM BIBBY ... 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... 7
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

## LLANSTEPHAN, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK E. STONE ... Treble	WILLIAM DOBBINS ... 5
RICHARD A. SLUMAN ... 2	JOHN W. JONES ... 6
DANIEL J. WILLIAMS ... 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 7
ERNEST STITCH ... 4	ALBERT J. HATTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

The ringer of the treble, 4th and 7th are from Aberavon; the 2nd, 3rd and 5th from Gorseiuan; the 6th from Newport, Mon.; the tenor from Neath. This is but the second peal on the bells, the previous one being rung in 1876 by the College Youths, who went down specially from London for the opening of the bells. Opportunity is here taken for thanking the local ringers for their welcome, and especially the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality after the peal.

## SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores ten different callings. Treble and 2nd leading alternately every tenth part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

H. BURTON ... Treble	O. WOOD ... 5
MISS E. PACKHAM ... 2	S. FOORD ... 6
E. PIPER ... 3	G. PIPER ... 7
A. SIMMONS ... 4	A. BANKS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. PIPER.

First peal on the new bells. First peal by the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th ringers. First peal by members of the local band in this tower. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Fisher, through whose endeavour this tower now possesses such a splendid peal of bells.

WEST MALLING, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK TUCKER ... .. Treble	ERNEST HIMBEST ... .. 5
GEORGE NEWMAN ... .. 2	CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 6
LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 3	JAMES W. LEONARD ... .. 7
GEORGE BELL ... .. 4	DOUGLAS HILLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

\* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss K. Sloman, daughter of the Vicar's warden.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. POWELL ... .. 5
MISS ROSE THOMAS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 6
EDWARD S. RUCK ... .. 3	HENRY C. CASTLE ... .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells since 1899. First peal on the bells since rehanging. Rung as a compliment to Miss Rex Thomas on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 6
PERCIVAL WOODS ... .. 3	WILLIAM THOS. LAST ... .. 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

*LEONARD SHAW ... .. Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 5
*JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 2	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 6
SAML. HARRISON ... .. 3	GEO. HILL ... .. 7
ALBERT HELLIVELL ... .. 4	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORPE. Conducted by GEO. HILL.

\* First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Major as conductor. The tenor ringer has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 5
*MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ... 2	SIDNEY SHELTON ... .. 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7
LAURIE JACKSON ... .. 4	ALFRED CUFFLIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell in any method, and first attempt.

BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	*JOHN FERRY ... .. 7
EDGAR MARLOW ... .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

\* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

REEVES' FIVE-PART, WITH SHIPWAY'S PART-ENDS. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 5
EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. 2	THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
I. GEORGE SHADE ... .. 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM ASTLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM GRIFFITHS ... .. 5
AUSTIN GREGORY ... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	WALTER THOMAS ... .. 7
JOHN ROBERTS ... .. 4	ERNEST FLEET ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. John Roberts, who is going to Parbold, near Wigan.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty One Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Wandsworth, S.W.,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 5
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 6
HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 7
LOUIS ATTWATER ... .. 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

First peal in the method on bells. Rung to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Mr. L. Attwater's wedding.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 7
HERBERT PAYNE ... .. 4	REGINALD BROWN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour and immediately after the wedding of Evelyn Myra, daughter of Canon and Mrs. Lovett, to Mr. T. H. Maroney, Indian Government Service, which was solemnised at the above church, of which Canon Lovett is Rector.

WEDDING BELLS.

At All Saints' Church, Staplehurst, on Thursday, April 24th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. E. R. Rope, of Staplehurst, and Miss G. L. Daniel, of Gillingham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples and other touches were rung: H. Thirkell 1, F. E. Pope 2, Mrs. H. Baker 3, H. Baker 4, H. E. Head 5, J. W. Head (conductor) 6, B. Baker 7, C. Baker 8.

Mr. Pope, who will be missed by the local ringers, has been appointed headmaster of Horton Schools, Bucks.

**THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE**

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK



DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, April 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 2	WALTER RUFFLES ... 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Arranged to oblige the ringer of the tenor, who hails from Guildford.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT SHEPPARD ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 2	JESSE SCREEN ... 6
HARRY HUBBALL ... 3	REUBEN HALL ... 7
SAMUEL BAKER ... 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

First peal of Major on the bells, since their augmentation to eight. Quarterly peal for the above Guild.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

*FRANK E. DARBY ... Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 5
*STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... 2	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
GEORGE F. HOAD ... 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

First peal in the method as conductor. \* First peal of Double Norwich.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WALTER C. HUNT ... Treble	ALBERT H. WARD ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	WILLIAM WILLSON ... 6
EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... 3	L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... 7
WILLIAM A. JAMES ... 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor

Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells, and rung after meeting short for Caters. A birthday compliment to the conductor, and to Mrs. W. Willson.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH ... Treble	ALBERT FLEET ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 2	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... 6
ALFRED KING ... 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

The visitors desire to express their hearty thanks to the Vicar and church authorities; and the local band for giving them the opportunity of ringing a peal on these beautiful bells.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Saturday, April 12th, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: A. King 1, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 2, A. Smith 3, T. Blackburn 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Wood 6, T. Kendall 7, H. Walker 8.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON ... 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 6
GEORGE R. HOLMES ... 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
JAMES E. GOFTON ... 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	JAMES H. BANKS ... 5
JOSEPH BANKS ... 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 6
THOMAS WALLWORK ... 3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
ROBERT WALLWORK ... 4	BEN KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BEN KNIGHTS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... Treble	GEORGE R. JONES ... 5
*ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 6
*JOHN H. RIXOM ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
WILLIAM D. WASE ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

First peal in the method. Mr. W. Saunders' 100th peal. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th were elected members before starting.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS ... Treble	JESSE J. MOSS ... 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 2	CHARLES MASON ... 6
GEORGE LEWIS ... 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

The conductor's 300th peal.

EDMONTON.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES V. HARE ... Treble	WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 5
*ALICE CUTLER ... 2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 6
*MISS HELEN W. BILL ... 3	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS

\* First peal in the method.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	*FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 5
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6
*RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 3	*WILLIAM DAVIES ... 7
OLIVER G. NORMAN ... 4	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob, and first attempt.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholls,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALBERT GYNN ... .. Treble	HARRY MEE ... .. 4
WALTER BROWN ... .. 2	FREDERICK KINSEY ... .. 5
*LESLIE RIVERS ... .. 3	EDGAR RIVERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

\* First peal, and first attempt.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Philip and James.

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

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each Kent Treble Bob, Plain Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

CHARLES A. PRIESTNALL ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 4
IVERNIA WADE ... .. 2	J. HAROLD SPENCER ... .. 5
WILLIAM BALL ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Seven 720's, viz.: (1) Single and Double Court Bob, (2) St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Single and Double Oxford Bob, (5) Worcester Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER T. WILSON ... .. Treble	THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 4
MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... .. 2	THOMAS GARLEY ... .. 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Rung in celebration of the joy of Easter, and as a nuptial peal to Mr. Joseph Farby, a former member of the local band, and Miss Maud Smith, who were married at the church earlier the same day.

STOWE-BY-CHARTLEY.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*BERT A. J. YEATES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. JONES ... .. 4
†RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
ARTHUR H. TAYLOR ... .. 3	JOHN WARRILOW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

DUSTON, NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

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

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ARTHUR ROBINSON ... .. Treble	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. 4
*HARRY MARLOW ... .. 2	HARRY BAXTER ... .. 5
MISS KIRTY MOORE ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal on six bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MARKET DRAYTON.—On Tuesday evening, April 8th, on the occasion of a Confirmation service, held by the Bishop of Stafford, 420 Grandsire Triples (Taylor's): S. Hughes 1, T. Tudor 2, A. M. Hickman 3, F. Montford 4, J. Clark 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6, W. Weatherby 7, G. Hall 8. Also a 336 and 168, with W. Broadhurst and D. Green taking part, and 240 Grandsire Minor on the back six.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ in F sharp.

AUBREY LIVERMORE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 2	JOHN BURLS ... .. 5
HARRY ARGENT ... .. 3	GEORGE MORRAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BURLS.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, April 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

*WILLIAM BETLEY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 4
THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 3	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\* First peal of Minor. Arranged and rung in honour of St. George's Day.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

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

Being 720 of Double Oxford, and two 720's each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALEC MUNDAY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... .. 4
RONALD BECK ... .. 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... .. 5
GERALD GRIFFIN ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal in more than two methods on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Four Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 7920 CHANGES;**

Comprising two different 720's each of London, Wells, and Cambridge Surprise, Violet and Woodbine, and one 720 of Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY WIBBERLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 2	FREDERICK T. DAWSON ... 5
FRANK TRINER ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... .. 6

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This is a record length for the 'Stoke-on-Trent Association, exceeding the previous record rung at Wolstanton on April 21st, 1923, by 560 changes, in which peal J. E. Wheelton also took part.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

In the Tower of St. Giles, Camberwell, S.E.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5001 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 16 in B.

ERNEST J. KING ... .. 1-2	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3-4	ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... 7-8

\*GEORGE W. HARRIS ... 9-10

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

Umpire: WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON.

\* First peal on handbells.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION AT BRAUGHING.**

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Braughing on Saturday last, and some good work was done to help and encourage the Braughing band, who are trying hard to revive the art which flourished in this Hertfordshire village two centuries ago. They are making substantial headway, and no fewer than eleven of the band were present at the meeting. Other members of the association were present from Royston, Hatfield, Ware, Widford, Great and Little Munden. The bells were kept going merrily all the afternoon and evening, and good practice was made in Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Triples, Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich, and it was felt that the real object of a meeting had been achieved.

**DEDICATION OF BELLS AT WITHIEL, CORNWALL.**

On Easter Monday, at Withiel, near Bodmin, the dedication of a peal of six bells took place, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Stanley Windsor, R.D., with the Rev. F. W. Fuller (Rector). The service was most impressive, and was attended by a crowded congregation, including ringers from many parts of Devon and Cornwall.

After the dedication, the opening peal was rung by the ringers from St. Winnow, who were followed by ringers from St. Wenn, Lanivet, St. Erme, St. Minver, Blissland, St. Mabyn, St. Tudy, Roche, St. Columb Minor, St. Issey, St. Eval, and representative ringers from other towers. The day's proceeding included a luncheon, bazaar, tea and carnival.

All were highly pleased with the efficient work executed by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, Bell Works, Chagford, and the ringers pronounced the 'go' to be excellent.

**THE PEAL AT IDLE, YORKS.**

The peal rung on April 19th, at Idle, Yorks, was in honour of the marriage of Mr. Fred Kilsham, one of the local band, to Miss R. Skinow, which took place earlier in the day. To the bride and bridegroom the band wish every happiness.

It was also the 300th peal of Mr. Joseph Broadley on tower bells only. He is the first member to ring this number for the association.

**BREWOD, STAFFORD.**—On Monday, March 17th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes), in 41 mins., with ten different callings: Frank Blewitt 1, Percy Bill 2, G. Terry (conductor) 3—4, J. W. Perry 5—6.

**NORFOLK GUILD.****METHOD NAMES: MOTION IN FAVOUR OF REVISION.**

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at King's Lynn on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the Rev. J. Blackbourne the ring of ten bells at St. Margaret's, and the ring of eight at St. Nicholas', and also by the kind permission of the Rector of Gaywood, the Rev. H. S. Radcliffe, the ring of six bells at St. Faith's, were placed at the disposal of the members throughout the day.

Luncheon was served at the Globe Hotel, the President (the Dean of Norwich) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. J. Blackbourne (Vicar of St. Margaret's and St. Nicholas', King's Lynn), the Rev. H. S. Radcliffe (Rector of Gaywood, and Rural Dean of King's Lynn), Mr. G. P. Burton, Mr. W. L. Duffield, the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman), and representatives from Fakenham, Gaywood, King's Lynn, Norwich, Terrington St. John, Tharston, Watlington, etc.

The business meeting was held in the Archdeacon's Court in the Church of Nicholas, the President being in the chair.

The Secretary submitted twelve nominations for membership, the last five being re-elections: Messrs. Jas. Henry Rapes, Ernest Alfred Bullock, John Robert Smith, Charles Henry Moore, George Revell, Lancelot Lawrence, Frank Stone, Stephen Daniels, Jesse Lawrence, Robert Etheridge, James Hill, Greak Shipp.—The President, on putting these nominations before the meeting, declared them duly elected.

The next item on the agenda was a motion on the nomenclature of new methods.—After a debate, in which several members took part, Mr. G. P. Burton proposed, and Mr. A. L. Coleman, seconded: 'That this meeting of the Norfolk Guild is of the opinion that only selected topographical names should be employed in future in the nomenclature of new methods; that it is advisable that the Central Council should take control of method nomenclature, and revise existing names which are unsuitable.' The motion, on being put to the meeting by the President, was carried nem. con.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. J. Blackbourne for the use of the bells of St. Margaret and St. Nicholas' Churches, and also to the Rev. H. S. Radcliffe, for the use of the bells of St. Faith's, Gaywood.—The Rev. J. Blackbourne having had to leave before the close of the proceedings to attend another meeting, the Rector of Gaywood kindly acknowledged the vote, and expressed the pleasure he had had at being present at a meeting of the Norfolk Guild.

The secretary announced that the Whit Monday meeting would be held at Lowestoft.

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**LOUGHBOROUGH.**

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-day is the anniversary of the first peal on record, a peal of Grandsire Bob Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on May 2nd, 1715.

On May 5th, 1817, a peal of 12,312 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick in 7 hrs. 44 mins.

The first peal in Dorset (Grandsire Triples) was rung on May 5th, 1887.

In 1792, on May 7th, the peal of Grandsire Bob Maximus was rung. This was at Southwark Cathedral.

At Foxearth, Essex, a peal of 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on May 7th, 1888.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. G. R. Fardon has met with a painful accident. On Easter Monday, a box on which he was standing, tipped up, and Mr. Fardon fell against another box and fractured two ribs. We wish him a speedy recovery.

There was much ringing in London on St. George's Day. In addition to the peal at the Imperial Institute, the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral and Bow Church were rung by the College Youths. The Cumberlands were ringing at St. Martin's and St. Bride's, and there was also a wonderful service at St. Clement Danes, where the bells were also rung.

Mrs. Pennington Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clement Danes, and who is well known to ringers, has been appointed one of the churchwardens of the famous church in the Strand.

By an unusual coincidence, each of three brothers of the Lambert family, of Horsmonden, Kent, rang his 55th peal, when seven 720's of Minor were rung on Sunday.

## ROUNDS IN A PEAL.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Many ringers would, I am sure, be interested to know why a 'peal' in which rounds are accidentally struck should be worse than one in which some other less noticeable row is repeated. Neither can be true, and logically both should be placed in the same category as a peal whose composition is false in the ordinary sense.

But what would become of our peal records then?

AN INQUIRER.

## BELL WEIGHTS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Chas. H. Kippin, in your issue of April 18th, touches rather a delicate question. What grounds has Mr. Kippin for the assertion that 'all the bells are weighed before being tuned'? And then his last sentence: Why need he infer that it was only 'in former days that bells were weighed without the clappers'? It has, I think, been commonly held, that in the good old days, bells were frequently weighed with the clappers. Surely it is not the practice of the best bell foundries to-day to charge otherwise than the nett weight of bell metal delivered.

I do not know to what extent the 'Mancroft' bells have been tuned. The tenor, however, has usually been described as a 'maiden' bell, and if so, would undoubtedly be all the better for a tune-up, as would likewise some of her fellows.

I am still inclined to think that the difference between the old and the new figures for the weights of the bells is sufficiently accounted for by the fact that until quite recent years foundries would not have had the scales to weigh the bells accurately.—Yours faithfully,

G. P. BURTON.

Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich.

## PUDSEY SURPRISE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I did not intend saying anything more on this subject, but Mr. Trollope's letter calls for an answer from me. In my letter of April 11th, I stated when I produced and published 'Yorkshire' Surprise. Kindly allow me now to further add that the first peal was rung February 14th, 1903, and also that for 17 years afterwards no other company of ringers took sufficient interest in it to score a single peal.

Does not this show the beautiful apathy shown towards it. I myself pointed out to the Legitimate Methods Committee its qualities, stating that it was what 'Cambridge' ought to have been, instead of what it is, an 'Illegitimate Method.' Little or no notice was taken of me, which is proved by the fact that within the last two years, two expert members of that committee have stated in your columns, that 'Cambridge' was the only Surprise Method which would extend perfectly to the higher numbers. Those who make that statement know nothing of 'Yorkshire' and Pudsey. Now, I ask Messrs. Trollope, Dexter and Carter, in the name of justice, Who has the right to publish the figures of Reverse Yorkshire, except its first author in 1898? who is yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.



## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. MEMORABLE MEETING AT BEVERLEY.

The usual Easter Monday meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Beverley this year, and the hum of great bells filled the air, proclaiming to the inhabitants of the town in no unmistakable fashion, that a meeting of the Association of Change Ringers was being held. The great peal of ten in the Minster Church of St. John of Beverley, has a tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. in C, while the peal of ten in the neighbouring Parish Church of St. Mary has a tenor of 34½ cwt. in D. Not often are ringers privileged to ring on two such peals of bells, and many visitors steered their way through their first touches on ten bells in various methods. The famous great Bourdon bell, weight 7 tons 3 qr. in G, is the same note as the sixth bell of the peal of ten in the south-west tower of the Minster, and at varying intervals during the day the great bell was swung while the peal of ten were ringing, the effect of the combination to the listening visitors being magnificent beyond description. The two churches attracted many sightseers, Mr. J. Waghorn, of London (now becoming a veteran, indeed), being among the many long-distance visitors.

A meeting of the general committee was held in the Girls' School, Minster Yard, at 2.30 p.m., and the general meeting should have immediately followed, but owing to the attractions of the Minster and St. Mary's Churches, and the bells in the towers thereof, the meeting had to be postponed until tea-time, when some 90 members sat down to a sumptuous meal.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall), who was supported by the Rev. W. H. Rigge, D.D., the Vicar of Beverley Minster, and the principal officers of the association.

The President placed before the meeting the following alteration of general rules, notice of which had been given at the annual meeting at Hull in January, and asked the opinion of the meeting whether the motion should be proceeded with at this meeting, or postponed until the September meeting of the association. After a long discussion, it was moved by Mr. F. Salmans, and seconded by Mr. W. Middleton, that the following alteration to general rules be placed before the meeting for decision: First, to delete Rule 8 and alter Rule 2 to read, 'The subscription for each ringing member shall be 2/6 for the first year, and 2/- for each subsequent year, this subscription entitling such members to a free copy of the annual report for the current year. All members, who were members prior to and including the year 1885, shall be entitled to an annual report at a charge of sixpence.'

It was further moved by Mr. A. Sellars, and seconded by Mr. J. W. Johnson, to alter Rule 3 by the addition of the following clause: 'That the general committee shall have power to appoint an hon. secretary for peals, who shall have a seat on the general committee, and who shall retire annually.'

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Rigg and the Rev. E. Hope for kindly granting the use of the splendid peals of ten at the Minster and St. Mary's Churches, respectively, was moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. F. Cryer.—In responding, Dr. Rigg said that Beverley would try to maintain the tradition set by his predecessor, Canon Nolloth, in taking a great pride in the splendid bells of Beverley, and in always extending a hearty welcome to the Yorkshire Association whenever they cared to renew their acquaintance with Beverley. In concluding a most kindly welcome, Dr. Rigg consented to become an honorary member of the association.

The President extended to Mr. J. Waghorn, of London, a hearty welcome, on behalf of the association, and expressed the hope that Mr. Waghorn would be spared to attend many more meetings in Yorkshire.

Further ringing in various methods, brought a most enjoyable day to a close, train time calling a halt to a most memorable meeting.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Waverton on Saturday, April 28th, and although the weather was somewhat stormy, the attendance was good, and the meeting was most enjoyable. The bells (6) were rung during the afternoon, when a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round. The Rector (the Rev. F. Willoughby-Jones) conducted the service, after which he invited the members to the Rectory, where an excellent repast was partaken of.

The business meeting was held after tea. The branch secretary read the balance sheet for last year, and after discussion, it was adopted.—Mr. H. W. Wilde proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in officiating at the service, in providing such an excellent tea, taking the chair at the meeting, and extending such a warm welcome in every way.—The vote was seconded by Mr. A. E. Richards, and carried with acclamation.—The Rector suitably replied.

After the meeting, the tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going until 8 p.m. The final touch was a spliced 720 of College Exercise and Norbury.

## BELLS OF EMPIRE.

### ROYAL CUMBERLANDS MEMORABLE PERFORMANCE.

A privileged band of ten members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths celebrated the opening of the British Empire Exhibition, at Wembley by His Majesty the King on St. George's Day by a peal of Stedman Caters on the 'Alexandra' ring of bells, hung in the lofty Queen's tower at the Imperial Institute, London. These bells very seldom rung, are one of the crowning glories of this noble building, which was built to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee, and intended as a binding link between the Colonies and the mother country.

There are few heavier rings of ten in the country than these bells at the Imperial Institute. The tenor is 38 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb., and the total weight of the peal 158 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. Down in the streets around the Institute they tell a wonderful tale, but the ringing chamber is too close under the bells, and the noise too great for the ringers to be able fully to appreciate their tones. The bells are in some respects unique. They were the gift of an Australian lady, and were opened in May, 1893, by a band of prominent ringers selected from all parts of the country.

Each bell was named after a member of the royal family, and has cast around it, in addition, the following: 'Elizabeth M. Miller gave me; the Loughborough Taylors made me.' On the 8th is also the inscription—

'The peal, of which this bell forms one, was, by special permission of the Princess of Wales, named after Her Royal Highness.'

Hence the bells are known as the 'Alexandra Peal.' The names inscribed on the bells are: Treble, Maud; 2nd, Victoria; 3rd, Louise; 4th, George; 5th, Albert Victor; 6th, Arthur; 7th, Alfred; 8th, Alexandra; 9th, Albert Edward; tenor, Victoria, R.L., 1837-1887.

The bells are hung over 200 feet above the streets below, and the ringing chamber is reached by a climb of 273 steps, the last 123 of which are up the spiral staircase within the tower itself. From the balcony just above the bells a magnificent view of London is to be obtained on a clear day.

The peal arrangements were made by that prince of organisers, Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, but it was no simple matter, for the correspondence was carried on through various Government departments, the eventual permission coming from H.M. First Commissioner of Works himself. While ringing the peal under the auspices of the Cumberland Youths, an endeavour was made to make the band representative of as wide an area as possible, and the ten men who took part represented ten counties (when one of them had been elected to the Sussex Association), viz., London, Middlesex, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, Bucks, Herts, Bedfordshire and Essex.

The band were met by the custodian of the tower and Mr. Challis Winney, and, having 'submitted to the camera' beneath one of the massive lions guarding the main entrance, began the long ascent to the ringing chamber, which is a spacious but bare apartment, with the bells on the next floor above. The bells were raised and, after a few preliminary rounds, ropes were adjusted, and the bells went off into changes at 3.16 p.m. The 'go' was found to be better than had been anticipated, but the sway of the tower when the bells got into certain positions gave the men on the heavy end some hard work towards the finish, and when, at seven o'clock, rounds came up once more, not only was everyone extremely pleased at the success which had attended the effort, but no one had any desire for more, and the ninth and tenor men came in for hearty congratulations upon their performance.

Afterwards the party took tea together, and were joined by Mr. Ben Foskett and other old Cumberlands, while before a final separation took place, 'the Health of the Master of the Society,' who had called the peal, and of the organiser, through whose efforts the peal had been possible, was drunk.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, April 28th, at Llanishen, near Cardiff. The bells, a light ring of six, were raised about 3 o'clock, and kept going until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. Rhys), who had the assistance of his wife at the organ. The excellent address touched on the history of bells, ringers, etc. A sumptuous tea had been very kindly provided by the Vicar and his wife in the Church Rooms, at which forty sat down.

The usual vote of thanks was passed at the business meeting which followed the tea. Several items were discussed arising from the minutes. Instructors' reports were dealt with, and also the item of 'Restoration and augmentations.'

It was decided that the next Glamorgan meeting be held at Bonvilston.

The balance sheet for the year was presented and passed, and several new members were elected.

The tower was afterwards re-visited, and the bells kept going during the evening, bringing to a close a most successful and pleasant meeting.

## A DAY WITH THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

By W. W.

Glorious weather heralded the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Easter Monday, when all roads seemed to lead to Nottingham. Long before the town is reached, the castle, a frowning fortress of mediæval times, looms on the horizon, a silhouetted sentinel; reminiscent of the days when Robin Hood, Little John, and his rangers peered through the foliage of Sherwood Forest, mistrustful of the power that lay in the tower on the banks of the silvery Trent. Amusements other than bell ringing interested the lacemen on Monday, for the two 'soccer' teams were involved in football contests 'at home,' while a pleasure fair blared out its raucous 'music' unceasingly from morn till night. However, the bells of St. Mary's (likewise of St. Peter's) drew the attention of members more than the 'excesses' aforesaid, and both rings of ten were soon pealing out, and did their best to mitigate the din of the fair, not altogether unsuccessfully.

The committee meeting was held in the vestry of St. Mary's, when among the routine business was a resolution 'that the committee have power in special cases, to place old and indigent members on a free list of life membership.'

A grant was also made to North Wingfield for their Bell Restoration Fund. A sum of ten pounds was also allocated from the General to the Bell Repair Fund.

A ringers' service was held in the Parish Church (Pro-Cathedral) at noon, and was well attended—if we except those who stayed on to ring at St. Peter's—and to this end it might be well to close all ringing down during the time of service. The offertory, amounting to £1 18s., was added to the Repair Fund. The preacher was the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, M.A., of Mansfield, a ringers' parson all through, and one who can ring from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

Luncheon followed at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, those present including the President (Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P.), Mrs. Chambers, Rev. Canon Field, M.A., Rev. H. P. Hales, M.A., Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, the general officers of the society, with 85 members, including many ladies. After an excellent four-course lunch, the loyal toast was honoured, and then the business meeting was held. Commenting on the year 1923, Ald. Chambers paid a tribute to those members who had passed 'to that bourne whence no traveller returns,' reading their names from the report of the committee, and also referred to the huge number of honorary members, whose subscriptions were a valuable source of revenue.

Mr. A. C. Wright, hon. secretary, gave a resume of the year's peal ringing, and the list of membership, while Mr. W. Willson (treasurer) pointed out that the past year was the most successful in the annals of the association. From a financial standpoint at least, the M.C.A. was undoubtedly the premier society, the capital in hand approaching £200, while grants had been made to several church bell restorations during the year.

The 'retiring officers' were not allowed to retire, Messrs. Ald. Chambers, J.P., Mr. A. C. Wright, and Mr. W. Willson, being re-elected president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively, nem. con.

For the Central Council representation, the following were declared elected: Ald. R. B. Chambers (Derby), Albert Coppock (Nottingham), Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), W. Willson (Leicester).

Votes of thanks to the Vicars for the use of the various bells were passed, and responded to by the clergy present. En passant, it is not known whether the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson can sing, but he can most certainly tell a good tale, his humorous and original remarks keeping his hearers in a roar, and were worth broadcasting.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the local committee for their tireless work of organising the meeting, the luncheon, and the 'smoking concert' to be given in the evening, Messrs. A. Coppock and F. Blood, local secretary, responding.

As the members were free to adapt themselves to any amusement they desired until the concert, the meeting dispersed, some patronising the fair, others went to Basford Church, where the eight bells were open for ringing, while the two rings of ten in Nottingham were not long idle.

In the evening, the company met again in the same room for a 'smoker' and social, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. E. White, Mr. Albert Coppock's comrades, 'The Welbeck Male Voice Quartette' providing the bill of fare, which included some exquisite renderings of part-song music, both grave and gay, especially good was the harmonised 'Annie Laurie,' and also Sullivan's 'Lost Chord.' Mr. J. Warren (alto) gave 'The Coming of a Dream,' Mr. J. Bradley (tenor) 'The Carnival,' Mr. A. Coppock 'I'll Promise You' (baritone), while the Ilkeston Handbell band rendered 'Home, Sweet Home!' A course each of Stedman Caters and Cinques was rung, also three leads of Treble Twelve.

Miss Winnie Willson sang 'Little Brown Owl' and 'Smilin' Through,' after which Mr. W. C. Hunt thrilled his audience to the marrow with an interlude on the 'Oompah'—a fearsome instrument like a hooka pipe, the bowl of which would hold at least a quart!

There is not the least doubt that Mr. 'W. C. H.' is a clever exponent on this weird contraption. [At the moment of going to press, we are informed by the 'Society for the Suppression of Mysterious Noises' that the aforesaid instrument is not an 'Oompah' but a Saxophone.] And had the piano been in tune with the instrument the result would have been a thing of beauty and a joy for the biggest part of some time. As it was, emotion was plainly visible on the rugged features of some (who strove to hide it), and when the haunting melody of 'I love me' broke on the smokeroom air strong men wept! Gulping down their sorrow in a beaker of the best 'home-brewed.' However, all's well that ends well, and the scrivener who indites these lines was unfortunately called away before the end, for time and trains wait for no man, but everyone was satisfied that the Nottingham meeting of 1924 was an unqualified success, the local committee having left no stone unturned to make their visitors enjoy themselves.

The next meetings are arranged for Stavley, Hinckley, and Long Eaton, while the next annual gathering falls to Leicester, Easter Monday, 1925.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

### RECORD ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Under ideal weather conditions the annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Worcester Cathedral on Easter Monday. Members from all parts of the diocese attended, and created almost a record attendance. All bells available at city churches were going early in the morning, and methods from Grand-sire to the Surprises were indulged in.

The President (the Dean of Worcester), who presided at the fully attended meeting in the Chapter House, again welcomed members on their annual visit to the Cathedral mother church, and said he was proud of their fidelity. The Dean announced the bold step the Chapter had taken in offering free admission to all parts of the Cathedral to visitors, excepting the tower and crypt.

The secretary, Mr. J. R. Newman, presented the report and balance sheet, which were cordially adopted. The report shows 77 peals rung in 1923, one of Stedman Caters by officers of the association, conducted by the Master, Mr. W. Page. The accounts showed over £100 on the credit side for the first time in the association's history.—Mr. T. J. Salter was thanked for a new innovation included in the report of a 'Peals Analysis and Points Table,' which it is hoped will stimulate and encourage young ringers in the days to come.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, excepting the Rev. F. C. Champion representing the honorary members on the Central Committee. Mr. Robert Matthews was elected Master, Mr. W. Page retiring; Messrs. W. Short, T. J. Salter and R. Matthews were appointed representatives to the Central Council.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Page for his valuable work during his three years' service as Master.

A grant of £5 was voted to Selly Oak Bell Restoration Fund, and the usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

Members then attended the special service in the choir of the Cathedral, at which the authorised service prayers of the association were used. The service, a memorable one, will linger in the memories of those present. The solo, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' was beautifully sung by Master Siddington, one of the choristers. Then the choir sang the resurrection quartettes and choruses from 'Messiah,' during which the sun's rays flowed through the lofty windows of the choir and south transept, and seemed to say of a surety 'Christ is Risen.' The Cathedral organ is undergoing reconstruction and improvements, at a cost of about £5,000. The organist, Sir Ivor Atkins, accompanied the choir on a grand piano, by which the grandeur and greatness of Handel were never more exemplified in simplicity. One wondered which was the greater artist, the chorister or the great organist.

The sermon was preached by the Precentor, the Rev. Barrington Baker.

Tea was taken at the Central Restaurant, during which the Dean proposed 'Success to Worcestershire Association,' on that its 41st anniversary.—The retiring Master suitably responded.

After so long a spell of cold winds, and an almost sunless sky, Easter Monday, 1924, will long be remembered.

## RINGING THE TENOR AT 80.

At Launton, Oxon, on Easter Sunday afternoon, Mr. William Foster commemorated his 80th birthday by ringing the tenor bell of the Parish Church through a 720 of Grand-sire Doubles. Mr. Foster is still very active, and continues his daily work. He can climb the long iron ladder, on the outside of the tower wall, which leads to the ringing chamber with the greatest ease. The ringers in the 720 were as follows: T. Marriott 1. H. Foster 2. F. Sharpe (conductor) 3. R. Castle 4. J. Massey 5. W. Foster 6. Mr. Foster has rung the tenor bell for over 40 years, and has been viceroy for the same period. He has been in Launton Church choir for 72 years.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. CHALLIS F. WINNEY. RECOGNITION OF FAMOUS LONDON RINGER'S VALUABLE WORK.

At the close of the College Youths' business meeting on Tuesday of last week, the Master (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), in an appropriate and humorous speech, presented Mr. Challis F. Winney with an illuminated address and a cheque for £60, subscribed by members and friends from all parts of the country, as an appreciation of Mr. Winney's valuable work for the promotion of change ringing.

Amidst the applause of a large number of members who had met in answer to the 'special business' call, Mr. Winney, in his own characteristic style, thanked the Master, and through him everybody else who had taken part in 'this undeserved surprise,' as he called it.

Messrs. T. Faulkner, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, A. Walker, E. A. Young, W. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, A. Hughes, G. N. Price, Howell, and W. T. Cockerill, the committee responsible for carrying out this scheme, desire herewith to thank most heartily all who so kindly responded to the invitation to do honour to their highly gifted and much esteemed brother ringer.

The following is the wording of the address, which is a beautiful specimen of the artistic handwork of Mr. C. Scarborough, who has for many years entered the records of peals in the society's priceless volumes.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Established A.D. 1637.

#### TO MR. CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

We, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and friends, desire to express our appreciation of your valuable work for this society and ringing in general, also the high standard you have always set throughout your ringing career of over forty years, and beg your acceptance of the accompanying cheque as a token of esteem and affection.

We heartily wish you many years of health and strength that we may have the benefit of your skill and ability in the art of ringing.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT,

Master.

April 22nd, 1924.

#### A FITTING APPRECIATION.

The recognition by the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths of the services rendered to ringing by Mr. Challis F. Winney is a fitting appreciation of one who has always stood for what is best in the practice of the art. Mr. Winney is known throughout the Exercise, for he has been, for more than forty years, actively participating in ringing, and he has been associated with some of the very finest performances. Although he is now advancing in years, Mr. Winney is no 'back number,' as witness his participation in the record lengths of Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques rung within the last two years, and the fact that he still, upon occasion, calls Carter's Odd-Bell peal on handbells. As a Stedman ringer, Mr. Winney has no superior; indeed to the average man he appears to be a 'genius'; although he does not rank himself anything like so highly. In the belfry Mr. Winney is a stern master, and he is content with nothing but the best. Indeed, he has more than once stopped a peal on account of the striking, when most other men would have been content to let the bells go on. Challis Winney is no flatterer of men where ringing is concerned, and praise from him is praise indeed; but not a few ringers have heard from his lips some concise home truth as to their ability at the end of a rope. For all that, however, Challis Winney is among the gentlest and most kindly of men, and to know him is to respect and esteem him.

He was born at Nayland, Suffolk, on St. Patrick's Day (March 17th), 1858, the year of the great comet, he will remind you, and one wonders whether this has any relation to his genius as a ringer. Both his father and grandfather were crack six-bell ringers at Nayland. Mr. Winney came early to London, and began his ringing in a company that included John Murray Hayes, Ted Horroxx, Dick French, and all the old school of College Youths. He rang his first peal at St. Gabriel's, Millicote, on Oct. 2nd, 1880—Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. M. Hayes. His first peal of Stedman Cinques was on the 18th of the same month at Southwark Cathedral, conducted by James Pettit. The first peal Mr. Winney called was Holt's Original on handbells, on March 21st, 1884, and this was umpired by John Cox, the ringers being Edwin Gibbs 1—2, F. T. Gover 3—4, C. F. Winney 5—6, G. T. McLaughlin 7—8. Before this, however, he had taken part in the then record length of Stedman Caters, the 11,111 rung at Fulham on December 8th, 1885. Among the long peals in which Mr. Winney has taken part in recent years have been the 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major at Knebworth in 1912, the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Anneton on April 22nd, 1922, and the 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark last Whit Monday. Mr. Winney has been, for a great number of years, a member of St. Paul's Cathedral company, and, although he has never, purely through his own retiring nature, passed through the College Youths' chair, he is one of its

most esteemed and valued members, and it was a delight to them last week to do him honour.

Mr. Winney asks us to thank all his brother ringers for their kindness, for he was taken so much by surprise that he did not adequately express his feelings, when acknowledging the gift.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. After a short service at noon in St. Mary's-the-Great, at which an address was given by the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Vicar of Long Stanton, dealing with the progress of change ringing and the more general recognition of ringers as church workers, and reminding them of their responsibilities and the need of punctuality, and other matters appropriate to the congregation composed of the Exercise, the members assembled for lunch at the Dorothy Cafe, at which the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey presided.

The business meeting followed, at which the hon. secretary read his report. During the year 16 peals had been rung on the tower bells, and nine, including one of Cambridge Court (the first by the association) and one of Double Oxford Major on handbells.

After some discussion, the meeting adopted the recommendation of the committee to postpone the printing of the report.

The officers were elected as follow: Hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. R. Copeman; auditor and representative on the Central Council, Mr. T. R. Dennis; district secretaries, Mr. A. E. Austin, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Mr. H. W. Giddings and Mr. W. G. Cross.

The Secretary reported that the new Bishop of Ely had consented to be president of the association.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents for permission to ring, to the Rev. H. B. Woolley for his address, and to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey for presiding.

Ringing was carried on during the day in various methods, and all were glad that the 7th bell of the famous twelve at St. Mary's-the-Great had been recast by Messrs. Taylor since the last meeting, so that touches of Caters and Maximus were possible.

### SEVENTY YEARS A RINGER.

#### DEATH OF MR. JOHN GARFORTH, OF DEWSBURY.

The death has taken place at Eastborough, Dewsbury, of one of Yorkshire's oldest and most respected ringers—Mr. John Garforth, who was 76 years of age. For more than 50 years he was a familiar figure among ringers, not only in the Heavy Woollen District and Spen Valley, but in many other parts of the county.

He started bell ringing at the age of six, when a friendly sexton at Dewsbury Parish Church allowed him one day to toll the funeral bell. From this moment his interest never flagged, and by the time he had reached his teens was regarded as a fully-fledged ringer. When, in 1863, a peal of bells was installed at Batley Carr Parish Church, he and five others became the first regular ringers after a short period in which members of the choir carried out the duties of ringing people to church.

After 18 months at Batley Carr Mr. Garforth became a member of Dewsbury Parish Church Ringers, where he remained for more than 30 years. The last nine or ten years of his ringing career was at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton, of which place he was a native. At that time he was still a ringer at St. Peter's, but attended on Sunday evenings only on account of his advanced years.

Mr. Garforth was the last of the eight ringers who rang the first peal on Dewsbury Parish Church new bells in April, 1875. For thirty years he was a member of Dewsbury Handbell Ringers, attended regularly at the annual concerts at Belle Vue, Manchester, and assisted in winning many prizes for Dewsbury.

In ordinary daily life Mr. Garforth held the splendid record of over fifty years' service as an employe of Wormalds and Walker, Ltd. He was a kind and genial soul, and the respect and admiration of those with whom he had been most closely associated was reflected at the funeral at Dewsbury Cemetery. The following belfries were represented: Dewsbury, Batley, Birstall, Earlsheaton, Mirfield, Ossett, and Horbury. There were also many from the Social Club, of which he was a member. A course of Grandsire Major was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. G. H. Hardy 1—2, Albert North 3—4, Sam Gibson 5—6, and Joseph Ruddlesden 7—8. In the evening muffled touches were rung on the bells at Earlsheaton.

### NEW TREBLE FOR FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

On Easter Day, a new treble bell at Folkingham, Lincs, was heard for the first time, making a nice peal of six by Taylor & Co., Loughborough. The tenor weighs 13 cwt. Funds have been raised by public subscriptions, organised by Mr. C. T. H. Bradley.

St. Andrew's, Folkingham, has possessed a fine old peal of five for many years, the tenor, dating from 1676, by Norris, the 4th, 1761, also by Norris; the 2nd, 3rd and 5th being recast 1847 by Mears.

On Easter Day, touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Single Court and Oxford Treble Bob were rung by the Folkingham and Billingborough bands of ringers. The tone and 'go' of the bells were much admired.



### THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

#### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AND COMPETITIONS.

The Four Shires Guild held their half-yearly meeting and competitions at Ebrington on Saturday, April 26th. Ringers were present from Campden, Moreton-in-Marsh, Ilmington, Aston-Cantlow, Wootton-Wawen, Quinton, Hampton, and the local band.

Competitions in 'rising and falling,' call changes, and method ringing took place in the afternoon, with the following results:—

Rising and Falling: Ilmington, 100 per cent.; Moreton, 100; Campden 91; Wootton-Wawen, 88; Quinton, 70; Aston-Cantlow, 20.

Call changes: Ilmington, 99; Moreton, 96; Campden, 95; Wootton-Wawen, 87; Quinton, 80; Aston-Cantlow, 45.

Method ringing: Ilmington, 100; Moreton, 100; Campden, 91; Wootton-Wawen, 90; Quinton, 50. The home band are not allowed to compete upon their own bells, but are awarded the average of the day's ringing, which was: Rising and falling, 80; call changes, 83; method ringing, 90.

A special service was held in the church at 5 p.m., when a most impressive address was given by the Rev. G. E. Hitchcock, Vicar of Campden. Afterwards about 70 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent meat tea, in the Schoolroom, which was provided by Ebrington friends.

At the close of tea a business meeting took place.—The Secretary presented his report and balance sheet for the year, and these were accepted.—The Secretary (Mr. H. Terry) was again elected to office, and Mr. H. Evans was re-elected treasurer.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. J. Guerrier (Vicar of Ebrington) for the use of the bells; to the Vicar of Campden for his inspiring address; to the judges, Messrs. Walter Large and James Hemming, for the able way in which they carried out their difficult task; and to the ladies who assisted at the tea.

The meeting closed with the hearty singing of the National Anthem.

Some excellent selections on the handbells were given by Mr. J. Hemming and his son, and were much appreciated by all present. The tower was then again visited, and the bells were kept going till nine o'clock.

### STAVELEY RINGER'S DEATH.

By the passing of Mr. Henry Mottershall, on April 8th, after an illness extending over a period of nine years, the Staveley company has lost one of its oldest members, the deceased having been connected with ringing there for over 50 years. Mr. Mottershall, who was 68 years of age, was an enthusiastic ringer in his day, and it was a source of keen regret to him that during the latter part of his life he was unable to continue his activities in the belfry. He was a member of the Yorkshire and Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Associations, and had rung 32 peals.

The funeral took place on Saturday, April 12th, and was attended by the local company, some of whom acted as bearers. In addition there were also present Mr. T. W. Chown, of Sheffield (secretary of the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Association); and Messrs. P. Jervis and W. T. Palmer, members of the Ekeington and Chesterfield companies, respectively. Half-muffled touches were afterwards rung, and the bells remained muffled for the following Sunday services. At the request of the relatives the handbells were not used at the graveside.

### REOPENING OF CHISLEHURST BELLS.

These bells, after a silence of twelve months, were rung again on Easter Eve, Saturday, April 19th.

A service was held in the churchyard at 5 p.m., and at its conclusion the congregation entered the church, when the Rector (Canon Dawson) offered special prayers, and afterwards the bells were rung to a touch of Grandsire Triples. Touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were also rung until 7 p.m.

Besides the local band, visitors from Dartford, Sevenoaks, Greenwich, London and Croydon, took part in the ringing, and all spoke well of the 'go' of the bells.

The work done consisted of strengthening the frame, quarter turning the bells, and fitting the clappers with buffers. It was carried out admirably by Mr. T. Groombridge, of Crayford, Kent.

### RINGERS AT MONKS KIRBY.

A most enjoyable gathering took place at Monks Kirby on Saturday, April 26th, when ringers attended from Burbage, Croft, Chilvers Coton, Exhall, Hinckley, Nuneaton, Shilton, Wolvey, Wigston Parva, Monks Kirby, etc.

The bells were kept again till about 8 o'clock in standard methods, the Vicar taking part in the ringing.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver) invited all present to the Vicarage for tea, this being a welcome surprise to visiting ringers. Afterwards, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and his wife for their kind hospitality.—The Vicar briefly responded.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, 720 Minor (360 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Plain Bob): G. Balls 1, A. Worth 2, W. Leggett 3, H. Warn 4, C. Bower 5, E. Leggett (conductor) 6.

**LITTLE HORKESELEY, ESSEX.**—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, 600 Grandsire Doubles: G. Balls 1, A. Worth 2, W. Leggett 3, E. Leggett (conductor) 4, W. Warn 5.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On Easter Day, for early celebration, at St. Julian's Church, 720 Bob Minor: F. Lycett 1, C. Lee 2, J. E. Lilley 3, G. R. Newton (conductor) 4, R. Role 5, C. R. Lilley 6.—At St. Chad's, for morning service, on the back eight, 168 Stedman Triples; on the back ten, 287 Grandsire Caters, conducted by C. R. Lilley. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. E. Lilley, and 224 Bob Major, conducted by G. R. Newton.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—On Easter Day, for 7 and 11 a.m. services, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob: R. Porter 1, R. Fichery 2, J. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, C. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.

**GAINSBOROUGH.**—On Easter Monday, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major, in 50 mins.: H. Cooper 1, F. S. W. Butler 2, P. Noble 3, H. Torr 4, J. Dixon 5, H. Morgan (conductor) 6, W. T. Cooper 7, C. A. Hewitt 8. This was rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. C. A. Greensmith, of Gainsborough. It is the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells and by all the ringers.

**BEVERLEY.**—At the Minster, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, 539 Grandsire Caters: R. Owen 1, J. Weghorn (East Ham) 2, C. F. Lawes, R.N. 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, C. P. Bradley 6, A. E. Sellers 7, W. Gibson 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Waggitt 10.—For evening service, 629 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Constable 1, J. Waghorn (East Ham) 2, H. Ringrose 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, C. G. Constable 6, A. E. Sellers 7, C. P. Bradley 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Waggitt 10.

**KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: L. Townley 1, R. Mitchell 2, T. Clement 3, W. Atkinson (conductor) 4, G. Horner (of York Minster) 5, F. Martindale 6, J. Thompson (formerly of York Minster) 7, R. Dennison 8.

**PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.**—On Easter Day, for 7 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Goldstone 1, Miss Alice Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Adelaide Stokes 3, A. L. Gale 4, J. Nisbet 5, Miss H. Orchard (first quarter-peal with a dodging bell) 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. E. Colbourn 8.

**WIGSTON MAGNA.**—On Easter Day, at All Saints' Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: A. Ward 1, H. Carter 2, J. S. Carter 3, G. Deacon 4, F. W. Lloyd 5, W. H. Humberstone (first of Stedman as conductor) 6, W. Brewin 7, F. Ford 8. First quarter-peal rung by the local Sunday Service ringers. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 7th and 8th.

**GRIMSBY.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,288 changes), in 45 mins.: N. Dales 1, H. Mingay 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, J. B. Budd 4, F. Overton 5, Mr. Freeman (Spilsby) 6, S. Bromfield 7, C. Taylor (conductor) 8.

**ICKLETON, CAMBS.**—At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, 720 Kent, 15 bobs: S. Brooks 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, L. Brooks 3, R. Clements 4, W. Flitton 5, A. G. Lilley 6.—For the 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 240 Bob Minor: G. Lilley 1, P. Webb 2, S. Brooks 3, J. Webb 4, R. Clements 5, A. Lilley 6.—For the 11 a.m. service, 240 Bob Minor and 144 Kent: F. Bowtell 3, F. Griggs 6.

**WALDRON, SUSSEX.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss Humblecrofts 1, C. H. Humphrey 2, P. S. Thompson 3, E. Jennings 4, A. Hobden 5, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 6, A. Reid 7, W. Jenner 8.

**THAMES DITTON.**—On Easter Day, for the service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Miss C. Trapmore 1, W. Massey 2, G. L. Povey (Crawley, Kent) 3, E. Hawthorne 4, W. Tilley (first quarter 'inside') 5, R. Coles 6. Conducted by G. F. Adby.



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12536478	1253647890	1253647890XT
21563487	2156348709	2156348709TX
12654378	1265437890	1265437890XT
21645387	2164538709	2164538709TX
12463578	1246357890	1246357890XT
21436587	2143658709	2143658709TX
24163857	2416385079	241638507T9X
42618375	4261830597	42618305T7X9
24681357	2468135079	24681350T7X9
42863175	4286310597	42863105T7X9
24836157	2483615079	24836150T7X9
42381675	4238160597	42381605T7X9
24318657	2431865079	24318650T7X9
42136875	4213680597	42136805T7X9
41263785	4126308957	4126308T5X79
7 times repeated.	9 times repeated.	11 times repeated.
Bob.	Bob.	Bob.
24163785	2416308857	2416308T5X79

The first quarter-peal of the method was rung upon Mr. Carter's ringing machine on Friday, April 18th, as follows:—

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12345 W H

34125 — —  
13425 — —  
42135 — —  
14235 — —  
21435 — —

Repeat.

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**SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.** — On Tuesday, April 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. R. Partridge 1, T. Bettison 2, R. Huskisson 3, W. Allin, senr., 4, G. Allin 5, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method for 1st, 3rd and 5th.

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**DEATH OF MRS. J. W. WASHBROOK.**

It is our sad duty to record that Mrs. Washbrook, widow of the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, of Manchester, has passed away, surviving her husband only by a little over three months.

The funeral took place on April 10th, when Manchester police ringers acted as bearers, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung at the graveside by Messrs. J. Mellor, F. Page, S. Wood, J. Carter and H. Chapman.

**NOTICES.**

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**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Evans, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Secretary, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells at 2.30. Tea at the Hatchet Inn at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District will hold their meeting at St. John's Deritend, Birmingham, on May 3rd. Bells available 3.30. Service in church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sudborough on Saturday, May 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. It is hoped all members will try to attend.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available 1.30. Service 4. Meat tea 5.—J. Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worle, near Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, May 3rd. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 3rd. Business meeting in Church House at 1.15 p.m. Cathedral service at 3. Preacher, the Dean. Tea at 4.30, members 6d., visitors 1s. Bells available: St. Martin's, St. Edmund's, St. Thomas' (8), St. Paul's, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Dinton (6).—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Southwell Cathedral on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 2 p.m. Ringers' service at 3 p.m. Tea at Saracen's Head Hotel at 5 o'clock. Meeting to be held in same room. Motor-cars, etc., can be stored in Bishop's Drive, cloak room provided. The grounds of the residence and Bishop's Manor will be open to ringers. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-street on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tipton ('Pepper Box') on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. G. R. Mortimore). Tea at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Eaton Bishop on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Schoolroom, 5.45 p.m.—C. Edwards, Dis. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for May: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 4th, 10 a.m., Monday, 12th, 6.30 p.m., Monday, 26th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 5th, 7.30 p.m. A special quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, the 12th. Ringing at 6.30 p.m. Meeting to follow at headquarters.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Hallford Street, Essex Road.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on May 10th. Management committee meeting at King's Arms Hotel, Wood Street, at 3 p.m. Service at the Parish Church, at 4 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel, at 4.45 p.m., 1/- per member. The general business meeting will follow. The vice-president (the Ven. Archdeacon of Swindon) has promised to attend. Will members requiring tea kindly let me know by May 6th? The Parish Church bells will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after the meeting is declared closed.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) available 4 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Loc. Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne, Saturday, May 10th. Tea will be provided for those applying to C. D. Potter, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, May 10th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Tea provided at a reasonable charge for those notifying me by Wednesday, May 7th.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Church Street, Frodsham.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service at 5, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 10th, at Stoke Gabriel. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please inform me on or before May 7th.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—An extra meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, May 10th. The bells of the three churches are available. Tea in St. Oswald Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, May 6th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Bells not available on May 3rd, as previously arranged.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, at 1s. each. Please let me know all who are coming by May 6th. St. Andrew's bells open for ringing from 7.15 to 8.30, as well as St. Mary's. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Dale), on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing to commence at 2.30. Arrangements will be made for tea at 5 o'clock. Please look up Double Norwich, as we hope to have the pleasure of an introduction at this meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, May 10th. Service, with an address by the Rev. W. Lea, R.D., at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Village Hall for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. The bells will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Gt. Hampton, Evesham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. sharp. Service at 6 o'clock. Will members requiring tea please advise me by the 8th, and oblige W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15?

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Much Marcle on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, business meeting following. All ringers invited. Kindly notify to J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than May 7th? A good attendance is requested.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending to be present please send word to Secretary. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mottram on Saturday, May 10th. Tower secretaries please send number attending to Miss Ada Sidebottom, Church Brow, Mottram-in-Longdendale, by Tuesday, May 6th. — J. P. Fidler, Branch Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Stisted on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available all day. All ringers cordially invited. Service at 4.15 p.m., after which tea in the Institute. All those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. H. F. Cooper, Red Lion, Stisted, Braintree, not later than May 8th. Bus leaves Stisted for Braintree 8.45 p.m.—W. H. Dyson, Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 27th. St. Magnus on May 15th and 29th. \*St. Michael's, Cornhill (special business relating to alteration of a rule), on the 6th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on May 17th at the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park. Tower open 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Every ringer will be welcomed.

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 17th. Ringing from 3.15. All ringers welcome. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

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