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Thetford, in Norfolk, wanted its church bells restored and made ready for ringing at the Coronation. The people knew what they wanted, apparently they were prepared to put up the money, but the Bishop's Advisory Committee, backed by the opinion of Mr. William Weir, the architect, successfully appealed to the Chancellor of the Diocese to curtail the plans that had been contemplated. The bells are not to be cut about, the cannons are not to be removed and the old headstocks are to be retained. And Thetford will not have its bells for the Coronation. It will be small comfort that the Chancellor of the Diocese says he is prepared to take the blame for it.

The representative of the Bishop's Advisory Committee had to admit that in Thetford the committee's intervention was regarded as 'unnecessary fuss by a body of faddists,' and, in a letter to the Chancellor, one of the churchwardens wrote that 'the damage already caused to the religious work of the church is such that it will not recover for a generation.' Obviously Thetford deeply feels the snub that the interference of the Advisory Committee has given it, and well it may do so. It doesn't, for instance, help the 'recall to religion' when, in their enthusiasm to improve the possessions of their church, the parishioners find themselves thwarted by the whims of a few outside antiquarians. We can understand resentment at interference of this kind, and especially when the delay involved will also affect the display of loyalty which the people were anxious to give—even if the Chancellor does personally take the blame because, as he said, 'applications to do things in a hurry in order to be in time for particular seasons or occasions harden my heart and make me very suspicious and slow.'

The root trouble with applications for faculties for bell restorations is the prejudice of antiquarians. There are many cases throughout the country where bell restorations have been absolutely spoiled—except as examples of antiquarian preservation—by the imposition, through the Diocesan Advisory Committees, of the will of an architect who in these undertakings is influenced by the desire to preserve ancient things which have outlived their usefulness. When it is a case of saving some old building from collapse these efforts may be praiseworthy enough, but in the case of bells it is a totally different matter. Bells have to be rung by man-power, and if they are to be properly rung, with precision and dignity, they demand modern treatment. It is a pity that ecclesiastical architects are not also bell ringers. If they were, we feel sure that many of the 'botched up' jobs which

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churches are compelled to be content with, would never be recommended. Some day, perhaps, diocesan architects may have a little more sympathy with those who have to ring the bells, but while antiquarians dominate the Advisory Committees and Chancellors 'harden their hearts and become suspicious' before they have heard the cases, there is little hope either that the public will be given the most musical bells, or ringers receive the consideration they deserve.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

NOLAN GOLDEN 1 Treble	*ARTHUR G. KING 7
GEORGE MAVERS 2	†EDWIN R. GOATE 8
*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 9
WILLIAM J. CLOVER 4	GEORGE BAILEY 10
*ERIC G. BENNETT 5	*CHARLES F. SAYER 11
*R. WILLIAM BARBER 6	*HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... Treble	†JAMES M. BAILEY 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	*HARRY D. LISTER 8
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
†HARRY R. ROPER 4	*LESLIE BRETT 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 6	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † 100th peal. † First peal of Cinques on tower bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*JOHN ADDLETON 1 Treble	†ERNEST HALL 6
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 2	JOHN SMITH 7
†JOSEPH LAWRENCE 3	JOHN WOODBERRY 8
†KRITH SALTER 4	ALBERT J. WRIGHT 9
WALTER H. RAXTER 5	†FREDERICK J. HINTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. PIGGOTT. Conducted by CHAS. H. WOODBERRY.

* First peal of Caters away from the tenor. † First peal of Caters. † First peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

*FRANK L. START 1 Treble	ERNEST BRETT 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 3	FRANK E. DARBY 8
ERNEST J. KING 4	RAYMOND J. COUSINS 9
CHARLES A. HUGHES 5	JACK A. WAUGH Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER

* First peal on ten bells and in the method. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. George Fox and Miss Margaret Stracey.

BANBURY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MARIE R. CROSS Treble	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 6
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... 2	ERNEST PEARSON ... 7
R. GORDON CROSS ... 3	FRANCIS E. MAY ... 8
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	HERBERT IMPEY ... 9
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 5	WILLIAM ASTON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Clement Danes,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5048 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY Treble	*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 6
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 3	*JAMES E. BAILEY ... 8
GEORGE W. STIERE ... 4	*EDWARD J. BEER ... 9
*ROBERT HEAZLE ... 5	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. First ten-bell peal by the ringers of the 6th and 8th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Helena,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 2	*SIDNEY BROWN ... 6
CHARLES W. COOK ... 3	*REGINALD L. LATHBURY ... 7
MANSFIELD GINN ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

HERBERT LUDKIN Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 5
LESTER L. GRAY ... 2	*ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	EDWARD CAUDICE ... 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Surprise on an "inside" bell. First Surprise peal on the bells since they were recast.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

BERNARD COLLINSON Treble	DANIEL COOPER ... 5
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ... 2	*ERNEST J. LADD ... 6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*EDGAR H. G. TINGEY ... Treble	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 5
*REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 2	*BERT F. CALCOIT ... 6
ALBERT SYMONDS ... 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 5
WALTER BINGHAM ... 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... 6
HARRY WARBURTON ... 3	THOMAS LEE ... 7
GEORGE M. THORPE ... 4	JOHN W. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. W. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Mary Isa Grant, of Dore, and Mr. Duncan R. Mackintosh, of Drummaliu, Inverness, which took place at the above church on March 31st. First peal as conductor.

WARBURTON, OSHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*JOSEPH WHITAKER ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	LIONEL CLOUGH ... 7
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (61).

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

ALTARNON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Non,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt, 3 qr, 4 lb.

WILLIAM J. SANDERS ... Treble	*MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 5
CYRIL E. LANKON ... 2	EDWARD SANDERS ... 6
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 3	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 7
FREDERICK H. HARRIS ... 4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANKON.

* 50th peal. First peal on the bells. Rung within the octave of Easter.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*PERCY WEBB ... Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	*MANSFIELD GINN ... 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3	*FRANK WARRINGTON ... 7
*CHARLES W. COOK ... 4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY

* First peal in the method, and the first attempt by ringers of treble, fourth and sixth. First peal in the method as conductor. The band wish to associate with the peal the name of Mr. F. G. Gleaves, who was unfortunately prevented from taking part.

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(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 21½ cwt.	
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble		*JESSE HARRISON ...	5
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2		WILLIAM HENLEY ...	6
MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3		HARRY WINGROVE ...	7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4		*REGINALD EMMANS ...	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. B. P. Wells and Mrs. Wells, who are shortly leaving the district, also as a compliment to Miss O. Biggs and Mr. R. Blaby, who were married at Hughenden on Easter Monday.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 24½ cwt.	
H. ERNEST COX ... Treble		JOHN J. WEBB ...	5
*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 2		ALFRED T. POULTON ...	6
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 3		WILLIAM POSTON ...	7
†CHARLES L. SADLER ... 4		HARVEY H. WINNEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Stedman at first attempt. † 100th peal for the Hereford Guild, his first peal having been rung on this bell.

CHESHUNT, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... Treble		JOHN THOMAS ...	5
GEORGE RADLEY ... 2		JOHN G. NASH ...	6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 3		NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ...	7
EDWARD H. KING ... 4		JOHN ARMSTRONG ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Radley on being elected president of the association at its annual meeting on Easter Monday.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
CECIL NICE ... Treble	JACK M. CRIFFS ... 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
GEORGE KENWARD ... Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5
MISS DORIS DOBBIE ... 2	ROBERT S. LAMBERT ... 6
REGINALD B. LAMBERT ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
ARTHUR S. BOAR ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE H. PAULSON ... Treble	ALFRED H. BOWLER ... 5
EDWIN HOPKINSON ... 2	RONALD ALLSOP ... 6
VICTOR E. TAYLOR ... 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
HUGH W. GREGORY ... 4	ERNEST PAULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by H. E. TAYLOR.

First peal of Stedman by all the band except the ringer of the 4th. Rung for the wedding of Miss Agatha F. Griffiths, younger daughter of the Rev. R. Griffiths, Rector of Darley Dale, to Capt. Charles S. Robinson, Royal Army Ordnance Corps. The Rev. R. Griffiths is an honorary member of the M.C.A.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY HARRISON ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... 5
JOHN P. FIDLER ... 2	WILLIAM SMITH ... 6
JOHN GRUNDY ... 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 7
LESLIE STEVENS ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Smith Hutehby, for 40 years a ringer at Loughborough Parish Church, who was interred on the 3rd inst.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

GEORGE WINES ... Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT ... 5
FREDERICK LASBURY ... 2	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 6
HERBERT DAVIES ... 3	TOM PAGE ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by HERBERT DAVIES.

Specially arranged and rung as a silver wedding peal for the conductor, and a birthday peal for the wife of the ringer of the 7th.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 8, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	WILLIAM SEELY ... 6
JOHN E. ROOTES ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
EDWIN JENNINGS ... 4	WILLIAM CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BELWER (No. 6).

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. G. Montague Hall, Rector of Bushey for 39 years, who was cremated at Golders Green on this day. He was a patron of the association for many years and took a very keen interest in ringing.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	*HAROLD JUDD ... 5
JAMES W. GODDARD ... 2	†JAMES CHAPMAN ... 6
WALTER M. GODDARD ... 3	*JOSEPH ATKINSON ... 7
*FRED LACEY ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Major in two methods. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Bray, also to Miss June Hoodless.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourn; (2) London and Wells; (3) Durham and York; (4) Northumberland; (5) Beverley; (6) Carlisle; (7) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM OLDMAN Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	*JOSEPH O. LANDAN 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 14 Surprise methods 'inside.'

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, each with four different callings, and 26 of Grandsire, with 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY HOSKINS Treble	*EDWIN A. BARNETT 3
*MISS H. OAKSHOTT 2	*JAMES BENNETT 4
†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Tenor	

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in five methods. First peal in five methods on the bells. The name Reverse Canterbury is taken from the C.C. Collection, though it is there incorrectly applied.

LEA, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, April 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings) and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN LUNN Treble	†JOSEPH A. LUNN 4
†JOSEPH DIXON 2	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 5
NOEL B. THURLBY 3	GEORGE W. HUDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. L. A. LUNN.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles 'inside.' Rung in honour of the 27th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Lunn, parents of the ringers of 1, 4 and 5, which takes place on April 20th, this being the nearest available date.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 4
*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 2	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in seven methods. First seven-method peal as conductor.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

720 Stedman, 720 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*TREVOR RODERICK Treble	ALBERT DEVONALD 4
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
JOHN E. BLOXHAM 3	WYNDEHAM LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung to welcome the Rev. D. W. Rees, who was inducted to the above church previous to the peal.

COLMWORTH, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

DONALD COCKINGS Treble	HENRY J. PARKER 3
*WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	LEONARD WILLIAMS 4
FRANK W. LACK Tenor	

Conducted by F. W. LACK.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The treble was added last year in memory of Mr. W. T. Lack, father of the conductor. The peal was a birthday compliment to Miss D. Howkins and Miss P. M. Lack, who both came of age during the preceding week.

LINCOLN, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JACK VESSEY Treble	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 4
PERCY HOLMES 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Fowler, who is retiring after 25 years as Vicar of the above church.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HERBERT SUTTON Treble	HARRY THELWELL 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 5
ALBERT THOMAS 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of H. W. Howard's parents and as a birthday compliment to H. Thelwell's father.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 11 cwt.

RALPH BIRD Treble	*RONALD SUCKLING 4
ALBERT CATERWELL 2	ALCO M. GENERY 5
BERNARD W. PETTITT 3	THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. The conductor's first Surprise peal and first peal as conductor. He is only 16 years of age and had not previously called a bob in the method.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of St. Simon's, nine each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, with 22 different callings. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble	*DOUGLAS W. RANSOM ... 3
*H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 2	GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 4
E. T. PAUL FIELD Tenor	

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* 50th peal. † First peal in four methods. First peal on the bells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed and conducted by W. T. Elson: T. Bolton 1, A. C. Williams 2, C. E. G. Moody 3, P. J. Bilby 4, F. Mead 5, W. Winter (first quarter and first attempt) 6, W. T. Elson 7, F. W. Wicks 8. Arranged especially for the ringer of the 8th.

FORTHCOMING BELL OPENINGS.

ASHBURTON, DEVON.—On Saturday, April 17th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton; ring of eight restored by John Taylor & Co.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—The bells will be opened on Saturday, April 17th, after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Service at 3 p.m.

KING'S SUTTON, near Banbury.—On Sunday, April 18th, at 3.30 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough. Ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.—The restored peal of 8 bells at Great Waltham will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford on Tuesday, April 20th, at 8 p.m.—L. J. Clark, Gen. Sec.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.—Special Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the ring of 8 bells, which has been carried out by John Taylor and Co., will take place on Tuesday, April 20th, at 8 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Chelmsford.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM.—Re-dedication of bells, at St. Mark's Church, will take place on Sunday, April 25th, by the Lord Bishop of Hulme. The bells have been recast and rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

HARTHILL, SHEFFIELD.—The peal of 8 (tenor 17 cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Sheffield on Tuesday, April 27th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LLANFIHANGEL RHYDEITHON.—The ring of 5, restored and increased to 6 (tenor 6 cwt.) by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by Dr. Morgan, Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, on Wednesday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

STEWKLEY BUCKS.—The Bishop of Buckingham will dedicate the trebles to existing peal of 6, which have been retuned, on April 29th at 3 p.m. All ringers are invited.

RAMPISHAM, near Dorchester.—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Friday, April 30th, at 6.15 p.m., by the Bishop of Salisbury. Ring of five restored and rehung in new frame by John Taylor and Co.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL.—Preliminary Notice.—The ring of 10 (tenor 31 cwt.), recast and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, May 1st, in the evening. Further particulars later.

BURTON HASTINGS, near Nuneaton.—The bells will be dedicated on Saturday, May 1st, at 5.30 p.m., by the Bishop of Coventry. The peal has been restored and augmented by five by John Taylor and Co.

STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK.—The ring of five bells, recently rehung and augmented by Howell and Son, will be dedicated by the Bishop of the diocese on Sunday, May 2nd, at 3 p.m. A tea will be provided. Notice of intention to be present to E. F. Poppy, Stoke Ash, Eye.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—The peal of 8, increased to 10 (tenor 15½ cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford on Sunday, May 2nd, at 11 a.m. Ringers' meeting at Willenhall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Address by the Venerable R. L. Hodson, Archdeacon of Stafford. Tea 5.30 (1s. each). Please send names for tea not later than Tuesday, May 4th, to C. Wallater, 1, Marston Street, Willenhall.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**AGENDA FOR THE CANTERBURY MEETING.**

The second session of the sixteenth Council (45th annual meeting) will be held in the Chapter House, Canterbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 18th, 1937, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30, or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

1. Report of the hon. secretary as to membership and payment of subscriptions.
2. Election of honorary members.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election: The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. C. S. Turner and Mr. Stephen H. Wood.
3. Presentation of new members to the president. (Rule 11.)
4. Apologies for absence.
5. Loss of members through death.
6. Minutes of the last meeting.
7. Report of the honorary librarian.
8. Statement of accounts.
9. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
10. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees.
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
To alter the constitution of the committees if considered desirable.
 - (a) Standing Committee.
 - (b) Peal Collection Committee.
 - (c) Methods Committee.
 - (d) Peal Analysis and Records Committee.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries Committee.
 - (f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee.
 - (g) Peal Boards Committee.
 - (h) Biographies Committee.
 - (i) As to the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'
 - (j) As to the muffling of bells.

MOTIONS.

11. That so much of all previous resolutions of the Council as defines or attempts to define what shall be recognised as a peal of Doubles be rescinded and that the following be substituted therefor:—
 1. Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
 - (a) True and complete Six-Scores, without interval between any two Six-Scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
 - (b) Round blocks consisting of two or more Six-Scores, provided that each of the Six-Scores which comprise the round blocks shall be itself a true and complete round block.
 - (c) Twelve-Scores known as Morris' and Pitman's.
 - (d) Combinations of (a), (b) and (c) above or any two of them.
 2. At the conclusion of 5,040 or more changes, rung in accordance with (1) above, one true touch of any length less than 120 changes may be added.
 3. Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell.

Proposed by Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

12. To fix the place of the next meeting.

13. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.
45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Shropshire's heaviest ring of six, tenor 25 cwt., at Clive, cast by Taylor and Co. in 1894, were heard in some good Minor ringing when members attended the meeting of the Shropshire Association. In addition to Doubles, Oxford, Kent, Cambridge, London, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor were rung.

At the service the Vicar (the Rev. C. Legard) welcomed the ringers in an appropriate address.

No business was transacted, as the extra meetings this year allow for business on alternate dates only.

(Continued from previous column.)

KING'S BROMLEY, NR. BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Tuesday, May 4th, at 7.30 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford; ring of 6 bells recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. PROPOSAL TO FORM BRANCHES.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association on Easter Monday at Llandaff was splendidly attended by members from both the dioceses. The bells were available in the afternoon and were made full use of until the service at 4 o'clock. The Dean gave the address, which dealt mostly with the origin and use of church towers and bells and was most interesting. At the conclusion of his address he cordially welcomed the ringers to Llandaff and desired that all should take tea with him in the Prebendal House.

The Dean and his wife had very generously provided the meal and it was with difficulty that all were able to get sitting room.

The business meeting followed, the Dean taking the chair.

Restoration and augmentation reports were received and also instructors' reports.

The sum of £3 was voted to the Llanfrehfa augmentation of two trebles, which have been installed.

It was decided to hold the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting at Llanfrehfa and the Glamorganshire meeting at Penarth.

The next annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos', Newport.

The Rev. Ivor Richards was elected Master for the ensuing year. The hon. secretary and hon. auditors were re-elected and a large number of new members were elected.

Notice of motion was given that at the next annual meeting a proposition will be made to divide the association into two branches.

A hearty vote of thanks, which was received with great acclamation, was accorded the Dean, special mention being made of the fact that he most readily agreed to have the meeting at Llandaff. It had previously been arranged to hold the meeting at Cardiff, but owing to tower repairs the bells were not available. It was, therefore, considered best not to visit Cardiff. The Dean was thanked for the use of the bells, for his address and for the hospitality extended by himself and his wife.

The Dean, in reply, said that it was always a pleasure to them both to do whatever they could for the ringers, who, he considered, were doing such useful church work.

The meeting was a huge success.

PASSING OF A VETERAN CO. DURHAM RINGER.

The Chester-le-Street Guild have lost a faithful member by the passing of Mr. William Brown at the age of 75 years. He joined the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in 1884 and has been a regular ringer at Chester-le-Street for the past 55 years.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral service on March 31st by his fellow-ringers as a token of respect.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday, April 10th, the annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Southover, Lewes, 35 members and friends being present from Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Henfield, Rotherfield, Lamberhurst, Chiddingfold, Lindfield, Shoreham, Hurstpierpoint, Burgess Hill, Eastbourne, Hastings, Uckfield and members of the local tower.

The Rector (the Rev. D. G. Matthews) presided at the business meeting, and officers for the year were elected as follows: Hon. divisional secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; committee, Messrs. J. Dearlove, G. P. Elphick and K. Hart; Committee of Advice, Messrs. Dearlove, Page and Elphick.

One new life member was elected, Mr. E. H. Preston, temporarily resident at Seaford.

The Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for the service and for presiding at the meeting.

Ringling ranged from rounds on the ten bells to Stedman Caters and Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and the tower was made good use of from 2.30 to 9 p.m.

RINGER'S WEDDING AT STEPNEY.

The Archdeacon of Middlesex (Rev. Hon. S. H. Phillimore), assisted by the Rev. R. French, M.A., M.C., Rector of Stepney, officiated at the wedding of Mr. George Fox to Miss Margaret Stracey on Saturday, April 3rd, at Stepney Parish Church.

The bridegroom is well known in the district, not only as a ringer, but as a churchwarden and sacristan. The bride has been closely connected with the work of the church, being a Sunday School teacher, secretary of the Social Club and holding other offices connected with parochial organisations. The best man was Mr. H. Thompson, the secretary of the Guild of Stepney Scholars.

The local company rang the bells in honour of the event, which was favoured with glorious sunshine. It was a scarlet and white wedding, the five bridesmaids being dressed in red velvet, and, judging by the crowded church, the most popular wedding there for a long time.

The reception was held at Red Coat Hall. After the ceremony fellow-members of the London County Association successfully accomplished a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, the ringers later attending the reception for refreshment and to express their congratulations. The bridal couple left for an unknown destination for their honeymoon.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Secretaries and others who have not yet returned the forms seeking biographical information of former members of the Central Council are requested to do so as early as possible to the Convener of the Biographies Committee, J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

Listeners on Sunday evening heard the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields rung for the broadcast service. It was in great contrast to the travesty the public had for years been used to from this church. The ringing was well done, but there would seem to be some adjustment of the position of the microphone necessary before the bells are heard to full advantage.

The ring of six at Beenham, near Reading, is being rehung in a new metal frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the bells will be rung for the first time on Coronation morning.

A ringer's wife, looking through the pages of 'The Ringing World'—as we are glad to know ringers' wives sometimes do—came upon an advertisement for Peal Tablets. 'What are these tablets?' she asked her husband. 'Do you take them before you start a peal?'

A peal of Bob Major was rung at Husborne Crawley on Saturday as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Herbert, vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association. It is interesting to recall that a peal of Bob Major was also rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of his father, the late Mr. Charles Herbert.

At the quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham at Aston, the late Mr. Tom Russam's peal of 12 handbells was presented to Aston tower, and a framed photograph of Henry Johnson, presented by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, now of Bath, to St. Martin's tower. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Until last Sunday, the bells of Walgrave, Northants, had not been rung since the Relief of Mafeking—37 years ago! They have now been tuned and restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and were dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday afternoon.

It is forty years this month since the first 'silent' peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods was rung at Bucknall, Staffordshire, and the only two surviving members of the band are the brothers J. E. and W. Wheeldon, who are the present leaders at the towers of Norton and Bucknall respectively.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Shrewsbury, have recently been fitted with new ropes, the belfry has been renovated, and, although the amount of ringing is strictly limited, the bells were twice rung on Easter Sunday by St. Chad's band, and more recently for an important wedding.

We regret that pressure on our space makes it necessary to hold over numerous reports to future issues.

ACCIDENT TO MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON.

FALL IN A LONDON STREET.

Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, met with an unfortunate and painful accident in London on Thursday last week. He, with Mrs. Richardson and their daughter Enid, had come to London on a day's visit, combining business and pleasure.

Mr. Richardson had visited Covent Garden Market in the afternoon and transacted other business, and was, later, on his way to meet his wife and daughter, who had been shopping in the West End, when, in stepping on to a pavement, he fell and, putting out his hand to save himself, fractured his wrist.

He spent the rest of the evening at Charing Cross Hospital (instead of at the theatre as he intended) and the fracture was set under an anæsthetic. Later he was allowed to go home and travelled by the midnight train from King's Cross.

Mr. Richardson's hosts of friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE.

A goodly number of members and friends journeyed to St. Neots on Easter Monday for the annual general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Knights, who kindly presided at the business meeting. Miss K. Willers and Mr. T. R. Dennis were re-elected general secretary and auditor respectively. The committee were re-elected en bloc.

The 1938 meeting is to be held at Over and a summer festival during the coming June or July, if the Bishop of Ely has a free afternoon to address the association.

It was decided to have 500 service papers printed, subject to the Bishop's approval of the revised form.

A grant of £2 2s. each was voted to Winwick and Horston Restoration Funds.

Opinion was divided on the question of certificates, and finally the matter was left in the hands of the committee.

Members were unanimous in their desire to erect a memorial to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake.

Gamlingay is to be transferred to the Huntington Branch from the Ely Branch.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. W. Knights for taking the service, for presiding and for allowing the bells to be rung; to the organist and to the incumbents of All Saints', Huntingdon, Eynesbury and Eaton Socon.

THETFORD BELL RESTORATION.

BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE INTERVENE.

An interesting case, in which a Bishop's Advisory Committee intervened to prevent a bell restoration being carried out on the lines desired by the local church authorities, came before the Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich (Mr. F. K. North) at the Consistory Court on Saturday week. It concerned the bells of St. Peter's Church, Thetford. The Rector and churchwardens had applied for a faculty giving them permission to take down the bells, recondition, tune and restore them. The application had been adjourned from a previous Court.

On behalf of the Advisory Committee, Mr. H. R. Nevill said he had been to the church, and the committee's intervention was regarded, as usual, as unnecessary fuss by a body of faddists. He had the advice of Mr. William Weir, one of the greatest living authorities on the hanging of bells. Mr. Weir made a detailed inspection of the bells and had said that their condition had been greatly exaggerated. He (Mr. Nevill) and Mr. Weir found that neither the Rector nor the churchwarden who was conducting the business had been in the belfry. Mr. Weir spent 40 minutes examining the bells and found their frame was good but loose. It wanted stressing laterally and vertically.

The peal was put up by Lord Rivers in 1790, when the ancient bells were recast and made into a peal of eight, Mr. Nevill stated. The peal was rehung about 1870. Mr. Weir found that the wear and tear on the bells had not been great. The proposal to quarter-turn them was not necessary, but it was unobjectionable.

COMMITTEE'S OBJECTIONS.

What Mr. Weir and the committee did object to very strongly was a proposal by the firm the Rector and churchwardens had employed to cut off the cannons of the bells and substitute their patent iron headstocks. This would weaken the crowns of the bells. As it was, the elm headstocks put on them in 1870 were in very good condition. They were of seasoned elm and should not be destroyed. Mr. Weir said it would be troublesome, but not impossible, to ring the bells in their present condition, the reason for the difficulty being that the bearings were worn. Mr. Weir suggested that if the Rector and churchwardens wanted any work to be done they should put in modern ball bearings, which would cost £180, as compared with the £300 in the present estimates. The firm had put in an alternative proposal which would retain the wooden headstocks, and the Advisory Committee said if they did that there would be no objection to anything else they did to the bells. They could do anything so long as they did not cut the bells about. That was a highly dangerous and objectionable practice. He could point to one peal that had been ruined by that treatment.

The Chancellor: Where is that?

Mr. Nevill: It is at Scarning. They cannot ring the bells at all now.

The Chancellor said he had had a letter from Mr. T. E. Rudling, one of the churchwardens.

Scanning the letter, he said: 'I am sorry to read this—"The damage already caused to the religious work of the church is such that it will not recover in a generation." I am very sorry for that, though I don't quite follow why it should be. The cutting off of the cannons of the bells seems to me to be a piece of vandalism to be avoided if possible. The fact that it is unnecessary is enough to condemn it as far as I am concerned.'

Mr. Nevill: The reason for the trouble was that they wanted to have the work done in a hurry, and to have the bells ringing for the Coronation. They have given out that the Advisory Committee stepped in and prevented it. As a matter of fact, the committee did nothing of the kind, because the work advised by Mr. Weir is adequate and could have been done in half the time. It might have been done by now.

The Chancellor: At the last Court I said applications to do things in a hurry in order to be in time for particular seasons or occasions harden my heart and make me very suspicious and very slow. If there is any blame to be taken for these bells not being ready to be rung for the Coronation, I am quite ready to take it.

Mr. Nevill: If they had applied to the Advisory Committee first, instead of getting estimates from a firm, as is so frequently done, there would have been no trouble at all.

The Chancellor issued a faculty for the work to be done, subject to the retention of the wooden headstocks on the bells. He said he thought Mr. Weir should superintend the work, and he reserved to the Advisory Committee leave to apply to him again if any difficulty arose. 'I am sorry,' he added, 'that the bells won't be ready for the Coronation, and I am willing to take the blame.'

VICAR PROTESTS AT DELAY.

An interesting commentary on the delays which occur in regard to the granting of faculties occurred at the same Court.

The Registrar (Mr. C. B. Bolingbroke) said: The Vicar of Docking (the Rev. F. G. Ward) had written him an extraordinary letter, in which he said: 'As it is five months since I applied for a faculty for a tablet to be erected by Mrs. P. Hare and the citation has been on the church door for four months, I am giving her leave to proceed, as I can get no further by application. You may recall that this is the third letter I have written about this, and two descriptions sent. I am no nearer getting word from you. I have also applied for a faculty for electric light, and as I must have this in time for the Coronation, which I explained in my communication three months ago, I intend to go forward with the matter at once.'

The Chancellor: I will degree the faculty for the tablet, and as for the letter, you had better send it to the Bishop.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

NEW SECRETARY APPOINTED.

A well-attended meeting of ringers was held on Saturday, April 3rd. As the bells of All Saints' are not yet back from the founders, only the towers of St. Peter's and St. Gregory's were available. Ringing began at 2.30, and there was a service in St. Gregory's at 4.30, at which the body of the church was filled. A sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Round-Turner, Rector of Bealings, which was appreciated by every one of his hearers. He gave instances of the way in which people had been influenced for good by the sound of church bells, and mentioned cases that he had known of people being brought back to the practice of their religion. He spoke of the way in which he had been taught to ring, the importance of details being impressed on him, and most of all that of 'good striking.' He then showed how these lessons applied to our daily life and to our practice of religion.

A large company sat down to tea in the Parish Hall, after which the business meeting was held, with the Bishop of Dunwich in the chair.

The report showed a balance of £25, and spoke of good progress both with new ringers and with new rings of bells.

The Rev. J. F. Hughes proposed the re-election of the Rev. H. Drake as secretary, but Mr. Drake said that he had quite made up his mind to resign. He had been secretary during the 15 years that the Guild had existed, and had watched it grow until it was in the front rank, with about a thousand members and ringing about a hundred peals a year. He had now entered on his 70th year, and it was only fair that he should give way to someone younger. Then, if he be spared for a few more years, he could watch the Guild being safely guided by someone else in its future destinies.

After some discussion, Mr. Harold Herbert, of Sudbury, was elected as secretary.

To fill the two vacancies on the committee, the Rev. H. Drake and Mr. David Elliott were chosen.

The ring at Horham was then discussed. These bells have long been very dilapidated. They are believed to be the oldest in the country to have been cast as now existing, and probably the first ring of an octave to be made, dating as they do from the 17th century. They are also the lightest, the tenor being only 7 cwt. A collection amounting to £2 8s. 3d. was made for these bells.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sproughton and a later one at Assington.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED FORMATION OF DISTRICTS.

The annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held, as usual, at Retford on Saturday, April 10th. The weather was not too good, but this did not prevent 40 ringers from being present. East Retford bells (10, tenor 24 cwt.), West Retford (6, tenor 9 cwt.) and Ordsall (6, tenor 7½ cwt.) were all open for ringing. At the first-named tower various Triples to Royal methods were rung in the afternoon and evening, but only a little ringing took place at Ordsall and that before tea, while West Retford bells did not really get going until after tea, when the tower was almost crowded out. The striking was fairly good; as good, at any rate, as can be expected from mixed companies.

The service was held in East Retford Church, the Rev. Redmund officiating. Mr. H. Blagg played the organ, and the Rev. A. J. Linsell, of West Retford, gave the address. He stressed the point that ringers should be the first to hear the message of the bells. There would then, he said, be more conviction behind that message as it went out over the countryside to other people.

Tea followed in the Ebsworth Hall, the Rev. Redmund welcoming the association to East Retford.

At the business meeting which followed, the election of officers and adoption of the report and balance sheet were carried through.

The question of the division of the association into a Retford and a Newark District was discussed, but no conclusions were reached. The subject will be brought forward again at the next meeting in the Newark area.

It was decided that a memorial to the late secretary, Mr. R. W. Stockdale, consisting of a bronze tablet, should be erected in the nave of Ordsall Church.

The committee's recommendation that Blyth or Harthill should be the tower for the next Crawford Cup contest did not meet with the approval of the members, and it was resolved to visit Sutton-on-Trent, as it was the turn of that tower, which is easily accessible.

With regard to Coronation Day ringing, the secretary (Mr. Roy Towler) asked the captain of every tower to make early arrangements for their bells to be rung some time during the day. If they found this impossible, owing to lack of numbers, they were to write to the secretary, who would try to get outside ringers to assist.

Mr. H. Stenton informed the meeting of the loss of a good ringer by the death of Mr. S. Smith, of Anston, who died on Easter Day. He had been a ringer for many years and was for some time on the committee of the association.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who made arrangements for the day. Some ringers afterwards rang their first touch of Royal, others tried the more intricate Minor methods, at East and West Retford respectively. The lowering in peal of the bells at both towers at 8.30 brought an enjoyable day to a close.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

OVER 1,000 PRACTISING MEMBERS.

Revised Rules Adopted.

More than 250 ringers and friends assembled at Ashford on Easter Monday for the annual meeting of the Kent County Association. The attendance was a record, except for the jubilee meeting at Canterbury. After ringing during the morning, service was held in the Parish Church at noon, the Vicar (the Rev. Ronald Sinclair) officiating. At the opening of the service he welcomed the association, and the Archdeacon of Maidstone (the Ven. T. K. Sopwith), in his address, said how deeply and constantly he appreciated the work ringers were doing for the glory and honour of the Church.

'I have many opportunities of appreciating that work,' he said, 'as on most Sundays in the year I travel through that part of Kent in which I exercise whatever jurisdiction an Archdeacon may have and I find bells ringing in the Romney Marsh, the Weald, or in the beautiful village churches around Maidstone, and I hear the bells of the great churches of Ashford and Maidstone to speed me on my way.'

'I rejoice to see you gathered here, my brothers. I say brothers advisedly, because whatever you may think about clergy—and people express their opinions rather freely—you and we are united in the yeoman task of calling people of the country and this county to God and the worship in His house.'

'Do regard your work as a real vocation and real calling,' continued the Archdeacon. 'You make a great contribution to English life and one I hope will never be broken, but you do something more—you are doing a work which God has given you to do.'

Mr. E. H. Lewis, vice-president of the association and president of the Central Council, presided at the luncheon and business meeting that followed. He was supported by the Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Rev. R. Sinclair, and the principal officers of the association.

Mr. F. White proposed the toast of 'The Archbishop and Clergy,' and said the Archdeacon's address had praised them for the past and given encouragement for the future. He also thanked the Vicar of Ashford for the fine service and the use of the rooms, and the organist, Mr. P. Steinitz.

The Archdeacon replied, and, on his suggestion, a message was taken by him to Canon Helmore, who was formerly secretary of the association for 38 years.

HIGHEST MEMBERSHIP FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.

In the annual report, presented by the hon. secretary, regret was expressed at the death of the second hon. secretary of the association (the Rev. E. W. Carpenter). He took over the secretaryship when the Rev. R. Knatchbull Hugessen resigned in 1889, and it was during his term of office that the county was divided into five districts. He resigned in 1891 and was succeeded by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

The report went on to record that the association had over one thousand practising members last year—the first time for 15 years. 'Having obtained these additional members,' continued the report, 'we must all do our best to keep them interested in the art of change ringing and association affairs, and thus, perhaps, be the means of filling the gaps that must necessarily occur as time goes on.'

There were 120 towers in union, an increase of four over the previous year. There were now affiliated to the association one 12-bell tower, five 10-bell, 63 eight-bell, 46 six-bell and five five-bell towers. The life members totalled 32, hon. members 73, adult practising members 960, juniors 98, making a total of 1,053. Ten non-residents have been added to the membership and the total now exceeds 1,500.

An appeal was made to all bands to proclaim the message of the forthcoming Coronation in a fit and proper manner and to see that the ringing is fitting for the occasion. 'Recently,' said the report, 'we have heard caustic remarks concerning the "striking" of bells; let us see it to it that our bells are well struck and the ringing worthy of such an association as ours.'

Thanks were expressed to incumbents at the 31 places where district quarterly or by-meetings had been held and to those who on various occasions had extended hospitality to the members. Thanks were also extended to the members of the committee who had retired.

The peals rung numbered 128, which was 27 less than in the preceding year. The 124 tower-bell peals were rung in 79 towers; 39 members rang their first peal and 137 their first in a method. Nine conducted their first peal and six their first in a method.

In analysing the peals rung, the report said that the Surprise peals were 16 less than in 1935. The association could not boast of any advancement in the quality of the methods rung, but it was hoped that what had been lost in peals had been made up for in extra ringing and good ringing for Sunday services.

SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS.

The general account showed a reduced balance, and stood at £28 14s. 5d. The Benevolent Fund had an increased balance and stood at £268 5s. 1d. Six appeals for help were received and grants were made to the extent of £24. The fund had been helped to the extent of £13 9s. 4d. as a result of collections at meetings.

From the Belfry Repair Fund six guineas had been paid and the balance in hand had increased to £128 5s. 9d. The total funds from all sources was £971 18s. 5d., an increase over last year of £5 4s. 2d.

In moving the adoption of the report, the Chairman referred to the record gathering (excluding the jubilee meeting), and said it showed continued interest in the association. They had reached a thousand members, but they had 1,450 bells to ring, so were still a good deal

short of what they should be. There were 216 towers and only 120 in union with the association.

'I do not think we should be satisfied,' he said, 'A little of the energy of the last two years put into the question of rules should be put into missionary work so that we can get 100 per cent. of the towers in union and membership up to the number of bells there are to ring.'

The report and accounts were adopted.

In moving the adoption of the revised rules, the hon. secretary said he hoped that the work of the committee, that had been appointed to consider the various amendments, would be approved. Each district had been represented on the committee and he considered they had done their work well, and their recommendation was unanimous.

Mr. H. Hoskins seconded the adoption.

A lively discussion followed, particularly on the provisions affecting the election of representatives to the committee. The proposed revision included the clause: 'That the district secretaries and two representatives from each district . . . be elected at the annual district meeting . . . or districts may, if so desired, elect them by tower representation.'

Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) asked what exactly was meant by 'tower representation.'

Mr. A. J. Battin (Tunbridge Wells, St. Peter's): It means the goodwill of the ringers (cheers).

Mr. Barnett said unless they maintained the right to exercise an individual vote they were losing a great English privilege. 'We must guard against a dictatorship,' he said, 'and I propose that the clause be ruthlessly struck out.'

Other speakers pointed out that the proposed revisions had been fully considered by the committee, and it was unfair to question the votes of elected representatives.

Put to the vote Mr. Barnett's proposal was defeated, only four voting in favour, and the revised rules were adopted.

All the officers were unanimously re-elected, which showed that the members were satisfied with the management of their affairs.

In moving the re-election of the hon. secretary, the Chairman said he had opportunities of seeing the work that was done behind the scenes, and he was pleased to say the secretary had been provided with a typewriter, which was a great asset to the association. He felt sure they could not have a better man than Mr. Mitchell.

In returning thanks, Mr. Mitchell congratulated the members on their co-operation in that day's arrangements. He had asked for all applications for tickets to be made by the last post on Wednesday, and the members had excelled themselves, as all had applied at the stated time, which was quite unusual for ringers. He thanked the district secretaries for their work during the year, as without their valued help his duty would be far more difficult.

ENGLAND'S OLDEST BELLRINGER.

The Chairman read a letter from the Rev. Page, Vicar of Aldington, who apologised for the absence of Mr. C. Slingsby, who would be 100 years old in May. He had hoped to bring him along, but he was now recovering from an attack of influenza. He would welcome all ringers to a meeting on the last Saturday in May, at Aldington, to celebrate Mr. Slingsby's 100th birthday.

A collection for this 'grand old man' was made to enable him to take a little extra nourishment, which realised £2 0s. 6d., and was taken to him the same afternoon.

Thanks were voiced to the Vicar and Archdeacon and the clergy of various parishes where church towers had been opened for the ringers. The collection for the Benevolent Fund was £3 1s. 9d.

LATE NOTICES.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby on Saturday, April 24th. Ten bells (tenor 18 cwt). Tea will be provided at Hood's Marine Cafe at 5 p.m. Please notify me for tea not later than Wednesday, April 21st.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley St., Guisborough, Yorks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on April 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by quarterly business meeting. All requiring tea please notify by April 21st.—H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1/8 per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m. All requiring tea please send their names without fail to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 21st.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

FOR BEGINNERS.

USEFUL HINTS IN CALLING STEDMAN CATERERS.

Last week we showed that the calling of the 'ordinary' courses of Stedman Caterers is a fairly simple matter, because the bobs usually occur at 5 and 16, with occasional bobs at 4 (to move the 5th's place bell) and, very rarely, at 15 (when it is desired to change the 2nd's place bell). This last is seldom done, because it complicates the composer's task by adding to the risk of falseness.

The bob at 5 changes the 'treble's place' bell, that is, the bell which, at the course end itself, strikes first. Actually this bell is then doing its last whole turn. When the bob at 5 is called this bell is dodging in 8-9 (up) and consequently remains there for another 'six,' and the bell it dodges with (i.e., the bell in 9-8, down) becomes the treble's place bell instead.

The importance of this bell to the conductor is this: If he is a wise man he will memorise the order in which the working bells (usually there are only four) become treble's place bell throughout the touch or peal—just as in calling a peal of Major he will, or should, know the 5th's and 6th's place bells. The bobs at 16 are like calling so many 'Homes' in Major, and it is necessary to know when the last of a set of two or three has been called, for memory is not always reliable.

The treble's place bell is the key to the position. After the last 16, there must be either a bob at 4 or 5. Let us deal with the bob at 5 first, as that is the one that most frequently occurs. You should know beforehand, as we have said, which is to be your next treble's place bell. When you call the last bob at 16, this bell will make the bob and will then be the 'quick' bell at the course end; that is the quick bell in the last six of the course, and will hunt up through the dodging places immediately in front of the existing treble's place bell until it reaches 9-8 (down), when the bob is called to change over the treble's place bell. Thus the conductor has plenty of opportunity to make sure of his position.

If the bob happens to be at 4, the same bell becomes treble's place bell, but dodges up at the bob (which is one 'six' earlier) instead of down. The bell that is leaving treble's place makes the bob.

These are just a few points to help you check up on your calling of 'ordinary' courses, which form the main body of most peals and touches.

The calling of 'starting,' or 'turning,' or 'homing' courses is not quite so simple. A 'starting' course is the one which brings the 'fixed' bells, referred to last week, into their proper positions. A 'turning' course is one which transposes these bells into alternative fixed positions, and a 'homing' course is one employed to bring the bells round. Usually it is unnecessary to employ both a 'turning' and a 'homing' course, because the former is so arranged that the bells will run round automatically after a given number of courses.

There is no really royal road to calling these starting and turning courses. It is safest to learn them thoroughly, and in doing this to know which bells are going to 'make the bobs' and which pairs will be dodging behind at the bobs. With practice you will get to know quite a lot about the construction of these courses, but to go into elaborate details is not necessary in this article.

Conductors should prick out these courses for themselves. They will get all the information they want from the six-ends, but there are certain things to remember. First, the usual 'start' is from 231456789, which is the actual six-end, rounds being really the fourth change of the six. Next, there are two different transpositions of rows which have to be used alternately, one for the 'slow' six and the other for the 'quick' six. The transpositions go thus in pairs:—

231456789

342618597

346829175

If there are bobs the transpositions are:—

231456789

Bob at 1 342617589, followed by

Bob at 2 346725189

One other thing to remember is that if you want to call a bob at 1, you must do so immediately the bells go off into changes, because it is made in the change after 231456789.

As an experiment, write out a starting course by the six-ends, with bobs at 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16. If you do it correctly your course-end should be 412365978. From this go on and write out a homing course with bobs at 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13. Your course end will not be 231456789; but see what you can make of it for yourself and then go into the tower and call the touch if you have the opportunity.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. J. JONES.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. J. Jones, formerly hon. secretary of the Guildford Branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, took place at Guildford Cemetery on Wednesday of last week.

As already reported, Mr. Jones was predeceased by his wife by only a few hours, and the remains of both were interred in the same grave.

Numerous representatives of various bodies in Guildford were present, and the Guildford Diocesan Guild was represented by Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), E. G. Heath, S. Radford, E. Raddon and Mrs. Hazelden (S. Nicolas), Guildford, of which company Mr. Jones was for many years a member, Mr. W. Melville and Mr. T. W. White (Cathedral, Guildford) and Miss Avenall (Worplesdon).

A wreath was sent by the S. Nicolas' Society.

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18th CENTURY PEAL RECORDS.

Will all secretaries, or any interested ringers who have collected records of old peals rung previous to 1825, please forward same or particulars, not later than May 1st for this year's report to the Central Council, to Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4?

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Saturday, April 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m., Preacher, Rev. E. G. Turner, Vicar of Cripplegate. Meat tea at the Zita Restaurant, 9, Fore Street (adjoining the church) at 5 o'clock, at 1s.3d. each. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 12 bells, from 2 to 4.30, and after the meeting; St. James', Clerkenwell (8) from 2 to 4 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry (8) from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, Joint Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Batheaston, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Pennard on Saturday, April 17th. Divine service and dedication of Memorial Tablet to the late Master (1925-1935), the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, will be performed by the Rev. L. S. Lewis, with address by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Master) at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 32, Burcott Road, Wells, Som.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne St. John and Monk Sherborne on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Sherborne St. John Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 17th. The bells of St. Andrew's Church, rings of 8 and 5, will be available from 3 p.m. Committee meet in the Church House at 4 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea in the White Heather Café, Market Place, at 5.15. Business meeting immediately after tea in the Church House.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, near Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Chelsfield, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Whetstone on April 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in schoolroom.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—West Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Netherbury on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The meeting at Cople on Saturday April 17th, has been cancelled.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 5, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Orwell on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Nags Head 5 p.m. Meldreth bells available from 6 p.m. Please support this meeting and encourage our five-bell ringers.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Good bus service from Wellingborough. Please send cards to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, April 17th, at 6.30 p.m.—R. Gillling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please notify Mr. Jas. Martin, 15, Fairly Crescent, Orrell, Bootle. Subscriptions due.—A. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Luton Parish Church on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, followed by business, at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. J. Plummer, Sec., c/o Post Office, Leighton Buzzard.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clement on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Kendal (10 bells) on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A joint meeting with the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held on Saturday, April 17th, at Terrington St. Clement. Bells (8) from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting is to be held at New Hay (St. Thomas') on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please come along and support us. You will be welcome.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

GET a pull over your neighbour at Aldenham on Saturday, April 17th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea, Village Club, 5.30. Bells open till 8.30. Excellent bus service to church from Radlett, Bushey, or coach service.—Herts Association.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined practice meetings have been arranged at St. Albans, St. Peter's, on Monday, April 19th, and the Cathedral on Tuesday, May 4th, both at 7.45 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. Nash and H. V. Frost, Dis. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 24th. At a service in the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop will dedicate a memorial, erected by the Cathedral ringers, to the late Provost E. C. Kirwan. Meeting at 5 p.m. in the Royal Grammar School; tea in Abbot's Kitchen 6.15, 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than Wednesday next, April 21st. Cathedral bells (8) available after service; S. Nicolas' (10) and Shalford (8) after tea.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley (10 bells) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in Café at 5 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 24th, in conjunction with the half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association. For arrangements see notice above.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting, arranged for Leigh, will be transferred to Worsley on April 24th. It will be held in conjunction with the half-yearly meeting. See notice above.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pulham Market (illness at Redenhall) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 2.30; service 4.15; tea 4.45. Special business—election of branch secretary. Special methods—Bristol Surprise and Cambridge Court.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Otterton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30; also Colaton Raleigh and East Budleigh (6) bells. Service at 4.30 p.m. The address will be given by the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Grimaldi, R.D.). Tea at 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Meeting to follow.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, nr. Exeter.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 24th, at St. Mary's, Holloway Road, Holloway, N.7. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall.—James G. A. Prior, Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Names for tea if required.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Aldermaston on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. Hunt, Hind's Head Hotel, Aldermaston, near Reading, by Wednesday, April 21st, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 24th. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (new rule) 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Market Drayton (8 bells) on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 21st inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. A short service at 4.30. Tea, at 6d. per head, will be provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, the 20th. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Throwley on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 4.45 and from 6 until 9 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at King's Somborne on Saturday, April 24th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall at 4.30. Bells available at 2 p.m. Please let us know if you are coming. All welcome.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ash Priors on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., to follow. Those wanting tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Milton Clevedon bells also available. P.C. for tea, please.—W. A. Osborn, Hon. Sec., Galhampton, Yeovil.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Madeley on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Saturday, April 24th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea at the Turkey Cock after. I hope we may have a good attendance of old and new friends.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Hawkey on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. It is essential to let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, April 21st.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Dilwyn on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea. All requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 20th.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch; Newport Pagnell Deanery. — On April 24th, a meeting at Weston Underwood; 2.30, begin; 4.15, service; 4.45, tea. — The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those advising me not later than April 22nd.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting has been arranged at Boyne Hill on Saturday, April 24th, at 2.45 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than April 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Hazelbeech (8) on Saturday, April 24th. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's tower, Glasbury-on-Wye, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, kindly provided by the Rev. R. W. Lockyer (Vicar) for those who notify me by the 19th.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Old Whittington on Saturday, April 24th. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. G. Newman by Thursday, April 22nd?—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland Newton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 27th; St. Magnus' on April 29th, St. Andrew's on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Hersham (Oatlands Park not available at present) on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. A p.c. by Wednesday, April 28th, will enable me to arrange tea for all. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready for 3 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Pinner, Saturday, May 1st. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held in conjunction with the Sheffield and District Society at St. John's, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 1st, when the peal of 10 bells will be available from 2 p.m. onwards. Meeting of the general committee in the Church Hall at 3.45 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Names to be sent to Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, by Wednesday, April 28th. The general meeting will be held immediately after tea.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Teynham on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 (1s.). To help with tea, please send your names in to Mr. V. J. Page, 1, The Crescent, Teynham, near Sittingbourne, not later than Wednesday, April 28th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Hawkhurst is just the place to visit in the spring; is picturesque; has fine peal of bells. The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, May 1st. The Hastings and District Guild will associate itself with this meeting. 3 p.m., tower open; 4.30, service. Tea (free to practising members) to follow; also business meeting. All ringers intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, April 27th.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Queenborough on Saturday, May 1st. Further particulars later.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 1st. Luncheon (1s. 6d.) in British Legion Hall, followed by annual meeting, at 1 p.m. Service in Cathedral, at 3.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Salisbury. Towers open: 8 bells, St. Thomas' (11-12.30, 6.30-8), St. Edmund's, St. Martin's; 6 bells, St. Paul's, Amesbury, Britford, Broadchalk, Berwick St. John, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Semley, Wilton, Woodford. Visitors intending to take luncheon please notify secretary before Monday, April 26th. — F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available at 2.30; also Bramford, Hintlesham and Copdock (all 6 bells). Tea 9d. each, at 4.30 at Church Hall. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Willingdon on Saturday, May 1st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) —A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 58th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 17th. Details later.—L. J. Clark, Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

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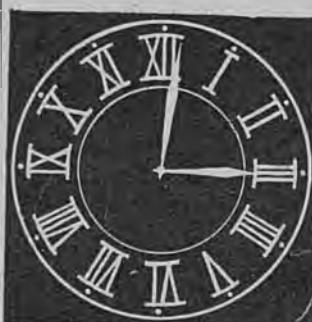
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