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MORE ATTRACTIVE MEETINGS.

There was never a time when so many meetings of ringers were held as there are in these days. Everywhere the associations lay themselves out to provide opportunities for their members to meet and to enjoy ringing. Frequently, however, there is comment upon the unsatisfactory attendances, and it is a well-established fact that the success which usually attends such gatherings is made possible by the faithful few who turn up regularly in their district wherever a meeting may be held, whether the tower is convenient to reach or otherwise. It can safely be said that only a minority of members in any association take any permanent interest in district meetings, and there is no dispute that officials often have legitimate cause to grumble at the support that is given to them.

The other side of the question is raised in a letter, published elsewhere in this issue, by a correspondent who believes that more could be done to make meetings attractive. It is undoubtedly true that many meetings proceed on hum drum lines. Methods are put on haphazard; the official in charge does his best to suit the capacity of all who want to ring, but often a ringer goes away with his special desire unsatisfied. Speaking generally, we agree that ringing at meetings could be better organised, and in some quarters efforts are being made to encourage progress by giving special attention to the practice of some particular method announced beforehand. But these things cannot, at present at any rate, be run to a syllabus, and it is not always the best attended meeting that produces the best results from the ringing point of view. The bigger the crowd, the less practice can the individual get. Ringing Masters, however, may find some useful suggestions in our correspondent's letter, and his appeal to the experts may well be taken to heart, if there be any who fail in the direction he indicates. Usually the experts are ever willing to help when they are present, but we would put in a word, suggesting that more of them should ring in the touches of the simpler methods, and even in the 'rounds' which are sometimes put on. Elementary methods are too often left almost entirely to the indifferent ringers or those with little knowledge, with the result that those who take part get little or no benefit from their experience. More real progress would be made if fewer beginners were included at one time and more touches in the simpler methods rung with the aid of a larger number of competent ringers. In this and in other respects there are numerous occasions when more practical use might be made of meetings, but it can only be done by a Ringing Master

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if the ringers will give him sufficient authority to 'command' in the tower.

There are, however, other things which might make meetings more attractive, and our correspondent suggests, among them, 'talks' on various subjects of interest to ringers. There are many societies connected with other pursuits, which hold periodical meetings, and have no difficulty in providing talks and discussions upon matters relating to their particular interests, and there are in connection with ringing a great many things which ringers would find instructive if they could be introduced by speakers competent to deal with them. This is a thing which has not been very extensively tried among ringers, and a well-thought-out scheme, carried through by one or other of the associations, might prove a useful experiment.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE AND THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWITT... .. 1	ERIC B. HARTLEY 7
CHARLES T. COLES 2	ERNEST W. PYE... .. 8
ARTHUR RADLEY 3	GEORGE RADLEY 9
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 4	FRANK E. DARBY 10
JAMES BENNETT 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 11
THOMAS J. LOCK 6	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.
* First peal on twelve bells. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN WOODBERRY Treble	ERNEST HALL 6
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY... .. 2	JOHN SMITH... .. 7
JOHN H. PAGETT 3	BERNARD C. ASHFORD 8
WILFRED E. DAVIES... .. 4	ALBERT J. WRIGHT 9
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY 5	PERCY RICHARDS Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 13). Conducted by C. H. WOODBERRY
* First peal of Caters. † First peal and first attempt.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt. in C sharp.

* WILKINS MASSEY Treble	* GROFFREY C. GOODMAN 6
MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN 2	WALTER CLAYDON 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 3	* H. WILLIAM BARRETT 8
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN 4	JOHN F. GALYER 9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Caters. First peal on the ten bells since their restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1937.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
JOHN W. FAIRFULL 2	ALAN R. PINK 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON 8
*WILLIAM E. CHEATER 4	REGINALD A. REED 9
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the eve of his 82nd birthday.

WISBECH, CAMBS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN 6
*JOHN FREEMAN 2	HORACE M. DAY 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 8
JOHN WALDEN 4	†WALTER H. FREEMAN ... 9
†FRED WIGMORE 5	†LEWIS BUSH Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

* First peal of Caters. † First peal in the method. The first peal of Caters on the bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 2	*ROLAND BIGGS 7
ERNEST J. KING 3	HARRY WINGROVE 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 9
*CHARLES W. OXTLEY ... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by W. PVE.

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 21, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR ROYHOWELL ... Treble	SIDNEY FORSHAW 5
EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... 2	GEORGE T. JENKS 6
*LAWRENCE WOOD 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
*HARRY S. COOPER 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Sargent.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

NORMAN SARGEANT ... Treble	ALBORN J. A. JACK 5
HARRY SARGEANT 2	JAMES W. MILLWARD ... 6
CHARLES H. PAGE 3	GEORGE JONES 7
ALBERT MILLWARD 4	WILLIAM H. DEGG ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JONES.

Rung as a memorial peal to the late Preb. H. A. Tamplin. First peal of Stedman on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Sunday, April 23, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ARTHUR RELF Treble	JAMES AVERY 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 2	†ALBERT H. KEMP 6
GEORGE MASKELL 3	JAMES G. POWELL 7
GEORGE SIMS 4	*A. J. AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

* First peal. † First peal on eight. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 24, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*JOHN DEEM Treble	*EDWARD SPRAGUE 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	CHARLES S. BIRD 6
*BRYAN PIDGEON 3	CHARLES J. TURNER ... 7
*JOHN L. GLANVILLE ... 4	JAMES E. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLON DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 3
ERNEST T. KING 2	JOHN CURRY 6
JOHN W. CARTER 3	NORMAN T. KING 7
CYRIL DOBNEY 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Joseph W. Flowers, for 41 years a ringer at this church, who was laid to rest in the churchyard on the above date.

RISSHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD ATHERTON ... Treble	JACK CLEGG 5
*TOM HILLMAN 2	*WILLIAM MILLER 6
TOM WILSON 3	*WILLIAM PROCTOR ... 7
ALBERT YATES 4	FRED READ Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by F. READ.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of Gallipoli Day as a tribute to all who fell there.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	*WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
CHARLES MARSHALL 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 6
*NIGEL W. BOLTON 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	*ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

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ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

STEDMAN STEELE... .. Treble	FRED TERRY... .. 5
MRS. E. BRADLEY... .. 2	HORACE S. MORLEY... .. 6
WILLIAM HAWLEY... .. 3	CHARLES BROWN... .. 7
RONALD H. DOVE... .. 4	EDWARD BRADLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by A. WILSON. Conducted by E. BRADLEY.
A birthday compliment to Miss D. M. Hawley.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES... .. Treble	*THOMAS G. FOX... .. 3
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 2	*HERBERT E. THOMPSON... .. 6
*LEONARD J. FOX... .. 3	FRED C. MAYNARD... .. 7
†JOSEPH H. BOOMEMA... .. 4	†FREDERICK C. TAYLOR... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Triples.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*KEITH H. C. LILLEY... .. Treble	A. STANLEY WOODARD... .. 5
JAMES M. BAILEY... .. 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY... .. 6
ALDERMAN LING... .. 3	PHILIP C. BICKNELL... .. 7
FRANK L. FISHER... .. 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

* First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

FREDERICK C. NICHOLS... .. Treble	*WILFRED JARVIS... .. 5
JAMES ROSE... .. 2	FREDERICK S. MORTLOCK... .. 6
WILLIAM HINSEY... .. 3	GEORGE MORE... .. 7
CHARLES SHEMMING... .. 4	CHARLES E. FISHER... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES ROSE.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. GARNER... .. Treble	†HERBERT G. ANDREWS... .. 5
J. EDWARD CHURCHILL... .. 2	WILFRED G. WILSON... .. 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. 7
PERCY E. CLARK... .. 4	FRANK MILLER... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. E. Clark.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES H. RIDING... .. Treble	HARRY OVERTON... .. 5
WALTER LONGMAN... .. 2	*HARRY THELWELL... .. 6
HARRY F. HOLDING... .. 3	J. WILLIAM EDGE... .. 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD... .. 4	GEORGE A. PACKER... .. Tenor

Composed by S. WOOD. Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.

* First peal of Kent Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

ROOESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD STEELE... .. Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE... .. 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL... .. 2	ANDREW THOMPSON... .. 6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW... .. 3	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE... .. 7
THOMAS HURD... .. 4	ARTHUR W. HALL... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOBBAARD. Conducted by J. G. CARTLIDGE.

A birthday compliment to Miss Ada Bourne, of Newcastle-under-Lyme. First eight-bell peal as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1939, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt.

*EDWARD W. IZARD... .. Treble	ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN... .. 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE... .. 2	REV. JOHN P. PELLOR... .. 6
HENRY HUTTON... .. 3	ALFRED H. POLLING... .. 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH... .. 4	ERNEST J. AVLIFFE... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal and comes from Victoria, British Columbia.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN... .. Treble	*FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN... .. 5
HENRY J. RANZETTA... .. 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT... .. 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 4	ROBERT HEAZEL... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

ALAN R. PINK... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE... .. 6
EDWARD T. GRIFFEN... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS... .. 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

* On Wednesday, May 3, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*PERCY J. BURGOWNE... .. Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY... .. 5
FRANK ROWSELL... .. 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT... .. 6
WILLIAM H. BLOOR, R.A.F. 3	ERNEST STITCH... .. 7
TREVOR M. RODERICK... .. 4	ALBERT E. BACON... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rt. Rev. Timothy Rees, Bishop of Llandaff.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*GEORGE HARVEY... .. Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN... .. 5
†WILLIAM ARMOUR... .. 2	FRANK AINSLEY... .. 6
GEORGE S. TAYLOR... .. 3	THOMAS H. REEVES... .. 7
JOSEPH W. PARKER... .. 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON.

* First peal on a Treble Bob bell. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*WALTER PECK Treble	GEORGE GILBERT 5
LEONARD STILLWELL 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
*JAMES A. GLASS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
*NORMAN V. HARDING 4	*JOHN E. GREENOUGH Tenor

Conducted by L. STILLWELL.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Oxford Bob Triples on the bells and for the Guild.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	DEREK M. SHARP 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 6
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 3	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. G. BANNISTER.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 of Plain Bob (26 singles). Tenor 8½ cwt. (approx.).

LADRIE NORFOLK ... Treble	A. RUSSELL PAUL 4
*FRANK JARROW 2	STANLEY G. SHIPP 5
HENRY SHARP 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First attempt for a peal.

WALCOT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twenty-one extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

EDWARD HOWES ... Treble	HENRY E. WOODHOUSE ... 3
ERIC DURRANT 2	WILLIAM H. FRENCH 4

WALTER C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOHN DEEM ... Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD 4
HENRY G. LEWIS 2	*EDWARD MARKS 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3	BRYAN PIDGEON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

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

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes;

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

*ERNEST A. NEWING ... Treble	E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... 4
*PERCY G. WOOD 2	FREDERICK A. RYE 5
CHARLES TURNER 3	*HENRY E. AXON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal.

STEVENTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*JOHN NOBES ... Treble	*BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 4
*ALBERT E. LOCK 2	*WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
*GEORGE AYRES 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in four methods. First peal of Minor in more than one method on the bells.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Treble	*ERNEST WALLACE 4
JOHN ANDERSON 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 5
*CHRISTOPHER HETHERINGTON	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN.. Tenor

Conducted by E. WALLACE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 28, 1939, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Court Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Treble	VIOLET A. FROST 4
*ALBERT HALES 2	HARRY J. MILLATT 5
CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 3	GEORGE A. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Arranged as a birthday compliment to Miss Frost.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse College, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.) in A.

WILLIAM J. PAICE ... Treble	CYRIL A. BURGESS 4
*MISS S. M. S. FLEMING ... 2	GEORGE H. LIMMER 5
BRYAN O'NEILL 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal.

IGHTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... Treble	FREDERICK WOOLWAY ... 4
ROBERT COLLINS 2	JAMES O. WELLER 5
ARTHUR WENBAN 3	FREDERICK PAIGE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Double Oxford Bob and one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob spliced, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM ARMOUR ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4
CHRISTOPHER HETHERINGTON	HAROLD WALKER 5
ERNEST WALLACE 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal of Minor.

RETTENDON, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In the following methods: 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK C. MAY Treble	*ROY WHESTON	4
HARRY JAY	2	CHARLES JAY	5
FRANK W. SMYNN	3	*FRANK S. JAY	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. MAY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. A. Norman, for 19 years Rector of the parish.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOCELYN B. GARDINER ... Treble	†JOHN ANTHONY BEAUMONT ... 4
*IVAN B. GARDINER ... 2	†ALBERT T. BANCROFT ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal away from treble. † First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Frank Bonner, who has just commenced duties as curate at Disley; also as a birthday compliment to J. A. Milner.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 30, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM J. CARTER	... <i>Treble</i>	*HENRY CARTER	4
EDWARD STEELE	... 2	ALAN D. STEEL	5
WILLIAM PERKINS	... 3	HARRY HALL	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. HALL.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Steel.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Thursday, April 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At 3, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON	1-2	*CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ...	5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER	3-4	*ERNEST WALLACE	7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by Wm. H. BARBER.

* First handbell peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

*NORMAN H. MANNING	...	1-2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	...	5-6
DEREK M. SHARP	...	3-4	*DENNIS G. BROWN	...	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

* First attempt for a peal 'in hand.'

DUNCHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At North Lodge, BILTON GRANGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A sharp.

*FRANK W. PERRENS...	... 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON	... 5-6
*FRANK E. PERVIN	... 3-4	D. HAROLD ARGYLE	... 7-8

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

THE THURSDAY-ITES.

The Leicester Thursday-ites were again successful on April 27th, when at Kibworth Beauchamp they were happy to record a peal of Double Norwich Major.

Thanks are accorded to Mr. Nigel Bolton, who is a member of the local band, for standing in the attempt at the last minute. Mr. Bolton previously had had little practice in the method, and the way in which he rang his bell fully deserved the compliments that were extended to him. The peal was specially arranged for 'our Arthur,' who scored his first peal of Norwich, as did Mr. W. A. Wood. Further compliments were paid to 'Ted Y. Ted,' who scored his 200th peal.

The band were delighted, upon their arrival, to find that Canon H. J. T. Eacott had very kindly got the bells up, and had left everything in readiness for the attempt. Previous to the start he sincerely hoped the party would be successful—he certainly heard some good ringing, and at the finish was soon in the belfry congratulating one and all upon their performance.

The party desire to thank Canon Eacott for the personal trouble he took in raising the bells, furthermore they would have been delighted to have him ring in the peal—but age will tell.

The first peal in seven methods on the five bells at Great Bromley, Essex, since April 13th, 1907, was rung on April 28th.

Miss Sylvia Fleming, a member of the tower at Burnham, Bucks, thoroughly earned her first peal 'star,' when she took part in seven methods at Finchampstead on April 29th. After ringing 1,100 changes, the attempt came 'unstuck' (through no fault of hers) and another start was made, which happily came to a successful conclusion.

All the ringers belong to St. Peter's Society, Burnham, except Mr. W. J. Paice, the local captain, and the peal was rung as a birthday compliment to his wife. The ringers were indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Paice for their hospitality after the peal.

The Rev. Frank Bonner, one of the most active of the present ringing clergy, has just taken up a curacy at Disley, where some of the Cheshire Guild's Spiced Minor records have been set up. A peal of Bob Minor was rung there on April 29th to welcome Mr. Bonner. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Milner, who took part in the peal.

Mr. Bonner did not ring his first peal until March, 1937, but before the end of that year he had rung, among other things, peals of Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

On 'Gallipoli Day,' April 25th, in memory of all who fell there, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Rishton, Lancashire.

A NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCE.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, received hearty congratulations and good wishes for his 82nd birthday, at the conclusion of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at North Stoneham, Hants, on Saturday. It is a tribute to his continued amazing keenness and freshness of mind that at this advanced stage of 'youth' Mr. Williams not only called the peal, but 'conducted' it in the real sense of the term. George Williams has forgotten more than many of us know, but to conduct Cambridge Royal at 82 is, nevertheless, a noteworthy performance.

Everyone who had the privilege of ringing in the peal was delighted at the opportunity of honouring the veteran, but none more so than one of his pupils, whose first peal of Major Mr. Williams called 48 years ago.

North Stoneham has the lightest ring of ten bells in a church tower, the tenor being only 9 cwt, 26 lb. The trebles were given by Mr. and the late Mrs. Williams in celebration of their golden wedding some years ago. The very handsome oak screen, which divides the church from the tower and thus forms an enclosed ringing chamber, was given by Mr. Williams in memory of his wife.

Three days before the North Stoneham peal, Mr. Williams conducted a peal of Cambridge Major at the village of Soberton. This was the first peal on the bells since they were retuned and rehung in a new frame six months ago by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. It was at Soberton that Mr. Williams rang his first peal in 1883. The band that rang the peal on Wednesday week come from eight different places.

A birthday peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Rochester, Staffs, on April 29th, as a compliment to Miss Ada Bourne, of Newcastle-under-Lyme. The method was rung after meeting short for Cambridge.

In honour of St. George's Day, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. George's Church, Benenden, Kent, on April 23rd. Arthur Relif, who is only 14 years of age, rang the treble. It was his first peal and he rang excellently.

It is rather astonishing how a series of successes or failures can run in peal ringing. Mr. Frank Warrington, of Over, Cambridgeshire, called a peal of Minor at Wilburton on April 26th; his first peal since November 29th, after a string of 18 losers.

The first peal on the five bells at Walcot, Norfolk, was rung on April 26th.

The first peal on the bells at Rettendon, Essex, by an entirely local band was rung on April 29th as a farewell to the Rev. W. A. Norman, who is leaving after 19 years as Rector of the parish.

FIRST PEAL, FOUR HOURS.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Kidderminster on April 29th was arranged to enable Wilfred E. Davies to attempt his first peal before being transferred to Warrington. It is not often a beginner is called upon to ring upwards of four hours at his first attempt, but after ringing for 37 minutes a fresh start was made and the peal rung in 3½ hours. It was also the first attempt for Caters by Messrs. J. Pagett, B. Ashford and Percy Richards.

The first peal of Bob Major on the bells at Littleham, Devon, was rung in honour of St. George's Day and four ringers scored their first of Plain Bob on eight bells. They were Messrs. J. Deem (Littleham), B. Pidgeon (East Budleigh), J. L. Glanville and E. Sprague (Withycombe).

After the peal the ringers were met by the Rev. H. B. Beckwith, former secretary of the Salop Guild, of which the conductor of the peal, Mr. C. R. Lilley, was at one time Ringing Master.

After meeting short for a peal of Major at St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, on April 29th, a peal of Minor was substituted. Five methods were rung, including 720 of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob spliced.

On May 4th, however, a full band met and rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. They were all local ringers, except Mr. T. H. Reeves, hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

The late Bishop of Llandaff, the Rt. Rev. Timothy Rees, was buried in his Cathedral on May 3rd, and on the same day a half-muffled peal in his memory was rung at St. Iltyd's Church, Bridgend.

By the death of the Rev. W. A. Sargent, Vicar of St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire, ringers in that district have lost a good friend. He was a great lover of bells. He was buried at Kirkdale on April 17th, and on April 21st a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Hindley with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to his memory.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Carpenter, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, was celebrated on Saturday, April 22nd, and a peal of Grandsire Triples, in which their youngest son took part, was rung at the Parish Church in honour of the event.

Mr. Carpenter has been a ringer at Chiddingfold since he first came to the village about 25 years ago, and, except for illness, has never been known to miss ringing for a Sunday service.

After the peal the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter at Pitt Cottage. Major Hesse proposed the toast of 'Bride and Bridegroom' and wished them many more years of health and happiness. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Mr. Carpenter suitably replied.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual general meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Bramley on Saturday, April 29th. The members were slow in turning up and various reasons were suggested, such as a change in the bus terminus owing to a Defence Services Civic Week parade through the main streets of the town, which caused much congestion. The broadcast of the cup final was also blamed, but the truth of the matter probably was that there were far too many peal attempts fixed for the meeting date.

The attendance was much improved after tea, when members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Guiseley, Elland, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Ripon, Rothwell and the local company. Mr. Edward (Ned) Redshaw, of the local company, who has now reached the age of 84, was present during the afternoon and evening. Congratulations were offered him on the splendid way he rang in various touches.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews) being in the chair. In addition to the minutes of the previous meeting, the record entered in the minute book of the jubilee gathering was read, which, together with the report from 'The Ringing World' and local Press cuttings, will make a lasting record of this very interesting and pleasant gathering.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior, seconded by Mr. L. Drake and acknowledged by Mr. S. Helliwell.

The election of officers for the year 1939-1940 resulted as follows: President, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H. Senior, T. W. Strangeway and S. Barron; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The balance sheet and the jubilee accounts, audited by Messrs. S. Helliwell and A. Armitage, were submitted and adopted.

The secretary's report was read. It showed that the membership was 233, that 20 peals were rung by the members during the year. Only ten meetings were held, but were well attended. The jubilee gathering filled the other meeting date. Methods rung at the meetings had been varied and some members were able to report progress as a result of attendance at the meetings. The financial side continued to improve, although, owing to jubilee expenses, the balances carried forward were slightly down.

The next meeting is to be held at Batley, and the suggested date is May 27th.

A special vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior and seconded by Mr. A. Armitage to Mr. F. Rayment for his work in connection with the presentation made at the golden jubilee celebration to the secretary.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Four new members were elected at the monthly meeting of the Doncaster and District Association at Barnby Don on Saturday week. The next meeting will be held at Campsall.

The many friends of Mr. A. Stoneley, of Doncaster, will be pleased to hear he is home again and making good progress after his operation in Doncaster Royal Infirmary.

Mr. John W. Faithfull, of Southampton, who took part on Saturday in a peal of Cambridge Royal at North Stoneham, Hants, has only rung two touches of Cambridge on ten bells—and both were peals. Mr. Faithfull is one of three peal ringing members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild who surmount the handicap of having only one arm.

The daughter born last week to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey, of Dartford, is the fifth generation living on her mother's side. Her great-great-grandmother is an active old lady of over ninety, and her great-great-uncle is still a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.'

Both the young lady's parents are active ringers, Mr. J. E. Bailey being son of one of the famous brothers who made ringing history at Leiston some years ago. There are three ringers, also, on Mrs. Bailey's side of the family, so great things—if heredity goes for anything—may be expected in due course from the new arrival. Already several ringers have offered to call her first peal.

Mrs. Paul Field, of Stoke Wake, Blandford, is now improving, and it is hoped that she will soon be out of hospital.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

AN INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. LEWIS.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis would be pleased to see members of the Council and their friends at Moorcocks, Brasted, on the afternoon of Whit Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. It would be a convenience if those hoping to come would send a postcard stating numbers by the morning of Saturday, the 27th, to Moorcocks, Brasted, Sevenoaks. A train leaves Charing Cross at 2.4 p.m. for Brasted Station, changing at Duntun Green.

COMPOSED 40 YEARS AGO.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to say that the ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples published in your issue of April 21st has previously been published and rung, but with ordinary singles connecting the two halves. I called it at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, in 1923, having composed it some 25 years before that.

It is not permissible to use both ordinary and Holt's singles in the same peal.
Dublin.
G. LINDOFF.

LINCOLN GUILD'S BEST PERFORMANCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Although rather late, I would like to congratulate our Lincoln friends on ringing the peal in ten Surprise Major methods, which, in my opinion, is the best ringing performance for this county up to date on any number of bells. The fact that Messrs. E. C. S. Turner and John Freeman, jun., have visited our tower, have just looked at half a dozen Surprise Minor methods and then rung them quite as well as Minor ringers is enough to make me realise that there is more in the above peal than a 30 Surprise Minor peal.

H. M. DAY.

DUDLEY GUILD FOUNDER.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

On Monday evening, May 1st, a peal board was unveiled in the belfry of Dudley Parish Church in memory of the late Mr. John Goodman, sen., who was known as the 'father' of St. Thomas' band of ringers. Mr. Goodman commenced his ringing career about 1871 at Sedgley, and after a few years identified himself with St. Thomas' Church, where, for upwards of 50 years, he was a regular Sunday service ringer. He rang his first peal in 1872 and had rung altogether 130 peals.

He was one of the pioneers in the formation of the Dudley and District Guild in 1899 and remained a member until his death two years ago. His one aim was always that the ringing of the bells and the striking should be nothing short of the best.

It was decided a few months ago that St. Thomas' company should perpetuate his memory by placing a board in the belfry recording the memorial peal rung on April 23rd, 1938. It was unveiled by the Ven. Dr. A. P. Shepherd (Archdeacon of Dudley), who is also president of the Guild. Amongst the ringers assembled in the belfry were several old friends of the late Mr. Goodman, and the company also included Mr. J. McDougal Tait and Mr. W. R. Edwards (churchwardens).

After the dedication Mr. Herbert Sheppard, on behalf of the Dudley band, presented the board to the Vicar and wardens to be kept by them in perpetuity, and the Vicar, who gratefully accepted the board, handed it over to the care of the churchwardens.

Mr. Sheppard then expressed the ringers' thanks to the Vicar for so kindly coming to perform the dedication service, and to the churchwardens for their presence. The board bears the particulars of the peal of Grandsire Caters, which was rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late John Goodman, sen., on the first anniversary of his death.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—70.

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

The hon. secretary of the Worcestershire Association, Mr. Joseph D. Johnson, of Evesham, is a member of a family of ringers and created a record by ringing and calling on handbells his first peal at the age of 13 years. This was a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at his home at Hinton, Worcestershire, with his father and eldest sister, on August 5th, 1912, the youthful conductor ringing 5-6. He then taught his second sister to ring, and in December of the same year Joseph and the two girls created a record, which still stands, as the youngest band to ring a peal. Their ages were 12, 13 and 10 respectively, and the peal, which was also Grandsire Doubles, was independently witnessed. It was a remarkable achievement for three children.

Mr. Johnson was born at Hinton-on-the-Green, on March 19th, 1899, and he is still a ringer at the church in that village. It was only

natural that the early interest he developed in ringing should lead him to greater things, and he has now rung peals on tower bells from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Maximus, and on handbells from Doubles to Treble Twelve. We believe he is the only conductor who has called peals 'in hand' on all numbers from five to twelve and all from working pairs. His peals now number 194, of which he has conducted 111, those on handbells numbering 51, of which he has conducted 39. Out of his total Mr. Johnson has rung 185 peals for the Worcestershire Association.

When he was only 16 years of age he paid a visit to Birmingham and started on 7-8 for a peal of Stedman Caters without having previously struck a blow in it. The peal failed after about an hour, but it was rung three days later. Mr. Johnson conducted the opening peal of Stedman Cinques on the recast twelve at Worcester Cathedral in 1928 and called the first peals ever rung of Pershore Bob Major and Hinton Surprise Major. He also conducted the first peals by the Worcestershire Association of Spliced Treble Bob Minor in 14 methods, Erin Caters, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal, Bob Maximus and Spliced Bob and Little Bob Maximus, on tower bells; and Doubles and Minor, Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus and Erin Caters on handbells.

Mr. Johnson, in addition to his peal ringing activities, has served the Worcestershire Association in a number of offices. He was Southern Branch Ringing Master from 1922 to 1925, and Master of the association from 1926 to 1928. He became general secretary in 1935 and is still in office, while he has been one of the representatives of the association on the Central Council since 1931.



MR. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

TO BECOME INDEPENDENT ORGANISATION.

The annual business meeting of Oxford University Society was held at St. Peter's Hall on Tuesday, April 25th. In the absence of the president, the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Keble), the Master, Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith (Jesus) presided.

The main business was the election of officers. The Master and the treasurer, Mr. M. C. G. Bayter (Christ Church), both handed in their resignations, as they would shortly be leaving Oxford. The secretary, Mr. P. J. M. Bryan (St. Peter's Hall), was elected Master, and Mr. M. A. C. Fremer (Merton) to succeed him in the secretaryship. Mr. J. Wrigley (Merton) was elected treasurer. Mr. R. Tydeman (St. John's) was re-elected on the committee, and two vacant places were filled by the election of Messrs. Palmer (New College) and Stott (Balliol).

A resolution, which had been passed at the previous meeting, that the society should cease from being affiliated to the Diocesan Guild, was ratified. It was emphasised that this was not due to any disagreement or strained relations with the Diocesan Guild; but it was felt that the time had come for the society to become an entirely independent organisation.

Ringing arrangements for the term were explained.

A good deal of discussion took place on the question of the possibility of a summer tour, but no definite decision was reached.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.

HOW TO ENCOURAGE LARGER NUMBERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When, under 'other business' at the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association, Mr. G. W. Fletcher spoke of the lack of enthusiasm shown by some members in this respect, I rose to say that I suspected that there were some 'ten minutes to spare.' I would dwell upon this thought. I cannot remember a time when there has been found opportunity to discuss a matter of general interest at a meeting of this kind. The agenda is generally too long to allow of it, or the time is too short; or, perhaps, matter is not forthcoming. More likely, I happen to have been absent when such has been the case.

I reminded the meeting that something of the sort had been discussed when the association visited Clerkenwell, and that I had then asked whether the officers were entirely free from blame. There was no question of attacking the Master. I consider that Mr. A. W. Coles is the finest Master that ever stepped into a belfry—the most courteous and helpful ringer who ever endeavoured to pilot me through a strange method. I offered certain suggestions, which Mr. Coles afterwards said were unworkable—and he explained why.

The first thing that occurs to me is the necessity for loyalty, to the Master, by a sufficient number of experts who would be willing to 'stand behind' or take a rope during the whole of the ringing time—only to take a rope where it cannot be filled by others. Each would be responsible for the success of the man ringing 'his' rope. The Master would encourage members to ask for something they wanted—something they could not get at home; something they, in all probability, had come hoping to get; but which they seldom did get, and of which the experts already (by reason of their ability) had probably sickened elsewhere. I believe these able men could be found—who does not expand to flattery? Mr. C. W. Roberts, who urged that learners should practise at home, is the very type I would choose to 'stand behind' me!

Can it be doubted that ringers, of all sorts and sizes, fair, indifferent and bad, would flock to meetings where there was an outside chance of trying something they had 'looked up'? I had 'looked up' 'Something-Triples, for Clerkenwell, and was done out of it! I came away a tiny bit disappointed—of course I did, and I expect this happens time and again to hundreds of ringers up and down the country.

And I would ask Masters to carry along touches in the same method until those who specially wanted that method had been satisfied, instead of coming back to the method later on. I once longed for a course of Bristol, and asked for it. It was put on at intervals, and more than one ringer got in two or three of the courses—I was unlucky; unable to 'grab,' I suppose. Had those courses followed, nobody would have had the cheek to stand in a second one running, unless specifically asked to do so. In this connection I would ask the Master to be strong, and tactfully to point out to the greedy (but very often thoughtless) ringer that he was getting too much.

So much for the man who goes mainly to ring. There are, however, many who attend meetings for the sociability of the tea and meeting. To meet old friends, to meet new faces; to chat over things of mutual interest—peals, compositions, ideas and what not? And there are many who would attend, if something could be put over in the way of a 'talk' on some matter, after the meeting—as witness the popularity of the radio 'talks.' I should like to listen to some tips on conducting Stedman—given in a simple manner on the lines of the articles recently printed in this paper; or to a criticism on common mistakes of handling, and their effect on striking. And what about an exposition on the 'Proof of Treble Bob,' sung in harmony by Messrs. Baker, Joyce, Trollope and Turner!

Hornchurch.

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

PRESENTATION TO A SECRETARY.

APPRECIATION OF MR. T. GRANT'S WORK IN BATH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Bathampton on May 6th. The Vicar very generously provided a splendid tea in the Village Hall, which was greatly appreciated.

The meeting was made the occasion of presenting Mr. T. Grant, the esteemed local secretary, with a birthday gift, which consisted of a wallet of notes and a framed illuminated address. Preb. Ross (the chairman) presented the wallet to Mr. Grant. He spoke very highly of the good work he has done and is still doing for the association, and said how much all the members and himself rejoiced in his help and good work.

The Ringing Master (Mr. W. J. Prescott) then handed Mr. Grant the address, which he himself had kindly framed, and read the names of the different towers and friends who had contributed so generously. He also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to those who had worked to help forward the presentation.

It should be added that Mr. Prescott's name should be associated with the others, as he had put in so much work himself.

Mr. Grant suitably responded and expressed hearty thanks for the gift, adding that he was surprised he had so many friends.

The meeting concluded by singing 'For he's a jolly good fellow' and the giving of three hearty cheers for Mr. Grant.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. PROPOSAL FOR DIVISIONAL RINGING MASTERS

Future Annual Meetings to be in Brighton.

The annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held in Brighton on Saturday, April 29th. An attendance of over 80, which is a record for some years past, was representative of 30 affiliated towers and included visitors from the neighbouring counties.

During the afternoon and evening the two ten-bell towers of St. Nicholas and St. Peter's attracted large numbers of ringers from the opening time of 2.30 until their closure at 9 p.m. The Good Shepherd, eight bells, was available in the evening, but partly owing to the bad weather and the recent changes in the town's transport, not a large number was present. Ringing at the towers was generally of a high standard and the bells were kept fully occupied.

The service took place in St. Peter's, and the address was given by the recently appointed Vicar of Brighton, Canon G. H. Warde, M.A. In the course of his address the Vicar disclosed the fact that, although not himself a ringer, both his father and grandfather had been members of the band at Little Horsted. Previous to his appointment at Brighton, the Vicar had met ringers at similar gatherings at Grantham.

The text was taken from the Gospel for the second Sunday after Easter, 'I am the Good Shepherd,' and the difference was pointed out between the British idea of a shepherd and that common in the East. There it was a truly manly occupation with many risks to run and dangers to overcome. There the shepherd never drives his flock, but goes in front to protect it from the encounters with wild beasts. In the 20th century man required more than ever before a leader, a guide, a shepherd towards the ideals of harmony and peace. The clergy were the representatives of the Shepherd, and the ringers' art was a great and important addition to the power of the priest to keep God in the minds of the people. For this reason the ringers should be prominent in the councils of the Church, so that God was not only represented by the parish priest, but also by the ringers as shepherds. With this ideal carried out, the churches should be full to consecrate prayer to peace.

STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the Master (Mr. H. R. Butcher), who presided, was supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Stone), the hon. general secretary (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) and the divisional secretaries. The meeting welcomed Mr. J. T. Rickman, a past Master, and Mr. G. Williams, the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The Rev. H. E. Collins was elected an honorary life member.

Despite heavy expenses by benefits to members for rail fares and teas, the general account revealed an increased balance of £5 9s. 7d. The receipts included £76 2s. from subscriptions. The balance in hand at the end of the year was £131 5s. 9d. In addition there is a balance of £50 in the reserve fund, £88 7s. 5d. in the Benevolent Fund and £4 8s. 7d. in the certificate account.

The annual report, signed by the Master and hon. secretary said: 'The constant cry that the number of ringers is rapidly falling has caused us to examine the membership lists in the past reports, taking as a basis only those ringers who are definitely attached to towers. The present membership is 681, with 65 towers in affiliation, as compared with 694 and 66 towers in 1934. There has been a decline of only 13 during five years. An even more significant fact emerges when the number per tower is examined. The 1937 list showed that there were 10.4 ringers to every peal, or more than enough to man the bells fully on every occasion they are likely to be required. The town towers seem to have experienced a decrease in membership, while those in the country have practically made up the losses. Nevertheless, we are forced to one conclusion: that the main fault lies with the ringers themselves. It should be possible among a body of men united in the practice of such an art as ringing, which demands the utmost of concentration and co-operation, to avoid petty irritations caused by unpunctuality and absence, which are almost always the first steps to disruption.'

'We are also of the opinion that much more could be done towards the well-being of ringers by the clergy and church officials. The Vicar and churchwardens are often elected as presidents or vice-presidents of a local band, but there the interest ends. The ringers are generally out of sight, not very accessible, and the sound of the bells is too often rather casually regarded as a familiar and sometimes objectionable noise in the background of religion.'

IMPORTANCE OF SUITABLE LEADER.

'Apart from the question of recruitment, in which church officials could be a very real help, there still remains the difficulty of keeping a band together once it has been formed,' proceeded the report. 'On this point we can offer no suggestions. It is purely a matter of selecting a suitable leader who has the requisite tact and personality to carry the band through the difficulties which are certain to arise. It is very often the leader on whose shoulders the burden of making outside contacts falls, and this is a point to be considered on his election.'

The report concluded with thanks to the clergy for help given at meetings, the organisers who had assisted with the musical arrangements, and to the divisional secretaries.

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WATERFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

RESTORED RING REOPENED.

A Peal That Influenced Ringing in Ireland.

The fine ring of eight bells at Waterford Cathedral, Ireland, have been completely restored and were reopened on Easter Day, the dedication being performed by the Dean (the Very Rev. C. Stevenson), who, in the course of his address, spoke of the joy with which they heard the bells ringing again, after several months of silence. He added: 'I believe this work has been thoroughly well done, and now the fittings of the bells and the arrangements for the ringers have been modernised and put in good order, so that for many years to come we shall have no anxiety with regard to our bells. I am thankful—we all are thankful—to have this work completed so satisfactorily.'

The bells were cast by Mcars in 1870 and have a tenor of 20 cwt. The first peal in Ireland was rung on them by the College Youths at the opening—Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. Pettitt. This was followed the next year by the first peal by an Irish Society, Grandsire Triples rung by the local society, conducted by C. Lee, who had been left behind by the College Youths as instructor.

In this peal the second was rung by R. R. Cherry, who later became Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. It was through his influence that the fine ring of ten were erected in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, by the late Lord Iveagh, and afterwards Lord Chief Justice Cherry himself presented two trebles to make twelve. He was also the founder of the Irish Association and its first president, so that Waterford Cathedral and its bells have extended their influence to the whole of Ireland.

After about 70 years of continuous work, it was found that the frame had become very loose in its joints and most of the fittings worn out. The present restoration was therefore decided upon. The old frame was found to be in sound condition, and has been retained. It has been strengthened with angle brackets and vertical tie rods, and refixed on a heavy steel grillage 9ft. lower in the tower than previously. The two tenors have been fitted with new steel headstocks and, with the remainder of the bells, placed on ball bearings.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in a most satisfactory manner, both in regard to the 'go' of the bells and the sound in the immediate neighbourhood, which is now modulated, where previously it had been very noisy.

QUARTER CENTURY AS CHURCHWARDEN.

Before evening service, on Sunday, May 8th, at Calverley Parish Church, Yorks, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in honour of Dr. Hughes, who has completed 25 years' service as Vicar's churchwarden. The ringers were S. Wheatley 1, W. Poplewell (conductor) 2, W. Stanhope 3, S. Keighley 4, G. Thompson 5, W. Scrimshaw 6, C. Scott 7, W. Lee 8.

DISTRICTS REARRANGED.

(Continued from previous column.)

The peal secretary reported a fall in the number of peals rung during the year, and Mr. Oliver Sippetts was congratulated on being the 'champion conductor' for the year, passing Mr. Relfe's total by one almost in the last days of the year.

The president, vice-presidents, Master, hon. treasurer, hon. general secretary and hon. peals secretary were re-elected without opposition. The hon. auditors and trustees were again placed in office.

For the better working of the divisions it was decided to transfer Rotherfield to the Eastern Division, and Steyning and Upper Beeding to the Western. The members at Rotherfield felt that it was not very convenient, under the existing transport facilities, to reach the Northern Division meetings, while a meeting recently held there had been very poorly attended. The transfer of Steyning and Upper Beeding was intended to increase the number of eight-bell towers in the Western Division.

On the motion affecting the place of the next general meeting, an amendment to the original proposition was carried by a large majority, fixing future meetings in Brighton. It was strongly argued that a long narrow county such as Sussex made it difficult for members to move with facility from one end to the other without great loss of time and expense. The instances of the meetings held in Chichester and Hastings were quoted, and the difficulties encountered in transport.

A brisk discussion took place on the motion to appoint ringing masters for divisional meetings, some representatives strongly supporting their necessity, others being as strongly in disagreement. Finally it was decided to alter the rules so that such ringing masters could be appointed if the annual meeting of the division concerned so desired. The general secretary pointed out that that was one of the things in which he would wish the divisions to decide by their own government, and not for a general meeting to force, either one way or the other.

The final item on the agenda was the consideration of a letter from the Central Council with reference to a subsidy for the printing of the Surprise Major book. The association was asked to guarantee the purchase of twelve copies, and it was noted that no indication was given as to what form the book would take, or when it would be likely to be in distribution. Nevertheless, promises were received for the taking up of 26 copies.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the clergy of the various churches for their assistance in the arranging of the meeting, and to others who had helped.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. BY-MEETINGS OPPOSED.

The Maidstone District held a quarterly meeting at Hollingbourne on April 22nd, when 25 members attended from West Malling, Maidstone, Staplehurst, Charing, Linton and Ightham, together with the local band. This heavy ring of six were put to good use, both before and after service, in methods ranging from Doubles to Treble Bob. The association service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Newman), Miss Thomas being at the organ.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, kindly arranged by Mr. Coleman, of the local band, Mrs. Coleman and others.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, eight new members were elected, two from Wrotham and six from Aylesford. The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Malling on July 8th.

A discussion followed upon by-meetings, Mr. Leeson and Mr. Grice wishing to wipe them out, pointing out that members should make every effort to attend the quarterly meetings. It was said that if the district held meetings with a disputable quality of ringing, the Anti-Noise League would have something to say in the matter.

Mr. Wenban moved an amendment that there was a need for by-meetings. He pointed out that by-meetings were held for the good of the younger ringers so that they could improve their efforts to carry on change ringing.

On a vote being taken, the amendment was carried by 14 votes to two, and it was decided that Hunton be visited for a by-meeting on Saturday, June 3rd.

Mr. Leeson proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for taking the service and presiding at the meeting; also to Miss Thomas for her services at the organ, and to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman for arranging such a splendid tea.

The Vicar, in reply, gave the members a very hearty welcome to his church and tower.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. DERBY DISTRICT AT WEST HALLAM.

A very successful meeting of the Derby District of the Midland Counties Association was held at West Hallam on April 29th. The Rector (the Rev. Lloyd Jones) assisted in raising the bells and rang the treble to the first touch of Grandsire Doubles. Stedman, Grandcure, Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and tea followed at the Punch Bowl.

At the business meeting the Rector was voted to the chair.

Members were urged to attend the meeting at Staveley on Saturday, May 20th, when it is hoped to re-form the Chesterfield District. All ringers were invited, but especially members of the Derby and Nottingham Districts.

It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Melbourne on Saturday, June 3rd. Three members were elected.

Mr. J. Pagett, of the Cathedral company, moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for the welcome extended to ringers at West Hallam.

The Rector, in humorous reply, said he had been told that, before one could be considered a ringer, he had to break a stay. Well, he had broken one, but he could hardly consider he was a ringer yet, though he loved to hear the bells and was always pleased when ringers came to visit him.

On returning to the tower, fresh arrivals were met from Derby, Melbourne, Ticknall, Sawley, Nottingham, Kimberley and Duffield. Learners were well catered for in the simpler methods, and the experts rang some well-struck touches in Stedman, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Duffield.

VICTORIA RINGER'S VISIT.

PEAL SUCCESS FOLLOWS UNFORTUNATE FAILURE.

On Tuesday of last week, Mr. Edward W. Izard, of Victoria, British Columbia, who, with Mrs. Izard, is visiting the homeland after 25 years in Canada, took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Guildford Cathedral. It had been arranged to enable him to ring his first peal before returning to Victoria at the end of this month. Mr. Izard, who is an engineer by profession, holds an important position in a shipyard at Victoria, and he was responsible for hanging the new ring of eight bells at the Cathedral. The bells, it will be remembered, were cast at Whitechapel Foundry about three years ago, and, before being shipped, were blessed by the Bishop of London at an impressive service held in the foundry.

Mr. Izard, who is a native of Slindon, Sussex, rang in Glasgow before he went to British Columbia, and has taken up the art again seriously now that there are bells in his own city. He has got round him a band of 20 ringers—some from the old country and others who have been taught there, and they ring Grandsire extremely well. They broadcast before the service every Sunday evening.

An attempt for the peal had previously been made three weeks earlier, but had unfortunately to be abandoned after only twenty minutes' ringing because an insecurely fastened shutter in the clock case fell out, owing to the oscillation of the tower, and interfered with the seventh rope. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, in which Mr. Anthony Trotman, now of Belfast, but who was in Victoria when the bells were installed and the band formed, took part. The ringers were E. W. Izard 1, F. Bowden 2, J. S. Goldsmith 3, W. J. Robinson 4, A. E. Trotman 5, Rev. J. P. Pelloe 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, E. J. Ayliffe 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUPPORT FOR BENEVOLENT FUND SCHEME.

A meeting of the North-Western Division was held at Harlow on Saturday, April 22nd, when ringers from Stansted, Broxbourne, Hertford, Cambridge, Wansted, Harlow Common, Sawston, Woodford, Exning, Sawbridgeworth, Newmarket, Roydon and the local company enjoyed touches of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman on the bells at the Parish Church.

A hearty welcome was extended to the curate (the Rev. D. W. Breakey), who conducted the service in the absence of the Vicar. Tea, arranged by Mr. C. H. Tucker, was enjoyed in the Church Hall close by.

An interesting meeting followed, the Rev. D. W. Breakey taking the chair.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Littlebury and Elmdon. The secretary (Mr. W. Wheeler) reported that a joint meeting of the Essex and Herts Associations would be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, May 13th, and that arrangements were being made to hold a meeting at Epping early in September.

Mr. J. Chalk (Master of the S.W. Division) was asked to speak on the suggested Benevolent Fund for Essex ringers. He mentioned the coming 60th anniversary of the Essex Association and hoped that it would see the inauguration of a Benevolent Fund. He thought that an association with a membership of over 700 ringing members should embrace some sort of benevolence. Up to now Essex ringers had had little opportunity to assist a faithful member when in trouble. A considerable number of ringers were eager to see a fund established. A whip round by a local band or even a collection at a district meeting could not do justice to a deserving case, but a well-organised central fund, backed up by all towers, could do effective work. Reference was made to the great work the Kent Association had done in assisting many of its old ringers. Was Essex, proud of its members and their ringing accomplishments, going to ignore the 'human touch' that characterises practical benevolence?

After hearing the details of the suggested scheme, a proposition to support it was carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. L. Cordell (Master of the division), to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service and afterwards for taking the chair, to the organist, to the ladies for serving tea, and to Mr. C. H. Tucker for all he had done to make the meeting a success.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION'S APPROVAL.

A meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at North Weald on Saturday, April 29th, and, despite unfavourable weather conditions, was well supported by 40 members and friends from Leyton, Leytonstone, Wanstead, Woodford, Romford, Hornchurch, Bentley, Harlow Common, Springfield, Little Waltham and the local band. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. Gerney), who gave a hearty welcome to all and expressed his delight at seeing such a large gathering. Tea, kindly provided by the local ringers, and much appreciated by all present, was partaken of in the schoolroom.

The District Master (Mr. J. Chalk) presided at the business meeting and referred to the enthusiasm and loyalty of the North Weald band both to the church and the association. He thanked the Vicar for his very warm welcome.

Seven new members were elected, including three from the North Weald band, and Rayleigh was selected as the place for the next meeting, to be held on July 8th.

A lengthy discussion then took place with regard to the proposed Benevolent Fund. Mr. Chalk stated he had been in touch with all towers in the association, and from what he had heard he felt there was a definite desire for a fund of this nature, and that the inauguration of such a fund this year would be a most fitting mark of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the association. This was greeted with applause, whereupon Mr. Chalk stated that he hoped the district would give him every support at the annual general meeting to be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells and for conducting the service, to the organist, to Mr. King and the local ringers for providing the tea and making all arrangements, and to the ladies for serving at the tables. This was carried with applause and responded to by Mr. King on behalf of the local band.

The tower was then revisited, where touches in various six-bell methods were brought round.

FAMOUS PEAL TO BE RESTORED.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER, BELLS TO BE REHUNG.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have just received from Canon Storr the order to restore the famous peal of bells at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster. The work will consist of rehanging with entirely new fittings of the latest type, including ball bearings and metal headstocks. The bells also are to be carefully tuned. The existing oak framework, which is in very sound condition, will be retained.

In addition, the belfry windows are to be specially treated so as to modulate the sound of the bells outside the tower, especially on the side adjacent to Westminster Abbey.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Horsell on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braintree, Essex, on May 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service in the church conducted by the Vicar at 4.30 p.m. Tea, price 1s., in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bocking bells (8) also available after tea.—Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting is at Burbage on Saturday, May 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea and short meeting at 5 p.m. You will get a better tea if all who intend coming send a card to Mr. G. Dudley, 47, Sketchley Road, Burbage, as early as possible. I have a few reports left. Have you had yours yet?—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston (6 bells) on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. All ringers welcome.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—London District.—Meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, May 13th. Visit the charming church of Gray's 'Elegy,' and ring on the handy peal of eight. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Red Lion, Stoke Green, at 5, followed by business meeting. Trains, 2.18 and 2.35, Paddington to Slough.—I. R. Housden, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Kings Langley, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual service, followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Lower Peover on Saturday, May 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea has been arranged at 1s. 6d. per head. A hearty invitation is extended to the Northwich and Bowdon and Stockport Branches.—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Worth (bells 6) on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 (please notify). Everybody welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Cartmel Priory (6 bells) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake Dis.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Address by the Rector, the Rev. J. W. Sutton, R.D. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Café Regent, at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Come and try the seaside air.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The Spring meeting will be held at Burford on Saturday, May 13th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charbury, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—This meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided, free, at 5 p.m., for which please notify Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk.—S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Thurmaston on May 13th. Ringing (6 bells) will commence at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m. Please note change of tower, as Humberstone bells are not available.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Calne on Saturday, May 13th. Guild service in the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Coulter. Collection for new issue of Guild office. Luncheon in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. 1s. 6d. each member. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers available: From 10 a.m. to 12 and 3.30 p.m. to 9, 8 bells, Calne, Wootton Bassett; 6 bells, Bremhill, Broad Hinton, Hilmarton. Also Chippenham, two towers (8 bells), 4 to 9 p.m.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Leake on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at White Hart Inn at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Barkway, Saturday, May 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea at the Wheatsheaf Inn. Tea arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, May 10th; no postcard no tea. Annual subscriptions due.—R. T. Newman, Dis. Sec., Salisbury Road, Baldock.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North Western Division) and **HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Eastern District).—A joint meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Chequers 5.15 p.m. Please notify number for tea.—W. Wheeler, Mill Street, Harlow Common; A. Lawrence, Hatfield Park, Herts, District Secretaries.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, on Sat., May 13th. Bells (8) from 3.15. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. M. Tyler, Branch Hon. Sec.

HANBURY, NEAR BROMSGROVE, WORCS.—The bells will be re-dedicated on Sunday, May 14th, at 3 p.m., by the Archdeacon of Dudley. A ring of eight recast by John Taylor and Co.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—There will be ringing for service at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Sunday evening, May 14th, at 5.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—A peal board will be unveiled at the evening service at St. Thomas' Church on Sunday, May 14th. Ringing from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and after the service. All ringers welcome.—Robert C. Heazel, Master.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Meetings for May: St. Giles', Cripplegate, 16th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 23rd; St. Magnus', 25th; Southwark Cathedral, 30th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A joint mid-week meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Wednesday, May 17th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at Williamson's Restaurant, 55, High Road, Balham, S.W.12. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. A. T. Smalley, 29, Kirkstall Gardens, S.W.2, not later than Monday, May 15th. All ringers welcome.—I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

HEDDINGTON, NEAR CALNE, WILTS.—The Lord Bishop of Salisbury will re-dedicate the bells on Thursday, May 18th, at 7.30 p.m. A ring of five bells restored by John Taylor & Co.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30. A good attendance requested.—C. S. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND

LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 20th. Church of St. Catherine (bells 8, tenor 11½ cwt.). Ringing from 3 p.m. and in the evening. Reports available. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND

LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrow Weald on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. The method for special attention is Double Norwich Court Bob Major; other methods will be rung as required.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30 onwards. Tea (1s. head) at 5 p.m., in Church Hall, only to those who notify Mr. A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, Chesterfield, not later than May 18th. Special invitation is given to Chesterfield district ringers and others interested, as by this means we hope to re-form the district and appoint new local officers.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—East Norfolk Branch will hold a meeting at Acle on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Room at 5.15, and please all send postcards of names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 17th, to J. Harwood, Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Tey on May 20th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible? — J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—The annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, in Parish Room, 5, price 1s. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Names for tea by May 17th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 20th. The bells of the Parish Church will be available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., free to members; non-members 1s. 6d. Usual business meeting following tea. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. H. Hinkins, Elm-side, 41, The Drove, Sleaford, by the Wednesday previous?—J. Bray, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN

GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Fawley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names by May 17th. Dibden bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 20th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Essendon on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea near church at 5 p.m. Bus services: St. Albans-Hertford or Barnet-Hertford.—Harold V. Frost, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Streatham, S.W.16, on Saturday, May 20th. Ringing at St. Leonard's (8 bells), 2.45 to 5.15 p.m., and at Immanuel (8 bells) from 7 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting 6.15 p.m. All visitors welcome.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, W.4.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Oxton (8 bells) on Saturday, May 20th. The tower will be open at 3.30 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Service in St. Thomas' Chapel 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will visitors please let me know not later than 17th inst. if they will require tea?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Lower Heyford (6) and Rousham (6) open in the evening.—E. Pearson, Branch Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at East Hagbourne on Saturday, May 20th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, meeting to follow. Please notify for tea by the 16th.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held in Hexham on Saturday, May 20th, when the Abbey bells will be available. Tea will be served at the Abbey Hotel at 5 p.m., preceded by committee meeting in the tea room at 4 p.m. Requirements for tea to reach me by Wednesday, 17th inst.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, May 20th. Service 5 o'clock, with tea and business meeting to follow. Please send notifications for teas to Mr. E. Vine, The Village Club, Newdigate, by May 17th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cottenham on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in Schoolroom, followed by meeting.—F. Warrington and A. R. Paul, Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Stretford, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Tickenham on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Fivehead on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify early for tea.—D. G. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Braeside, Ilminster.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Cosgrove on Saturday, May 20th. Luncheon 1.30. Service 3.30. Names, etc., for lunch by Tuesday, 16th, to Rev. E. V. Fenn, Lois Weedon, Towcester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting is to be held at Oaks-in-Charnwood on Saturday, May 20th, at the usual times. What about a Saturday afternoon in the heart of the picturesque Charnwood Forest? Hikers, bikers, or motorists will all be welcome. But as catering is rather uncertain, and appetites will be keen in the open country, you will be well advised to let me know that you are coming. Send postcard by Wednesday.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, May 20th, when the bells of St. Mary's will be available from 2.30 p.m. General Committee meet in St. Mary's Vestry at 3.45 p.m. prompt. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea

(1s. 3d.) will follow at 5 p.m. in the British Co-operative Cafe, Market Street, and all requiring same *must* notify Mr. C. Brinsley, 177, Sheffield Road, Barnsley, not later than the first post on Thursday, May 18th. The general meeting will follow immediately afterwards on the same premises.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers will be welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ALPHINGTON, EXETER, DEVON.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, May 27th, at 2.15 p.m. Garden fete in the Rectory grounds during the afternoon. A ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church, followed by tea and a short meeting. Names for tea must be sent not later than Wednesday, May 24th, to Mr. F. Kendall, 30, Lee Road, Lee Wood, Bacup.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting is at Ticknall on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Please note: The Ringing Master will arrange methods as required, and members should make every effort to start the holiday well. Your presence will be appreciated and tea arranged for you if notification is sent to the undersigned by Thursday, May 25th.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit-Monday, May 29th. Central Committee meet at 10.45 a.m. in St. Mary's Reading Room. Service in the Cathedral at 12 noon, with address by the Very Rev. the Dean, President of the Guild. Luncheon at the Angel Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. (1s. 6d. will be allowed towards cost to all those resident and subscribing honorary and ringing members who make application for ticket, with remittance of 1s. to the general secretary by Thursday, May 18th. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by Monday, May 22nd.) Bells available: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Woodston (6) from 10 a.m. throughout the day and after the meeting. Stanground (5) and the Whittlesey towers (8) will be also available.—Robert G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 29th, at Bridgnorth, Salop. 3.30 p.m., service at St. Leonard's Church, with address by Rev. Preb. J. S. Jobling. 4.15 p.m., tea at Swan Hotel, followed by annual general meeting. Following bells will be available: St. Leonard's (8) from 12 noon, also Chetton (6), Quatt (6) and Chelmarsh (6) for parties making own arrangements. Tea (2s.), 1s. to members, if application for tickets (without sending money) be made before May 24th to Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. Several districts hope to arrange buses; for these apply to district secretaries.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 60th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m., with address by the Venerable E. N. Gowing, Archdeacon of Southend. Lunch in the Corn Exchange 12.30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Lunch tickets must be obtained, members free, non-members 2s. 6d. Please apply not later than May 17th—ringing members to district secretaries, non-resident members and non-members to general secretary. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Boreham (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6). A good attendance is requested.—L. J. Clark, Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.—Prittlewell's 10 bells will be open for ringing on Wednesday, May 31st, 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., when all ringers will be welcome, including Ladies' Guild. Service at 8 p.m. for dedication of three peal boards.—F. B. Lufkin, Tower Master.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual shield (six-bell) contest will be held at Kirkthorpe on Saturday, July 8th. Open to all members. Entrance fee 6s. per band. Tower open for practice until June 24th. All entrance fees and voluntary subscriptions for prizes fund must reach me not later than June 24th. Those wishing to practise please notify Mr. W. Riley, 12, Woodland Avenue, Kirkthorpe.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

BIRTH.

BAILEY.—On Thursday, May 4th, at the County Hospital, Dartford, to Jean Margaret (nee Thompson), wife of James Edgar Bailey, 20, Swaisland Road, Dartford, the gift of a daughter (Janet Margaret).

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