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EASTER MONDAY

FIRST reports to hand of Easter Monday annual general meetings of Guilds and Associations make encouraging reading. Progress is being well maintained, but it is patent that there is still plenty of spade work before Sunday service ringing throughout the country is on the highest level. Mr. G. H. Spice, secretary of the Kent County Association, placed in the forefront of his report the importance of church bells being rung on Sundays in these days of materialistic tendencies.

The outside public does not realise the strength of bellringing to-day, and even those inside the Church of England on the Church Assembly have only hazy notions of the general position. For example, the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association anticipated, when all details have been verified, that they have a membership of 1,500, and the Kent County Association was able to report a practising membership of 1,033. Numbers, however, are not the sole criteria. The testing point, to revert to Mr. Spice's observation, is the regularity and standard of Sunday ringing. And here let us interpolate, Sunday ringing is not practice ringing; it should be the best ringing the band is capable of and not an attempt to get home, say, a Surprise touch by an uncertain company. Practice and service ringing should not be confused.

On the business side of proceedings, Guild treasurers, even where Associations have substantial reserves, were concerned with the inflationary costs of to-day. Some think that the correct procedure is to cheesepare expenditure so as to keep members' subscriptions at the lowest possible level. Others feel that the new circumstances of to-day must be faced boldly and subscriptions must be raised. This was the policy adopted by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, which in 1948 increased the annual subscription from 1s. 6d. to 2s. and have now sanctioned a further advance of 6d. In addition a pealringing fee of 6d. per member taking part is also operative. The time is rapidly approaching when a pealringing fee will be a general practice, and we do not think Guild members as a body will favour increased subscriptions without resource to an extra contribution from peal ringers if peals are to be printed in the annual reports.

Members of the Central Council will learn with pleasure of the decision of the Gloucester and Bristol Association that their offer to the Council to visit Cheltenham in the near future still stands. The 1950 Council meeting is due to take place in the South of England, and it is likely that the offer to meet at Cheltenham will receive very favourable consideration. According to news reaching 'The Ringing World' the offer of this Association is the only one in the field at the moment.

Probably the point in these reports which would be most discussed was the suggestion of the Bath and Wells Association that there should be no peal attempts during the season of Lent. This year there was a general observance of no peal ringing during Holy Week. Only one peal was rung on Good Friday this year, and that was with the bells fully muffled, and two on church bells on the eve of Easter Day. This is a big subject. Relevant to the point is the large number of marriages on the Saturday before Easter Day, and in the writer's own parish gramophone records of church bells were amplified from the church tower to give a welcome to a married couple. It is a subject that could well be ventilated at York, but the broadness of the Church of England will, we think, prevent a measure of unanimity being reached.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

ALBERT W. COLES ... Treble	DAVID E. PARSONS ... 7
*MRS. JILL BRITAIN ... 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 8
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3	FREDK. W. HOUSDEN ... 9
LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 4	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS ... 10
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 5	RICHARD I. DEAL ... 11
*DENS N. LAYTON ... 6	THOMAS J. LOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

* First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 as conductor. Tenor 24 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

FRANK BLONDELL ... Treble	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	ALBERT R. G. TWINN ... 7
FREDK. G. BALDWIN ... 3	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 8
*ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 4	WILLIAM H. COLES ... 9
HERBERT W. IMPEY ... 5	†FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. Rung in memory of Joseph J. Pratt, who died April 5th, 1948. Tenor 21 cwt. 50 lb.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Cathedral and Parish Church of the Blessed Virgin

MARY, ST. GEORGE AND ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... Treble	JOHN WORTH ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 8
ALAN A. POTTS ... 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 9
†CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 5	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor. Tenor 27½ cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDWARD JENKINS ... Treble	HARRY WILDE ... 5
*ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 2	ALFRED SMITH ... 6
VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 3	DONALD R. MARSHALL ... 7
*RONALD SQUIRES ... 4	*SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*W. REGINALD PERRY ... Treble	ARTHUR E. BOINCOTE ... 5
*ARTHUR PATRICK ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 6
*HAROLD KILBY ... 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 7
JOHN J. MORRIS ... 4	FREDK. A. FORD ... Tenor

Composed by the late REV. CANON G. H. RIDOUT, of Johannesburg.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Charles Marshall, who accidentally met his death on April 1st.

PUTNEY, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wed., Apr. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 5
REUBEN CHARGE ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3	JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... 7
HORACE BELCHER ... 4	FREDERICK W. WICKS ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung to celebrate the 82nd birthday of Mr. W. T. Elson, also the 34th anniversary of the tenor ringer's wedding.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... Treble	†ARTHUR G. SMALLS ... 5
*GORDON ELVIN ... 2	CHARLES H. MOORE ... 6
GEORGE H. MOORE ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. † 100th peal. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Apr. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 2	*THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM UPTON ... Treble	PATRICK PAGE ... 5
*LESTER BAILEY ... 2	FRANK S. TAYLOR ... 6
†NELIA M. LEAHY ... 3	A. RICHARD WARD ... 7
C. ARTHUR DRAKE ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. Rung for the induction of the new incumbent. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS Treble	*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 5
*PATRICK PRESTON ... 2	*WALTER NICHOLS ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... 3	*THOMAS W. WHEAT ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in method by the Guild.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... Treble	*FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method.



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BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*DERYCK TALBOT Treble	RONALD SUCKLING 5
†RONALD F. BOYKETT 2	JOHN WARNER 6
HENRY PRATT 3	ERNEST BRIGHT 7
RICHARD PORTWAY 4	HARRY MILLATT Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. Tenor 18½ cwt.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 21 cwt.
WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN...Treble	GEORGE SKINNER 5
FRANK WILLS 2	HORACE J. BUTT 6
WILLIAM A. WILLS 3	FREDERICK WREFORD 7
HENRY J. CORRY 4	WILLIAM H. HOWE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ashdown on the 17th anniversary of their wedding.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PERCY SWINDLEY ...Treble	GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	*FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 6
*NANCY P. BIRKS ... 3	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... 7
JOHN W. BEST ... 4	HARRY PYE Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN W. BEST.
* First peal of Bob Major. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's Composition.	Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.
ALBERT E. WHITING ...Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	FRANK L. FISHER ... 6
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
Sylvia R. E. PIPE ... 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. C. T. M. Musgrave Brown.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb. in C sharp.

F. BERNARD DITCHER ...Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
First peal in the method on the bells. In memoriam William Woodhead, a member of the Association for 60 years.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstan's Four-part.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
HERBERT LANGDON ...Treble	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 5
HORACE BELCHER 2	JOHN B. SANSOM 6
JOHN PHILLIPS 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON ... 4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

SHERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.	Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.
*HERBERT G. ARTHUR ...Treble	ERIC T. LEE 5
†MISS B. I. MOORE ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	T. MARK WHITE 7
WILLIAM G. DENYER ... 4	WM. H. INWOOD Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal. † First on an 'inside' bell.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

*THOMAS C. BELTON ...Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
*ALAN H. HOUGH 2	*CHARLES R. BELTON ... 6
*MARGARET BEAMISH ... 3	ALAN CATELL 7
*HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 4	*GEORGE P. GARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Containing 2,592 Cambridge and 2,496 Superlative, with 71 changes of method. Tenor 19½ cwt.

MARK W. MARSHALL ...Treble	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
WILFRED W. RING... .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH... 7
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal of Spliced Surprise by all the band.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 16, 1949, in 4 Hours,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PETER LAFLIN Treble	WALTER ALLMAN 5
ALAN A. POTTS 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
First peal on the heavy eight. Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part.	Tenor 12 cwt.
SIDNEY PROCTOR ...Treble	HENRY SQUIRES 5
CALEB SIMCOCK 2	LESLIE SQUIRES 6
*SIDNEY WHALEY ... 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 7
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 4	JOHN CRAGG Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

* First peal on eight bells.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
JACK BAILEY Treble	†HAROLD TAYLOR 5
*C. JOHN GIBBS 2	†JOHN F. WILKINSON ... 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 3	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 7
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4	WALTER SHAW Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PARSONS.
* First peal on eight. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JOHN A. ETHERINGTON...Treble	HERBERT G. ANDREWS... 5
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 2	ERIC T. LEE 6
*ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 4	*T. MARK WHITE Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* 50th peal together. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

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

*JOHN F. WILKINSON ...Treble	JACK BAILEY 5
*SIDNEY H. JONES ... 2	ALFRED MOULD 6
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 7
HAROLD TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. A. PARSONS.
* First in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

**SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt.
*ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY...Treble GEOFFREY J. HEMMING... 5
†FRED C. LYNE ... 2 CHARLES J. CAMM ... 6
VIVIAN B. HUNT ... 3 C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 7
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN... 4 LEONARD KINCHIN ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First of Stedman Triples. † First in the method.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

ROY FAITHFULL ...Treble | REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD 5
*NELIA LEAHY ... 2 REGINALD A. REED ... 6
E. JOAN SALMONS... 3 ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 4 CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

SIX BELL PEALS

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Apr. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE LODE,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's.

MISS JOAN BUSSEY ...Treble | LESLIE BARRY ... 4
JOHN WHITING ... 2 WILLIAM RICKINGS ... 5
HARRY WORRAIL ... 3 CHARLES LARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's St. Clement's Bob, two 720's Oxford Single and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*JOHN H. WALKER ...Treble | GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 4
LESTER L. GRAY ... 2 HARRY ROGERS ... 5
HORACE MYATT ... 3 TOMMY ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by TOMMY ROGERS.

* First peal.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

FREDERICK MANSEY ...Treble | ALBERT KELVIE ... 4
WILLIAM MANSEY ... 2 TOM SAUNDERS ... 5
LEWIS NEWMAN ... 3 LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

A compliment to two nieces of the ringer of the 5th, who have each given birth to a daughter.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALBERT W. BEARD ...Treble | GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 4
DAVID W. BEARD ... 2 COLIN E. WRIGHT ... 5
HENRY T. WILSON ... 3 FRANK V. GANT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,*

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 (C.C.C. 152) and four 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FRANK A. PENN ...Treble | DONALD E. LEE ... 4
MRS. F. A. PENN ... 2 LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS... 5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING 3 FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild.

BADBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST G. ORLAND ...Treble | SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 4
PHILLIP JONES ... 2 RONALD C. NOON ... 5
WILLIAM R. HAMMONDS... 3 GEORGE CARE ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor. First peal in seven methods as conductor. A wedding compliment to Mr. Stanley M. Ruddleaden and Miss Hilda M. Bird. Also a 21st birthday compliment to William R. Hammonds.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Apr. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

EDMUND J. WHITING ...Treble | FRANK W. LACK ... 4
*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 2 *STANLEY GILBERT ... 5
*R. FRANK BAKER ... 3 FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First Surprise peal on working bell. Rung fully muffled.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.

THE LLLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Apr. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*LEONARD JONES ...Treble | ERNEST STITCH ... 4
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 2 GWYN I. LEWIS ... 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK... 3 G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal in three methods. Birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Apr. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT HELLIWELL ...Treble | *LESLIE HELLIWELL ... 4
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 2 ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... 5
WILFRED WHITAKER ... 3 PHILIP WHITAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BAIRSTOW.

* First peal in three methods.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Apr. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GORDON CHAMBERS ...Treble | *JACK S. WILLIAMSON ... 4
*ALBERT W. BARBER ... 2 GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 5
ROBERT C. BUNNING ... 3 SIDNEY MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY MARSHALL.

* First in more than one method away from treble. First in more than one method as conductor.

LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*CLAIRE D. CAUSLEY ...Treble | FRANK H. HICKS ... 4
*JEAN S. S. DURRANT ... 2 EDWARD FADE ... 5
E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 3 MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 3,024 Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

CLARENCE HUXLEY ...Treble | STUART SMITH ... 4
KENNETH HARTLEY ... 2 CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON... 5
DEREK SANDERSON ... 3 ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

HANDBELL PEALS

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 30, 1949, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four extents each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4

A. ERNEST McGRATH ... 5-6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

First as conductor in four Doubles methods.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 6, 1949, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

A. ERNEST McGRATH ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

Rung with change of method at each 720.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT 26, BRABAZON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 1-2 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3-4

*CHRISTOPHER MOOR ... 5-6

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on handbells. Tenor size 14 in E flat.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 35, MARKET STREET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents April Day (3 callings), 12 extents Plain Bob (four callings), and 18 extents Grandsire (nine callings).

PETER BERESFORD ... 1-2 | DENNIS BERESFORD ... 3-4

*JOHN A. NEWELL ... 5-6

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD. Umpire: JOAN BERESFORD.

* First peal on handbells. First peal in 3 methods by all the band.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT 11, EXTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Being 3,424 of Plain Bob and 1,584 of Little Bob with 214 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

First peal in Spliced methods by all, and may be the first for the Guild 'in hand.'

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor size 18 in G.

*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... 1-2 | †DAVID GALLOP ... 5-6

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | T. MARK WHITE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6

ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4 | *HARRY POYNER ... 7-8

†BRIAN WARWICK ... 9-10

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

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

ELY, ISLE OF ELY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT 39A, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

RONALD H. BULLEN ... 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES ... 5-6

MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3-4 | OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 7-8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. W. P. Whitehead, of Hinckley, Leic., informs us that it is hoped to attempt a peal of 17,162 Bristol Surprise Major, at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Nuneaton, on May 7th, starting at 9 a.m.

Mr. W. A. Parsons, of Derby, conducted two peals on Easter Monday, at St. Peter's, Derby, and Repton. Both had identical times of 2 hours and 57 minutes, and were both accurately checked. Has any other conductor had the same experience in a day's ringing?

With his 100th peal, Mr. Arthur G. Smalls completed the 'circle' of Hethersett, Norfolk, tower.

Three fathers and three sons rang a peal at Haworth, Yorks, on April 16th. The fathers were on the light end.

The quarter-peal at Astbury, Cheshire, marks a new era locally. It was the first for 25 years and the first by all the band.

More progress continues to be made at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, when, on April 21st, a touch of London Surprise Major was rung by Miss E. Foulk 1, S. Walklate 2, G. Freebrey (conductor) 3, F. Lowe 4, A. Thompson 5, H. Taylor 6, J. Wilkinson 7, W. Parsons 8. Credit is due to them all, especially to the two younger men, A. Thompson and J. Wilkinson.

The 60th anniversary of Mr. H. Rowley's association as a ringer with Horbury, Yorks, was commemorated by a half-peal of Minor (Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): M. J. Axford 1, E. Atkinson 2, H. Rowley (cond.) 3, J. W. Milner 4, G. Cutts 5, G. W. Pickles 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

A quarter-peal of Bob Major at Woburn on April 23rd commemorated the attainment of 60 years' membership of the Bedfordshire Association by Mr. Ernest Herbert, which occurred on that date. Mr. Herbert is the well-known younger son of the late Charles Herbert (the founder and first secretary of the Association), of which he is a vice-president and hon. auditor.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The ring of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) at St. Mary's, Twyford, Hants, is to be rehung with new gudgeons and ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. The Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Beyron) states that the B.B.C. are to broadcast the Christmas service from this church, which will include the ringing of the bells.

By the peal of Minor at Milnrow, Lancs., on April 2nd, Messrs. R. Benson, V. Sykes and Jack Clegg have completed Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ipswich on Easter Monday and followed the usual form. Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, was re-elected hon. general secretary and treasurer.

The copy of 'Campanalogia' which was identified through letters in 'The Ringing World' has been presented by the owner, Mr. Robins, of Charing, to the Kent Association and will rest in the library of Canterbury Cathedral.

Witney, Oxon, ringers had their outing on Easter Monday visiting Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. Ringing took place at Bourton-on-the-Water, Stour-on-the-Wold, Broadway, Prestbury, Cheltenham Parish Church, Charlton Kings and Northleach. Conducting was shared by Messrs. G. H. Wright, B. J. Coggins, A. R. Pink, W. J. Dixon and B. S. Nichols.

Mr. Harry Colley, of Tarring, Sussex, sailed on April 26th, the day of his 71st birthday, for Canada. For 60 years he has been an enthusiastic ringer at Tarring. He is going to the Ontario farm of his daughter, Mrs. J. O. Camden. Asked if there was any particular thing he intended to do on arriving in Canada, Mr. Colley told a local press man with a chuckle, 'Oh, yes. Look for some more bells.'

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ONE THOUSAND MEMBERSHIP MARK PASSED LEADING COUNTY FOR PEAL RINGING
NO CHANGE IN SUBSCRIPTION RATE

MEETING at Maidstone on Easter Monday, the Kent County Association was in the happy position of recording an active membership of over 1,000 ringers. The meeting was most successful. The service at All Saints' Church was followed by an excellent luncheon at the Corn Exchange attended by a company of 170. Mr. E. H. Lewis was voted to the chair for the business meeting. He was supported by Mr. G. H. Spice (hon. secretary) and Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. treasurer).

Following the luncheon, Mr. F. White proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon C. B. Sampson for his address and use of the bells. He hoped that at some future time they would get better bells at All Saints', Maidstone, in place of the heavy, lumpy ring. Perhaps they would get a new ring of 10 or 12 bells and a nice iron frame (hear, hear).

'I feel that bellringers are among the "matiest" part of the Church of England,' said the Canon in reply. They wanted to do what they could for the bells of All Saints' and they were looking forward to the time when it would be possible to have something up to date. The difficulty was one of finance.

The secretary prefaced his report with a note of warning, despite the increase in membership. 'Unfortunately,' he said, 'there are a good number of our towers in union in which the bells are not being regularly rung for Sunday services, and other towers which come within the category of "oners," i.e., that ring for either morning or evening service, but not for both. Local conditions must, of course, be the guiding factor, but it is sincerely hoped that ringers one and all will not be satisfied until the bells of their respective towers are rung every Sunday and at both services if at all possible.'

'The sound of the bells has always played an important part in reminding our people of the Church and what it stands for, and in these days of materialistic tendencies let us all regard it as a Christian duty

To call, from tower and steeple,
Upon the Day of Days,
All faithful Christian people
To worship, prayer and praise.

MEMBERSHIP.

'It is with much pleasure that we record that the hope expressed in last year's report has been fulfilled in that our practising membership now stands at over four figures.

'The total for 1947 was 903; our total for 1948 stands at 1,033 paying members, in addition to which we have about 60 non-paying over-age members. Honorary membership totals 55. Subscriptions have been received from 124 towers. New practising members enrolled during the year were: Ashford district, 28 adults; Canterbury, 36 and 3 juveniles; Lewisham, 14, 14; Maidstone, 20, 7; Rochester, 16, 3; Tonbridge, 39, 5.

'To our list of life members has been added Mrs. Mabel Poole (Northfleet), Mr. G. McCarthy (Ash-by-Wrotham), Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson (Southborough).

DEATHS.

The meeting stood in respect while the list of losses by death was read out as follows: Leslie A. Porritt (St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate), Percy J. Paine (Canterbury Cathedral), James E. Bailey (Dartford), Thomas Groombridge, jun. (late of Crayford), Charles Belsey (Raham), William Easter (Rochester) and — Mitchell (Northfleet).

Mr. James Bailey had served on the General Committee since 1943 and he was also a member of the Benevolent Fund Committee. For many years he had proved himself an energetic and progressive member, combined with ex-

cellent ringing qualifications, and his untimely passing came as a severe shock among his ringing friends.

COMMITTEE WORK.

Among the decisions of the committee were that the annual general meeting be held at Maidstone, the cost of the lunch to be borne by the members; the purchase from Association funds of a suitable instruction book for sale at the nominal price of 1s. per copy to members of the Association be not adopted; the sum of £10 be granted to Eltham Parish Church towards belfry repairs; to bring to the notice of those in charge of the ringing throughout the county the desirability of commencing service ringing with prayer, the Association's prayer being recommended; in the light of unsettled conditions prevailing at the present time, the great amount of work involved in compiling the record, and the possibility of a loss being incurred to the Association, that the proposed war record project be dropped. It was considered too big a job for the Association to undertake.

At a later committee meeting the following recommendations were approved: That the practising membership subscription remain as at present on the understanding that (a) members and others (except invited guests) pay for their lunch at the annual general meeting; (b) no half rail fares; (c) no free teas and no contributions towards the same be paid from Association funds; (d) church collections at ringers' services shall, until further notice, be paid into the general fund and from this fund allocated to the Benevolent Fund and Belfry Repair Fund at the discretion of the committee; that each tower in union be supplied with a copy of the annual report free.

Members would be pleased to know that the following in memoriam was being cut over the entrance to Bell Harry Tower, Canterbury Cathedral: 'In memory of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 1851-1938. He served this Cathedral for 59 years. Minor Canon 1878-1937. Precentor 1883-1926. He was honorary secretary Kent County Association of Change Ringers from 1891-1929.'

Hearty congratulations were extended to Mr. George Edwards, of Penshurst, who celebrated his 80th birthday the following day. In acknowledging the greetings Mr. Edwards said his father carried on until he was 92 so he had still a long way to go.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, sen.

PEAL REPORT.

Mr. P. A. Corby presented the peal secretary's report, which stated that 156 peals were recorded for the Association during 1948, an increase of 20 on 1947 and two less than the Association's record. They were once again at the head of the Central Council's list, but only by a small margin and probably as a result of a peal tour in the county. Six peals were rung in celebration of the birth of Prince Charles. Peals included the first of Ospringe Surprise Major.

There were 37 first peals, four less than the previous year. This was still well above the 1938 total, but there was room for improvement. There were 50 conductors in 1948, an improvement of 10 on the previous year, but this again was largely due to the peal ringing tour. Mr. A. J. Lancefield, who had left for three years in New Zealand, headed the list with 14 peals.

Of the 219 towers with five or more bells peals were rung in 82. One peal was rung in Surrey and five in London. Seven peals were rung 'in hand,' including one in Central London. In addition to peals rung by the Associa-

tion, the following were rung in the county by other associations: Royal Society of Cumberland Youths 7, Hawkhurst and District Guild 3, Ancient Society of College Youths 2.

Dr. Hatcher proposed the adoption of the report.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

A satisfactory financial report was presented by Mr. F. M. Mitchell. The balance sheet started the year with £81 19s. 2d. and ended with £54 7s. 2d. Printing of reports (two years in one) amounted to £68 2s. 8d.

The Benevolent Fund was still very strong with £469 2s. 2d. in hand. Three grants amounting to £17 2s. had been made. He wondered whether the fund was made use of to the fullest extent. He did not want to see people down and out before making an application to the fund.

The Belfry Repair Fund started the year with £226 17s. 1d. and ended with £239 6s. 11d. Grants had been made of £5 to Headcorn and £10 to Sevenoaks. Totals assets of the Association were £1,225 7s. 5d.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Trustees, Messrs. F. S. Macey, F. White and G. H. Spice; committee, Messrs. E. Barnett, R. A. Constant, G. H. Cross, T. Groombridge, J. Wheaton and J. Willis; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (for the 20th year); hon. auditor, Mr. George Cross; general secretary, Mr. G. H. Spice; peal secretary, Mr. P. A. Corby. Votes of thanks were passed to the officers for their work.

In honour of their golden wedding, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kite, of Bromley, sent a donation of £1 to the Benevolent Fund, the announcement being received with acclamation.

Mr. F. White proposed an omnibus vote of thanks, which included the chairman and Dr. Hatcher and Mr. Cantrell for making arrangements for the meal. He extended a welcome to the visitors, mentioning Mr. T. W. White, Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. White reported that there had been 100 new subscribers to the journal since the Henry Johnson dinner. He thought that it would be possible to produce a 16 page from next June, but it could not be done at less than 4d. a copy. It would be for readers to decide whether they required a larger paper.

OBITUARY

MR. F. TRUMP.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frank Trump, captain of the Payhembury ringers, who was accidentally killed while at work.

The funeral took place at Payhembury on April 11th and there was a large congregation, including many ringers. The service was choral, and was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Ayer), assisted by the Rev. A. G. Chappell (Rector of Finetun, chairman of the East Devon Branch). Local ringers acted as bearers. There were many floral tributes, including one from the East Devon Branch, which was represented by the hon. secretary.

RINGING IN THE ISLE OF MAN

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. H. E. Good's query there is no ringing or bells hung for ringing. While on holiday there in 1938 I made inquiries and found that there were bells at St. Thomas' Church, Douglas, but that owing to a fire these are now hung dead and are played from a manual.

There are tubular bells at Lezarye, near Ramsey.—Yours truly, W. J. ARNOLD.

St. Albans.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

1,500 MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCED.

Some 120 members and visitors assembled at Yeovil on Easter Monday, and at 12 noon they attended the Guild service in the Parish Church. Prebendary H. Mortlock Treen, the Vicar of Yeovil, conducted the service and gave an appropriate address.

Lunch in the Sunday School then was taken and was a fine example of co-operate effort. It had been found impossible to get a caterer to provide a meal, so that the foodstuffs were transported some fifty miles across the county. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Knight, Mrs. Norton and Mr. Leslie Pullin were responsible for this, and Mr. Billy Kingcott safely drove the provisions to the meeting place. Messrs. Tom Setter and Trevor Marks provided the crockery, cutlery and glassware, as well as finding some local ladies to assist with the waiting. Everything went swimmingly, and when it is said that the meal reached the usual Wrington standard, those who have experienced it will know what is meant.

The general business meeting followed. The Master, Prebendary A. J. Hook, in his report, began by referring to his inability to attend all the meetings he would like to do, and would rather see a younger man in the position. However, it had been made quite clear to him that the Association did not wish him to resign. He next mentioned the numerical strength of the Association. It was anticipated that when the outstanding details had been sent in, the membership would be found to be in the neighbourhood of 1,500. Many restorations and augmentations had been carried out, and at the moment he knew of twelve towers which intended or were carrying out restoration schemes.

LENTEN RINGING.

Continuing, the Master said that he felt sure the Association should let its feelings regarding the matter be known. Ringing in Lent should be confined to Sunday ringing (Sundays, being feast days, are not part of Lent) and to necessary practice. It was suggested that peal attempts should not be made in the season, and that quarterly meetings normally held in April should, when Easter falls late, be transferred to the four Saturdays after Easter.

The two branches which had inaugurated corporate communions had now been joined by a third. He thought it was an excellent thing.

The report was adopted nem. con.

In his report, the General Secretary paid tribute to the ungrudging work of the local secretaries. He was also able to state that the finances of the Association were satisfactory, and that the cost of the report and of the war memorial could be paid from the general fund, without disturbing the investments.

Mr. H. J. Sanger gave a very detailed report of the proceedings at the C.C. meeting in London, and he was duly thanked.

Mr. W. A. Osborn, the diocesan adviser on belfries, gave an interesting account of some of the work he had done in the county. At the same time he gave some very useful advice to steeplekeepers.

Mr. Sealey Woodburn, reporting on the progress of the war memorial, said after many difficulties had been overcome, the scheme was in a fair way to completion. The Rev. W. Beaumont Russell had been chiefly responsible for getting the matter through, and the Association's grateful thanks were due to him.

WELLOW BELLS.

One announcement of general interest was made regarding Wellow bells, which after 40 years' silence will be declared open by the Bishop of the diocese at a service at 6.30 p.m. on June 25th. Ringers of the Frome Branch will ring a 720 after the service and then the tower will be open to all. It is hoped that

the B.B.C. will record some of the proceedings. In the words of the Vicar of Wellow, there will be plenty going on—fete, beer, skittles, dancing, sideshows all day and half through the night.

The officers of the Association were re-elected en bloc, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks, proposed by Mr. W. A. Osborn and Miss Williams. The former dealt with those who had contributed to make the meals (tea was provided as well) the outstanding success they undoubtedly were, while the latter thanked the incumbents of the churches where bells had been placed at the disposal of the members, and particularly the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, which allowed the use of Sherborne Abbey bells. This was a mark of the friendly relations which exist between the two associations.

51 Years as Captain



As a token of their appreciation and esteem, the ringers of St. Dunstan's, Mayfield, Sussex, presented, on April 3rd, a pipe, tobacco pouch and tobacco to Mr. Arthur R. Miles, who has completed 51 years as captain of the band.

The presentation was made by the secretary (Mr. W. A. Kitchenside), who expressed the hope that the gift when used would bring back happy memories and that Mr. Miles would be spared to the tower for many years to come.

Thanking those present for their kindness, Mr. Miles expressed the hope that he would be spared to ring with them for many years. What pleased him most was to see in the tower such a promising young band of ringers.

Mr. Miles has given 65 years of service to the church as a ringer and chorister and 51 years as sexton and verger, and has no thought of retiring.

REDEDICATION

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.

The six bells of St. George's Church, Wembdon, have recently been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. They were rededicated by the Vicar, the Rev. B. Roberts, on Easter Sunday in the presence of a large congregation.

Previously the bells were on plain bearings, those of the 5th being badly worn, and although the general 'go' was fair, it was decided to raise money for their rehanging, this being accomplished by aid of subscriptions, whist drives and a jumble sale held during the winter by the ringers and lady helpers.

The report now is a job well done and worth while.

LETTERS

BRISTOL AND TWO KINDS OF BOBS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Bristol rung at Melton Mowbray for the Lincoln Guild. Under the present rules of the Central Council, as I have read them, the peal in question is permissible. So until the rules are altered or revised the Council should accept this peal. On page 19 of the Central Council's 'Rules and Decisions' in Section 3 there is a paragraph on artificial alterations, which states that the employment of alternative calls . . . by which the general result is not affected, but only the form of the composition . . . are to be considered as 'Variations.'

I am not defending the right of anyone to use two kinds of bobs in a peal such as Bristol, because there is plenty of scope with using only one kind, seeing that Bristol has a 'Clean Proof Scale,' but I am pointing out that under the rules as they stand the peal is permissible. No doubt the committee who are revising the rules will have noted the above paragraph. When this rule was first drawn up I expect it was meant to cover such peals as those of Grandsire Triples, in which Holt's Bob Singles were used, etc.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Kirton Lindsey, Linca.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bristol, with the first two Bobs 4ths place and the rest 6ths place, rung on those noble bells in that glorious church at Melton Mowbray last September seems to have caused a stir this last week or two. Living as I do in an agricultural district with many call-change bands, a fair number of my peals have been Grandsire Triples, in which method I have taken part in eleven different compositions or variations of compositions.

In my early days I rang in Hollis' Irregular Five-part, conducted by the late Mr. C. R. Lilley, several times. In this composition, as we all know, there are two kinds of Singles, the Bob Single and the Plain Lead Single, but no one ever said a word against it and it was at one time a favourite composition with the old conductors.

Now if Mr. Whitehead's peal of Bristol is a 'wangle,' so is Hollis' peal of Grandsire. I may say that whether the Council decide to discount it or not, I shall not strike it out of my own humble records because, firstly, the composition is perfectly true and contains 5,024 true changes of Bristol, and, secondly, because it was faultless striking from start to finish, with the very minimum of trips in spite of the weight of the bells at the back end.

If the members of the Council do not like it I would suggest they move. That this Council disparages the use of more than one kind of bob, or words to that effect, and not condemn a fine performance out of hand that would ensure the composition, musical though it is, not being rung again.—Yours faithfully,

'THE TREBLE MAN.'

ENGLAND CLAIMS MONMOUTH

Dear Sir,—If we are to accept the statement in this week's 'Ringing World' that Newport is 'geographically in Wales,' we shall have to revise all our maps, gazeteers, etc., to say nothing of thousands like myself, born in the county of Monmouth, having to change our nationality.

No, sir! To say it is anything else than an English county is wishful thinking, and the peals of Cinques and Maximus at Newport are no more the first in Wales than if they had been rung at Shrewsbury, about the same distance from the Welsh border.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' on April 3rd, 1,280 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): K. Mitchell 1, G. F. Piper 2, C. A. Levett (cond.) 3, J. Piper 4, A. A. Easton 5, G. S. Piper 6, R. Weeks 7. Rung with treble in front. Longest length by 1 and 7.

METHOD EXTENSION

A REPLY TO MR. YORK-BRAMBLE

By W. TAYLOR.

(Continued from page 146)

Let us now try to contract London Surprise Major to Minor. The nearest result is perhaps:

123456
213546
125364
215634

251364
523146
521364
253146

523416
524361
254316
245361

425631

Which is, of course, illegitimate and incapable of running to an extent of 720 changes.

Note the apparently associated half lead end 24367581 of Major and the Minor 245631. Notice that 3 and 6 of Minor are the two course bells of the 5th, as 5 and 8 are the two course bells of the 7th, in each case of the largest odd number.

Yes, I am of the firm opinion that London Major is neither 'the' nor even 'an' extension of London Minor and that the Major has no minor.

If this view is correct then the extension of London Surprise Major is simplified, but not easy. If what I have said about the association of the half lead ends 245361 and 24367581 is correct, it follows that the Royal half lead end should be 2436589701 where 7 and 0 are the course bells of 9 and 243658 are in proper coursing order and come to lead in the order 532468 under the 9th. But it does not necessarily follow that any half lead resulting in a half lead end 2436589701 is an extension of London Surprise Major, but it greatly reduces the number of competitors.

The corresponding Maximus half lead end is 2436587092r1. If the Royal I published in 'The Ringing World,' September 16th, 1921, is examined, you will find this condition complied with, but not in the Maximus. Obviously the Maximus of that date is faulty.

I have since produced Maximus to comply with the condition and at the same time produced from Royal as Royal is from Major. It, therefore, follows that we have at any rate 'a' genuine extension of London even if it cannot be accepted as 'the' extension. It can be continued to 14 and 16.

Like Superlative, 10 and 14 of London are not at best because on those numbers the 3rd has to dodge with the treble on crossing. The method is at best where the 3rd crosses the treble without dodging with it, i.e., on 8, 12, 16, etc. The late J. A. Trollope has regular extensions of London Major to Royal and Maximus, but they are not satisfactory because of prolonging dodging in certain positions.

In my opinion, Mr. York-Bramble's Maximus is not produced from Royal as the Royal is from Major. Above the treble they may claim to be in same way, but below the treble most

certainly not as even a cursory examination, say, of the work of the 2nd will show. Whilst they may truly be classed as London group, they are certainly not London. Why not call the Royal University Royal (London group) and the Maximus, say, after one of the other universities (Leeds or Liverpool, etc., with the bracketed London group)? In fact, since London is a university the whole group could very suitably bear university names, thus making the group distinct and classic.

I will now give what I consider to be the most perfect extensions of London Surprise Major to Royal and Maximus it is possible to produce. But, until the relationship or otherwise of Minor and Major is settled beyond dispute I make no definite claim.

The designation of different versions of London Royal as No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, etc., is to be deprecated. It may probably be an improvement to adopt the suggestion just made.

ROYAL AND MAXIMUS FROM LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

1234567890	1234567890ET
2135476980	2135476980r
1253749608	1253749608r0
2157394068	2157394068r0

2517930486	2517930486r08
5271903846	5271903846r08
5217098364	5217098364r08
2571903846	2571903846r08

5279130486	5279130486r08
5729314068	5729314068r08
7592130486	7592130486r08
7952314068	7952314068r08

9753241608	9753241608r08
9573426180	9573426180r08
5937241608	5937241608r08
5392746180	5392746180r08

3529476810	3529476810r0
3254967801	3254967801r0
2345698710	2345698710r0
2436589701	2436589701r0

4263859071	4263859071r0
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In Maximus the 5ths and partial dodge by the 9th with treble in 3-4 may with advantage be changed to partial dodge and 5ths. It will be noticed that only the odd bells make a place before crossing the treble, the 3rd making its place first and being the last of the odd bells to cross exactly as in Major. Below the treble it is more difficult to arrange the work: the main point is that the odd course bell 7 in Royal, 9 in Maximus, 5 in Major courses up before the highest odd number. In Maximus the 5th and 7th have to work in 1-2 until the 6th commences to hunt up behind and so that the bells can come to the lead in the order 7532468, i.e., in direct order in spite of the fact that these bells are leading back and hand!

The very best Maximus is an Alliance method omitting the dodging of the treble in 5-6 and again 9-0.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held at New Mill, Yorks, on April 2nd. The contest resulted as follows: Silkstone, 130 faults; Cawthorne, 99; Meltham, 80; Friezland, 65; Shelley, 48; Thornhill, 126 (abandoned). The judges declared Shelley to be the winners of the Association's silver cup.

An interesting and well-attended meeting followed the competition ringing. Afterwards mixed bands again ascended the tower for further touches.

Norwich Diocesan Association

PEAL BOOKING FEE INTRODUCED.

The annual general meeting was held in Norwich on Easter Monday and was very well attended. Ringing took place at Mancroft from 10 a.m. onwards, and St. Miles', St. Giles' and St. John de Sepulchre were also open. Methods up to Cambridge Royal and Kent Maximus were rung.

The service was at Mancroft at 12 and the preacher was the Rev. G. B. Chambers, Vicar of Carbrooke. A company of 81 sat down to lunch at Samson and Hercules, and attended the business meeting in St. Clement's Parish Hall, and many others attended at other times during the day.

At the meeting the Rev. W. G. Bridge, chairman of the West Norfolk Branch, was in the chair in the regretted absence through indisposition of the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard.

Correspondence included letters from Mr. Nolan Golden and Mr. Ben Thompson, whose absence (the latter through indisposition) was much regretted. Mr. George Mayers, formerly for many years steeplekeeper at Mancroft, was warmly congratulated on attaining his 80th birthday the same day.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Rev. A. St. J. Heard; general secretary and treasurer, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; vice-presidents en bloc with the addition of Rev. K. O. Morris, Vicar of Norton Subcourse; Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; auditor, Mr. George Fletcher.

Mr. Fletcher presented the accounts for 1948 and was most warmly thanked both for his masterly rearrangement of the accounts in modern style and for his lucid presentation of them. New members elected included Peter Bond (St. Martin-in-the-Fields), non-resident life member; Sidney G. Brett (Wymondham) and Ralph Setch and Richard Wagg (Mancroft).

SUBSCRIPTIONS THROUGH TOWER CAPTAINS.

The new method of collecting subscriptions was explained; all ringing members' subscriptions are in future to be paid through the tower captain to the branch secretaries, their names being noted on a form for each tower; this makes collection easier and provides a clearer record for all to see.

In accordance with notice given at the previous general meeting on November 6th, Mr. Fletcher proposed that a peal booking fee of 6d. be levied on every member taking part in a peal for the Association. He said this was the best thing to do to avoid a deficit, as most of the expenses are accounted for by printing the report, in which peals are a large feature. Mr. Arthur Smalls seconded and the proposal was carried by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Fletcher gave notice of a motion to be proposed at the next general meeting to incorporate into the rules provision for a Branch Ringing Master in each branch, such to be members of the Standing Committee.

It was resolved to send £3 from the Belfry Repair Fund for Ketteringham bells restoration.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents for the use of their bells, the Vicar for the service at Mancroft, the preacher, and association officers.

Ringing continued at the city churches until the evening.

A.G.G.T.

C C PEAL COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—I have a number of surplus copies of the Corrigenda sheet for Section 1 of the C.C. peal collection (Grandsire), now out of print.

I shall be glad to dispose of these to anyone sending 1d. for postage (up to 12 copies) or to include a copy or copies free in any order for publications.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. J. HOOTON, Hon. Librarian,
Central Council.

Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

WEDDING OF MR. P. SMALL

A member of the Canterbury Cathedral company, Mr. Peter Small was married at St. Mary's, Sellindge, Kent, on April 16th, to Miss Jean Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Price, of Sellindge. The Rev. C. Magraw, Rector of St. Alphege's, Canterbury, officiated, and Mr. Vernon Benning, of Belvedere, was the best man.

After the ceremony the bells were rung and fired by ringers from the Canterbury Cathedral company. Last year Mr. Small was attached to the All Saints', Fulham, band.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.

—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cartledge 1, W. S. Davenport (cond.) 2, V. Stonier 3, R. Worrall 4, J. G. Cartledge 5, J. B. Bowker 6. First quarter by all the band.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Payne (first away from treble) 1, C. Williamson (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Hughes (first 'inside') 3, B. Harris 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, J. Heyes, jun. 6.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On Good Friday for divine service, with bells half-muffled, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. L. Kingdon 1, F. Baker 2, E. H. Oxenham 3, A. C. Banbury 4, J. F. A. Waite (first as cond.) 5, R. W. Grabham 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 6.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. C. Vessey 1, J. P. Vessey, jun. 2, R. T. Vessey 3, S. G. Vessey 4, J. C. Vessey 5, P. Holmes (cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 2.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On April 8th, 1,616 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. K. Deacon 1, A. H. Hough 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, H. Duncombe 4, T. C. Belton 5, C. R. Belton 6, A. Cattell (cond.) 7, G. P. Garner 8. First quarter in method by all except 3 and 7.

BICKER, Lincs.—On Easter Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. H. Bennett 1, W. B. Dawson 2, R. Howard 3, W. G. Short 4, N. B. Fovargue 5, G. R. Dawson 6, J. P. Morriss 7, C. Wander (cond.) 8. First of Major by 3, 4, 5, 7. First on the bells since being augmented to eight.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—On April 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (half-muffled): T. Goodchild 1, G. Martin 2, J. Eldridge 3, F. Sutton (first in method) 4, W. E. Judd 5, W. Walker 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, H. Baldwin 8. In memoriam to T. Lovegrove.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On April 3rd, 1,264 Bob Major: G. F. Kite 1, P. Spice 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, G. F. James 4, J. E. Lyddiard 5, E. C. Bishop 6, C. Cullen 7, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bower 1, J. Edwards (first as cond.) 2, E. Leggett 3, W. Chalk 4, L. Mills (first in method) 5, R. Downing (first quarter) 6.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss C. Causley (first quarter) 1, J. Leeves (first 'inside') 2, E. Eade (first in two methods) 3, P. Ostley (first in two methods) 4, M. Causley (first as cond.) 5, M. Stevens (first quarter) 6. First quarter by local band.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Causley 1, J. Leeves 2, Miss J. S. S. Durrant 3, E. Eade 4, P. Ostley 5, M. A. Causley (cond.) 6. First quarter by all.

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral on April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Chatfield 1, Miss B. Philpott 2, C. E. Buesden 3, J. Walter 4, F. R. Weller 5, B. J. Luck (cond.) 6, S. Walter 7, T. H. Holmes 8, R. G. French 9, H. R. French 10.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Adams 1, J. D. Niblett (first quarter) 2, Miss J. M. Withey (cond.) 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 5, J. Nutt 6.

CHICHESTER.—On March 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Eney (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. W. Tampion 2, W. R. Falconer 3, W. G. Challen 4, R. G. Blackman 5, B. D. Price 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, H. F. Dunford 8. In memoriam Bishop H. M. Horden.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Gosling 1, B. H. Thompson 2, B. Thompson, sen. 3, R. J. Court (first quarter 'inside') 4, W. E. Court (cond.) 5, S. M. Court 6.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On April 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. Prockson (first in method) 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. W. Green 4, R. Charge 5, G. W. Morris 6, A. W. Coles 7, T. Price (cond.) 8. A 63rd birthday compliment to R. W. Green.

QUARTER PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.—

At the Church of St. John the Baptist on April 3rd,

1,323 Stedman Cinques: J. Phillips 1, F. J. Smallwood 2, M. Chilcot 3, R. Davies 4, C. Parks 5, E. Razzell 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, W. Outway 8, F. E. Collins 9, G. H. Humphries 10, D. Cooper (cond.) 11, J. Chilcot 12. First of Stedman Cinques by 5 and 6.

DEERHURST, GLOS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bartlett 1, W. Bartlett 2, C. Townley 3, L. Healey 4, Group Capt. T. V. Lister (cond.) 5, A. Halling 6. Rung muffled for evening service.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On April 4th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Doubles (120 April Day, 480 Bob Doubles and 660 Grandsire): M. Hunt 1, R. Swift 2, A. T. Weeks 3, J. S. Weeks 4, W. Mortimer 5, J. Potter 6. A compliment to Mr. F. J. Dight (verger of St. James') on his golden wedding.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCs.—On April 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Jean Marshall (age 11) 1, Miss Margaret E. Ridyard 2, W. Rimmer 3, R. Leach 4, P. Croxall 5, T. Marshall 6, A. Rigby (first in method 'inside') 7, J. Ridyard (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1, 4 and 5.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' on April 3rd, 1,296 Bob Major: T. Theobald 1, W. R. Morey 2, Mrs. F. Munday 3, A. Brookes 4, R. Renward 5, F. Radford 6, S. Breeze 7, E. V. Blake (cond.) 8.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.—On April 3rd, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. O. Talbot 1, P. J. Johnson (cond.) 2, Miss Jean Southerst 3, A. Smith 4, C. Hetherington 5, A. Hartley 6, A. W. Lloyd 7. In honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. W. O. Talbot, after meeting short for Double Norwich.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sylvia M. White (first quarter) 1, E. Morey 2, F. Cruttenden 3, Catherine A. Lish 4, F. Parsons 5, E. Rapley 6, C. Longhurst 7, B. White (cond.) 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On April 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. Todd (first in method) 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. Symonds 3, W. Croft 4, D. C. Mears 5, E. Winter 6, L. Fidler 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples, in which G. Cherry and W. Todd rang their first in the method.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Avery 1, N. Carr (14, first quarter) 2, W. Woodward 3, J. Meakes 4, R. Wright 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On April 3rd, 1,286 Minor (326 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob): P. Allen 1, Miss B. Harris 2, H. Allen 3, A. Miller 4, T. G. Miller 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. First in three methods by 1, 2 and 3.

MONMOUTH.—At St. Mary's on April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: K. Goodwin (leading throughout) 1, R. S. Johnson (first quarter) 2, A. Goodwin 3, L. H. Jones 4, S. Goodwin 5, W. F. Seudamore (cond.) 6, T. Castree 7.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sharpe 1, G. Hair 2, J. Quimby 3, W. Brooker 4, W. H. Curson 5, J. W. Cotton 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, S. Scattergood 8.

PINCHBECK, Lincs.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Joyce Chenery (20) 1, D. R. Whitton (16) 2, Miss Dulcie Robinson (17) 3, C. Wand (first quarter, 20) 4, M. Bennett (15) 5, C. H. Whitton (first as cond., 19) 6.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMTS.—On April 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Bellamy 1, F. Kirk 2, H. Chambers 3, W. J. Whitmore 4, E. E. Whitmore (cond.) 5, W. Copperwheat 6.

SANDHURST, GLOS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Worrall 1, I. Whiting 2, W. Richings 3, J. Whiting 4, W. Jones 5, L. Barry 6, C. Rouse (first of Triples as cond.) 7, C. Lerner 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Holloway (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 2, W. W. Daniell 3, I. H. Trueman 4, Miss B. E. L. Roberts 5, E. Vincent 6.

Kent County Association

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Lawrence's, Thanet, on April 9th. Ringing was delayed at the start, due to a wedding; the couple were, however, greeted with a peal to start their married life. Ringing was continued until 4.30, when those present attended service, this being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Roundhill.

Five new members were elected, and St. Peter's, Thanet, was chosen as the place of the next quarterly meeting, and Walmer for a by-meeting previous.

A motion that the meetings for the year should be selected by a small committee and presented to members at the annual district meeting was defeated. It was, however, agreed that after a meeting at a tower there should be a time lag of three years before another meeting be held there, except for a special reason.

Sixty-five members out of a total of 75 who had advised they were coming to the meeting attended, and this brought forth a few remarks from the chairman, who appealed to members to make every effort to attend after having sent their names in. His point started a long discussion, during which it transpired that at one meeting last year the deficiency was £12s. 6d. through this cause. A resolution was passed that at ensuing meetings those who sent their names in as attending would also have to send the money for tea at the same time.

ARTHUR SYMONDS MEMORIAL

On April 2nd, in the presence of many ringers and friends, an oak tablet was unveiled and dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. Preb. Fountain Page) in the tower of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, to the memory of Arthur Symonds, for many years towerkeeper and instructor of the Lavenham ringers.

The inscription reads: 'To the memory of Arthur Symonds, who devoted his life to the church and its bells, travelling over a large area, mostly on foot, to foster and teach the art of change ringing to 66 pupils, most of whom subscribed to this memorial.'

After a short service, the bells were rung to various methods. The memorial is the handiwork of Mr. Leslie Mills, a ringer of Bures, Suffolk.

LATE NOTICES

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Great Hale, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me before Monday, May 8th.—Mrs. D. Wray. Hon. Sec. Kesteven Street, Sleaford. 5158

PEAL TOUR, SUSSEX, SEPT. 10th to 17th inclusive. Interested ringers (Surprise preferred) communicate H. Parkes, Pattison Farm, Mersham, Ashford, Kent. 5159

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints' on April 10th, 1,260 Bob Triples: J. P. Stocker 1, G. Nickolls 2, H. W. Pratt 3, D. Sanderson 4, L. W. Fisher 5, J. W. C. Blythe 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, S. Clements 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On April 10th, 1,260 Minor (180 Oxford Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): R. Wallis 1, Miss W. Oliver 2, J. Etherington 3, B. Grover 4, Pte. J. Glanville 5, G. Grover (cond.) 6. Longest length in more than one method by all except conductor.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.—At the Minster on March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Quarmby 1, R. F. Price 2, C. E. Bishop 3, L. J. Lockyer 4, A. D. Frupp 5, E. A. Bishop 6, W. C. Shute (cond.) 7, J. Redgwel 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 5. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. T. W. Page Phillips) on his installation as a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion.

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

DEATH

CAPLE.—On April 21st, 1949, Mildred Caple, of Bedwyn, Clevedon, widow of Ernest Caple, of Nailsea, and dearly loved mother of May, Ted and Ernest. R.I.P. 5133

PUBLICATIONS

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS' will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Heris.

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.'—The first official book on this subject. Price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3 Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham (Bruce Castle), on Saturday, Apr. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 5061

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Rickmansworth, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells 3 to 5 and after meeting. Tea 5, for which please notify Mr. F. W. Elliott, 48, Talbot Road, Rickmansworth, Herts.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5077

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting Worcester on Saturday, Apr. 30th. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon. General business meeting at the Old Rectifying House, North Parade, at 2.30 p.m. prompt. A resolution will be moved to increase the annual subscriptions. All Saints' bells (10) available at 11 a.m. Other bells and times announced at meeting. Lunch at the Old Rectifying House at 1.30. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Sec. 5084

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at Tendring (6), Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—H. J. Millatt, 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 5091

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Headcorn, April 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea Miss H. Gorrings, 3 Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 5104

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hindon (6), April 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 5107

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Bredfield, April 30th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify Rev. H. W. Cotton, Bredfield, Woodbridge. 5129

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 5115

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Meeting at Cannington for April 30th cancelled. It is hoped to arrange this in July.—R. Short, Local Sec. 5135

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Hambleton, April 30th. Usual times.—John H. Hunt. 5066

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Adwick-le-Street, April 30th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 5130

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Totternhoe (six bells), Saturday, April 30th, 3 o'clock. Cups of tea, bring own food.—F. Plummer, Leighton Buzzard. 5151

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting Lifton, May 7th; usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 2nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5055

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Pinhoe, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, by May 2nd. 5117

LINCOLN GUILD.—Joint meeting of Lincoln and Sleaford Districts at Sleaford on May 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mrs. D. Wray, Kesteven Street, Sleaford, by the Tuesday previous.—D. Wray and J. Freeman, Hon. Secs. 5122

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Ealing, May 7th. Bells, Christ Church, 3 to 4.30 and evening; St. Mary's, 3 to 4 and evening; St. Stephen's, 2.30 to 4. Service, Christ Church, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by May 5th to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 5098

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (13) 3 to 8. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Names to Mr. J. Carter, 6, Gosford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.—E. Walker. 5161

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, May 7th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 9d. p.h.), Hawdon Institute, 5, followed by general meeting. Names to J. Silk, 21, Leeds Road, Selby, by May 5th. Subs are due and reports available.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 5103

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 7th. Service, St. Nicholas' (Archdeacon of Chichester) 4. Tea and business meeting, Union Church Hall, 4.40. Names for tea to Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by May 2nd. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', afternoon and evening: the Good Shepherd, evening.—S. E. Armstrong, Gen. Sec. 5126

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division.—Meeting at Great Wakering (6), Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Frequent bus service from Victoria Circus, Southend. Essentially a meeting for beginners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea by May 5th to H. Milton, Amil, High Street, Great Wakering. 5106

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Guildford, Saturday, May 7th. Bells of Cathedral Church in afternoon. St. Nicolas' afternoon and evening. Service, Cathedral Church, 4.15. Tea and business meeting, Holy Trinity Hall, 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by May 1st.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey. 5108

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Dunmow (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Great Dunmow. 5128

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Redford District.—Meeting at Cople (6), May 7th, 3 p.m. Tea at Five Bells 5 p.m.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5136

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Farnborough (5), Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Rev. J. D. Steele, West Isley Rectory, Newbury, by Wednesday, May 4th. 5110

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, May 7th. Bells, St. Margaret's (12), 1.30 to 4; All Saints' (6), 2 to 4; Cathedral (12), 2 to 4; St. John's, 2 to 4.30. Service, St. George's, 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. George's Hall, 5. Names by Tuesday, May 3rd, to W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester.—W. Wood, Gen. Sec. 5113

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Seavington, Saturday, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Sec. 5134

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sandhurst (6) on Saturday, May 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5131

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Meeting at Whiston, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Wickersley Road, Rotherham.—J. F. Turley, Hon. Sec. 5137

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Colwall, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by May 4th.—H. K. Hill, The Village, Bosbury. 5138

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by May 4th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 5154

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's (R.C.) and St. John's, Lytham, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 5156

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Cockerham, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 5157

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Emberton, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 5140

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Over (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5141

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' RALLY.—No more tickets are available for the annual dinner to be held at Wick Ferry Restaurant, Christchurch, on Saturday, May 7th, at 7 p.m. Coach tour will leave Christchurch Priory at 11.30 a.m. (sharp) for ringing at Wimborne Minster (10) at 12.15, Ringwood (8) at 2 p.m. and Milford (8) at 3.30 p.m. Ringing also at Christchurch Priory (12) from 3 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.; Bournemouth St. Peter's (8), 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.; St. John's, Surrey Road (8), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Guided tours of the Priory Church.—A. V. Davis, Hon. Sec., 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5145

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 7th, Christ Church, Aughton. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided free to those who notify Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Aughton, by Wednesday, May 4th.—J. Burns, Branch Sec. 5148

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Monthly meeting, East Bridgford, Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. J. Wilkinson, the Masons Arms, East Bridgford, Notts, by Tuesday, May 2nd latest.—W. Thornley. 5149

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Meeting, May 7th, St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, 3 p.m. Tea 5 at Parish Hall. Book teas by 5th inst. 5150

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Mytton, near Whalley, May 7th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5152

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Grundisburgh, May 7th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Bring food.—C. W. Pipe. 5147

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Hunton (6), May 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. F. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 5146

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION and UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — A joint meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Hemel Hempstead bells (8) from 11 to 12 noon. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. — Miss J. Mattison and Mr. L. S. Baines, Secs. 5144

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting at Hunsdon on Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Miss Chitty, Hunsdon, near Ware, by Wednesday, May 11th. All ringers welcome — A. S. Carter, Sec. 5139

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, May 14th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, The Green, Lower Heyford, Northants, by Saturday, May 7th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 5142

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery. — Meeting at Kingsbury Episcopi, Saturday, May 14th. Service 4.30. Names for tea early, please. — F. Farrant, North Street, Martock. 5143

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Edenbridge (8), May 14th. Names for tea to E. C. Leigh, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. Names for summer outing (July 16th) by this meeting.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 5153

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, May 14th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15 (Archdeacon of Derby). Tea 5, St. Paul's Institute, followed by general meeting. Names for tea by 12th to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 5155

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