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### THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The announcement that a meeting of the Central Council is to be held on Whit Tuesday will be received with general satisfaction and approval. It is one more sign that the end of the war is not far off, and the time is approaching when it will be possible to resume many of the activities which had to be suspended five and half years ago. It is true that at the beginning of last year we thought and said the same, but there is this difference: then we knew the supreme test lay before us; now we know it lies behind. Normal times we must not look for, and general peace in the world is still many months, perhaps years, ahead, but ringers are entitled to expect that it will not be so very long before the general life of the Exercise can be fully resumed on much the same lines as before this war and before the last. The reason for this confidence lies in the fact that ringers generally are sane and conservative persons, that their art is based on a strict mathematical science, which refuses to be tampered with, and that it is closely connected with the Church, the most durable of all the institutions of the country. There will be changes in the spirit and outlook of the Exercise, and well it is that it should be so, but there is no likelihood that ringers will be tempted to throw away the hardly won good that has come down from the past in a vain attempt to gain some glittering, but unattainable, advantages in the future. That is one of the chief dangers which lies before the nation as a whole.

The decision to hold the Council's meeting at Birmingham, instead of in London, where in the ordinary course it would have met, is a wise one, and will best suit the convenience of the majority of the members. London has suffered grievously during the war years. Hotel accommodation is strained to the limits, the number of chambers suitable for holding a meeting is greatly reduced, and travelling facilities to and from the Metropolis will for a long time be taxed to the uttermost. Birmingham has not come through the war unscathed by any means, but by comparison is much better able to provide accommodation for a meeting. It is centrally situated and more accessible from all parts of the country than almost any other town.

The members who attend will not expect the social amenities which were so pleasant and enjoyable a feature of peace-time meetings, but even here for those who are able to visit the city during the week-end, Birmingham will have more to offer than London could. It has two

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fine modern rings of twelve bells and one of ten, all of which hang in towers where ringing history has been made, and there are many others in the close vicinity. Nor, even in these days, is there any lack of skilled ringers. Formal social arrangements there cannot be, but we shall be surprised if the social side of the meeting does not in essentials compare favourably with those of the past.

The real object of the meeting is, of course, the transaction of business, and in due course the officers will announce what are the chief matters that are to be discussed. That there are many arrears to be overtaken and much important business to be settled, will be obvious to all, but nothing need be said about them here and now.

We firmly believe that the meeting of the Council will result in good to the Exercise at large, and we also firmly believe that the mere fact that the meeting is held will do good, apart from and in addition to any business it may transact.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT... .. 1	WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 6
NIL I. ALLNATT .. .. 2	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 8
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 9
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 5	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 10

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

BRISTOL.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 50½ cwt.

*JOHN M. STALLARD ... .. 1	CLEMENT GLENN ... .. 6
*DONALD J. MARSH ... .. 2	†LEONARD DERRICK ... .. 7
†FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 3	†DAVID MACKAY ... .. 8
*THOMAS W. KIMBER ... .. 4	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 9
DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 5	*EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... .. 10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31 cwt.

FRED HAYES ... .. 1	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	WALTER LEE ... .. 7
RALPH COLES ... .. 3	FRANK WEST... .. 8
PERCY NEWTON ... .. 4	MAJOR J. H. R. FREEBORN 9
FREDERICK G. BALDWIN ... 5	ALECK D. STRATHEER ... 10

Composed by J. H. R. FREEBORN. Conducted by FRED HAYES.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 5, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*HORACE J. BENTLEY ... .. 1	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 6
*GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS... .. 7
GEORGE HINTON ... .. 3	*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 8
*FRED N. FLUCK ... .. 4	*DENNIS R. MORRIS ... .. 9
*DENNIS R. SAYERS ... .. 5	*GEORGE AMBLER... .. 10

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Bob Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1945, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ALAN SHEPPARD... .. 1	FRED TERRY... .. 5
SEDMAN STEELE ... .. 2	MARGARET HAWLEY ... .. 6
MRS. E. BRADLEY ... .. 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 7
HORACE S. MORLEY ... .. 4	EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. 8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWARD BRADLEY.  
\* First peal.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 1	GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 5
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... .. 2	EDWARD C. WHEELER ... .. 6
†RONALD F. BURFORD ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 7
†Rrv. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 4	LEONARD HARRIS... .. 8

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.  
\* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FREDERICK S. SUTTON ... 1	HARRY HOWARD... .. 5
JOHN E. BROUGH ... .. 2	FRANK BARNARD ... .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7
CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... .. 4	*JOHN ORME... .. 8

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.  
\* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANCIS W. JELLEY ... .. 1	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... .. 5
CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 2	DENNIS DALBY ... .. 6
HERBERT W. PERKINS ... .. 3	*ARTHUR PATRICK ... .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
\* First peal in the method.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

CECIL J. BAKER... .. 1	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. 2	*FREDERICK W. SHAW... .. 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 3	ALFRED MOULD... .. 7
*GIRLING RIGBY... .. 4	JACK BAILEY ... .. 8

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.  
\* First peal in the method.

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

MRS. JOHN MARSHALLSAY... 1	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
MRS F. E. COLLINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER... .. 6
ANDREW I. PEARMAN ... .. 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. 7
FREDERICK PREBY ... .. 4	FREDERICK COLLINS... .. 8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WALTER STEEN ... .. Treble	JACK BAILEY, ... .. 5
*BENJAMIN BARKER ... .. 2	†FRANCIS R. LOWE ... .. 6
JOHN E. GLEW ... .. 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER... .. 7
ALFRED MOULD ... .. 4	*WALTER SHAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. E. GLEW.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

ANSTHEY, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 3, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

TERENCE E. GARDNER ... Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5
DEREK DODSON ... .. 2	*WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 6
STANLEY R. GARDNER ... .. 3	DENNIS DODSON... .. 7
NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... .. 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

\* First peal of Major.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 4, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER C. ROSE ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. MARTIN ... 5
WALTER YEEND... .. 2	GEORGE KILMISTER ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 7
WILLIAM DYER... .. 4	*LESLIE E. ASTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Triples.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 5, 1945, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

MRS. T. COLLINGWORTH ... Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
VERNON J. BENNING ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... .. 3	PERCY PAGE ... .. 7
FREDERICK S. MACEY ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1945, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Treble	†WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 2	FRED A. H. WILKINS ... 6
GEORGE L. GOVER ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 7
*ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

\* 1,250th peal. † First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1945, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY.

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*HAROLD A. NOBES ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 6
*JOHN H. HUNT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
*STANLEY E. COOK ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

CHARLES LOVETT ... .. Treble	JAMES H. ELPHICK ... .. 3
KEITH E. LOVETT ... .. 2	FRED W. LOWE ... .. 4
JOHN W. LOWE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN W. LOWE.

First peal as conductor.

BINFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*PETER G. MASON ... .. Treble	*ROBERT N. ELLIOTT ... .. 4
†CECIL W. BAILEY ... .. 2	JOHN RANCE ... .. 5
BERNARD C. CASTLE ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. N. RANCE.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor.

SULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1945, in 1½ Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE GREAVES ... .. Treble	ROBERT LINGWOOD ... .. 4
†JOHN WILLIAMSON ... .. 2	FLT/SGT R. CADAMY ... .. 5
GORDON DYE ... .. 3	GEORGE A. COOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. COOKE.

\* First peal. † First peal inside.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 5, 1945, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT NEW COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 5-6
BETTY SPICE... .. 3-4	*ALBERT DISERENS ... .. 7-8

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES (C.C.C. No. 47).

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

\* First peal in the method on handbells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1945, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID VINCENT ... .. 1-2	ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 5-6
FRANK PERRINS ... .. 3-4	JOHN WORTH... .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT ST. PETER'S HALL,

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

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor size 15 in C.

PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... .. 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	*FRANCIS S. WILSON ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

\* 80th peal.



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Cheques and remittances should be made payable to 'The Ringing World.'

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

A meeting of the Central Council will be held on Whit Tuesday, May 22nd, at Birmingham. Fuller details later. Association Secretaries are reminded that the Affiliation Fee for 1944/45 became due on January 1st, and must be paid before the Council meeting.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

Mr. John Evans, of Hughenden, celebrated his diamond wedding on April 6th.

Prebendary A. J. Hook, Rector of Wrington, is retiring from the benefice.

### DEATH OF MR. ROBERT W. T. MAYNARD.

The death is announced of Mr. R. W. T. Maynard, of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, who passed away on March 19th at the age of 62. Mr. Maynard was the son of Robert Maynard, who died in 1943, and the nephew of Thomas Maynard, for many years towerkeeper at St. Mary's, and who was mainly responsible for the restoration and augmentation of the bells in 1896. R. W. T. Maynard was, therefore, one of a well-known family of ringers, and his two brothers are also ringers. He was a member of the St. Mary's Society for 50 years and was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex, Middlesex and London County Associations. He had rung in a considerable number of peals, which included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major and Royal, and London Surprise Major. He was a capable conductor, and had called peals of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Grandsire Triples and Bob Royal. He was buried in the churchyard adjoining the Parish Church on Friday, March 23rd, and amongst those present were Messrs. E. E. Holman, H. Street and F. C. Taylor.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### MEETING AT CUCKFIELD.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Cuckfield on March 24th, and was attended by members from Brighton, Crawley, Balcombe, Lower Beeding, Bolney, Lindfield, Twineham, Hartfield and the local belfry. Service was conducted by the Vicar, and 30 members sat down to tea afterwards in the parish hall. The business meeting was held in the tower, the Master of the association, Mr. F. Hairs, presiding. The election of officers was as follows: Mr. A. E. Laker, division secretary; Mr. A. Gillings and Mr. G. Apps, committee; Mr. O. Sippetts, Division Ringing Master. Six new members were elected.

The Master explained the proposed alterations to the rules, of which members had copies, and after a brief discussion it was decided to support the adoption of the new rules at the annual general meeting. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise.

### COMPETITIVE RINGING.

#### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The analogy Mr. Jeanes draws in his letter this week from our national games in favour of competitive ringing is not quite convincing; for has not the competitive spirit always been present in these games?

There is a distinction surely to be made between the 'competitive spirit' for its own sake and the 'competitive spirit' for the sake of what is commonly known as 'pot-hunting.' One would be sorry for our national games if sportsmanship and development were dependent only upon the prospect of material gain.

What underlay the vote at the meeting of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild was the general feeling that the ringers' first aim is to provide the best Sunday service ringing possible and that there is no need to introduce prize competitions to secure that; also, that the offering of prizes is rather derogatory to the art of change ringing than otherwise. Most ringers practise the art for the love of it and for that reason (as you imply in your leading article) have no real interest in ringing competitions.

The competitive spirit is good among ringers; without it some, perhaps, would not concentrate upon efforts to advance; and it would be a pity if we could not cultivate the spirit to advance in our church towers and among the members of our guilds without the inducement of prize contests.

One has the fear that the introduction of the element of 'pot-hunting' might tend to eliminate the less efficient and dishearten the keen and useful, though backward, ringer.

Is it not true that many bands of ringers are often quietly competing with one another and seeking to emulate the prowess of others entirely apart from any idea of such rewards as are offered in organised competitions?

I do think we should be unwise to sow the seeds of dissatisfaction and discouragement which are quite likely to arise out of any such competitions, however well organised they may be.

All credit to those who on any Sunday morning realise—as you say—that the reputation of his band 'depended on his punctual attendance and the way he rang and struck his bell.'

C. CAREW COX, Chairman of the West Dorset Branch.

The Vicarage, Lyme Regis.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held in Norwich on Easter Monday and was attended by over 60 ringers from Norwich, Mulbarton, Wighton, Ipswich, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Wymondham, Norton Subcourse, Sudbury, Bergh Apton, Fornsett, Framsdon, Wroxham, Aylsham, Fakenham, Ranworth, South Walsham, Diss, Loddon, Lowestoft, Oxford, Long Stratton, Darsham, Scottow, Buxton, Redenhall and New Buckenham. During the day the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael's, Coslany, and St. John de Sepulchre were rung, the methods including Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major and Treble Bob Maximus. The Rev. G. W. Wilson, Rector of Lammass, preached at the service at Mancroft, and the tea and business meeting were at Ber House.

The following officers were re-elected: The Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president; the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, general secretary and treasurer; the vice-presidents and Standing Committee as before; the Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; Central Council representatives, Messrs. Nolan Golden and W. C. Duffield and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; hon. auditor, Mr. G. P. Burton.

Notice was given that at the next general meeting consideration would be given to the altering of the rule relating to the officers so as to provide for a Ringing Master.

The accounts showed that the balance at the bank at the end of 1944 was £24 3s. 1d. The report for the years 1942, 1943 and 1944 is being printed.

Four new non-resident life members were elected: Mr. E. C. Ellenger, Mr. John Jennings, Mr. James Jennings and Miss Grace Jennings, all of Ipswich. The ringing members elected were Raymond J. Barber, of Norton Subcourse, Kenneth Rust Andrews, of Buxton, and Mr. G. Greaves, of Fakenham. Support was given to an appeal by Mr. Arthur Bason on behalf of a fund for a presentation to Mr. George Mayers, the steeplekeeper of Mancroft, who is retiring.

### DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

#### MEETING AT OTTERY ST. MARY.

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday. Service was conducted by the Vicar and the address was given by the Rev. E. Clist. At the business meeting, which followed tea, the statement of accounts was received and the following appointments were made: Chairman, the Rev. B. C. Jackson; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. John Arbury; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Burrows; representatives on Guild Committee, Messrs. C. Turner, W. Dommett and S. Marks.

Mr. J. H. Godfrey's resignation as hon. secretary and treasurer after 25 years' service owing to ill-health was regretted and tributes were paid by Prebendary E. V. Cox to his work, energy and enthusiasm. Harpford was chosen for the autumn meeting on September 29th, and Honiton for the next annual meeting. The collection for the bell restoration fund realised £1 12s. 4d.



**MR. GEORGE R. PYE.**

**FUNERAL AT ILFORD.**

As briefly announced last week, Mr. George Robert Pye, familiarly known throughout the Exercise as Bob Pye, died on Saturday, March 31st, after a long illness, patiently borne. He had been ill since before the war, and for some months prior to September, 1939, it was evident to his ringing friends that his strength was falling. During August, 1939, he was to have taken part in a ringing tour in the Lancashire area, but after ringing in the opening peal at Garston he returned home, and except for a few visits to Romford for service ringing, and to one or two meetings in the early days of the war, he never rang again. About Christmas, 1943, he underwent a serious operation, which, whilst it could not cure him, brought considerable relief, but it had been evident for some months past that his strength was going, and he passed away peacefully during the morning of the Saturday before Easter.

The funeral was at Aldborough Hatch, Ilford, on Saturday, April 7th, in the small churchyard where his father, mother, brothers and sister already lie. Besides members of the family, several of his old ringing colleagues were present, including Messrs. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex County Association), who also represented Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), A. W. Coles, E. Barnett, R. Sanders, J. Bennett, W. J. Nudds, M. F. R. Hibbert, J. F. Smallwood (representing St. Martin's, Birmingham, Guild), H. E. Audsley, A. Prior, G. Dawson (representing Essex Association), F. B. Lufkin and J. Faber.

The many floral tributes included a wreath from the members of the Central Council, on which the late G. R. Pye represented the Essex Association for 27 years.

The ringers' last tribute was performed by Messrs. E. Barnett, A. W. Coles, J. F. Smallwood and W. J. Nudds, who rang a course of Grandsire Triples, slowly, on handbells over the open grave.

**MR. PYE'S SPLENDID RINGING CAREER.**

George Robert Pye was born at Chadwell Heath on June 30th, 1872. He was one of six brothers, all ringers, although the eldest and youngest did not progress far. Of the others, Ernest, who died in 1915, and William, whose death took place ten years ago, were world famous among ringers. Like his brothers, Bob learned to ring at Little Heath, starting in 1888, on a peal of five. This church has since been completely demolished. Later the brothers joined the Romford band, which quickly came to the forefront. Bob's first peal was Grandsire Triples at Romford on March 30th, 1891, and he first called a peal at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 31st, 1894. On February 1st, 1896, he rang and conducted his first peal of Stedman Triples at Barking.

With his brothers he quickly rose to the top of the tree. As a handbell ringer he excelled, and rang peals in many methods, including Stedman Cinques and the first London and Bristol Surprise in hand. He was the conductor in the record peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells, and rang in the peal of Stedman Caters whilst crossing the Irish Sea. He also rang in peals of Stedman Triples and Superlative Surprise Major on handbells, non-conducted. Apart from peal ringing, Mr. Pye was regular in his duties on Sundays, and from 1898 for upwards of 40 years he rang at St. Edward's, Romford, and for most of this time he walked three miles each way twice on a Sunday. From 1918 onwards he represented the Essex Association on the Central Council, and was for many years a member of the Peals Analysis Committee.

Like his brother William, Bob was a prolific peal ringer, safe, and an excellent conductor. He rang 1,878 peals, within a century of his brother's great record. Space does not permit reference to the very many interesting performances, but amongst the more famous are the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, still the twelve bell record; 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough, when the clock was circled for the first time; 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton; 15,264 Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch; 15,072 Double Norwich at Erith; 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham; 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow; 10,464 Treble Bob Major at Erith; and 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. All of these were, and some still remain, records.

Other peals worthy of note are the peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Exeter and Worcester Cathedrals, undoubtedly two of the biggest 'jobs' ever undertaken. Peals of Spliced Surprise Major form an interesting sequence of from three to twelve methods, and include a 5,760 in nine methods, rung at Willesden, whilst peals of Middlesex Surprise Royal are the only peals rung in that very musical and intricate method.

On one occasion he rang in four peals, in four different Surprise Major methods, in one day. His 1,000th peal was one of Bristol Surprise Major at Bishopsgate on April 9th, 1927, which he conducted.

Mr. Pye's total of 86 peals of Surprise Maximus is probably a personal record, but in any case it is certain that he rang peals of Surprise Maximus in more towers than any other ringer. He shared with Mr. C. T. Coles in an interesting record, when they became the first men to ring peals on twelve bells in 50 different towers. This record was completed at St. Martin's, Leicester, in November, 1938. In both cases the 50 towers were the same, and the two had rung peals together in each of the towers.

Most of the peals rung by Mr. Pye were recorded for the Middlesex or Essex Associations. In addition to those societies he was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and of nearly all the ringing associations in the British Isles. His passing brings to an end a family of brothers who made ringing history, and who put up perhaps more great performances than it will fall to the lot of any ringer now living to see surpassed.

**HIS PEALS.**

Mr. G. R. Pye's list of peals is as follows:—

On tower bells.—Grandsire, Triples 28 (11), Caters 3 (1), Cinques 1; Stedman, Triples 135 (45), Caters 105 (10), Cinques 144 (11); Erin, Triples 1, Cinques 1; Plain Bob, Major 11 (2), Maximus 1; Little Bob Maximus 1; Double Bob Major 1; Double Oxford Bob Major 1; Edmonton Bob Major 1; Isleworth Bob Royal 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 85 (23); Kent Treble Bob, Major 35 (11), Royal 23 (1), Maximus 8 (2); Oxford Treble Bob, Major 2, Royal 2; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Duffield Major 1; Cambridge Surprise, Minor 1, Major 195 (64), Royal 97 (13), Maximus 78 (2); New Cambridge Surprise, Major 11 (4), Royal 3; Superlative Surprise, Major 213 (44), Maximus 5; Bristol Surprise, Major 199 (38); London Major 234 (51); Lincolnshire Major 3; Londonderry Major 1; Middlesex Surprise Royal 5; New Cumberland Surprise Major 1; Norfolk Major 2; Pudsey Major 1; Rutland Major 1; Yorkshire Surprise, Major 11 (1), Royal 2, Maximus 1; Seven Methods, Minor 1; Spliced Surprise, Cambridge and Superlative, Maximus 2; three methods, Major 1, Royal 1; four methods, Major 30 (1); five methods, Major 3; six methods, Major 1; seven methods, Major 1; eight methods, Major 1; nine methods, Major 1; ten methods, Major 1; eleven methods, Major 1; twelve methods, Major 1; total 1,701 (335).

On handbells.—Grandsire Triples 4 (2); Stedman, Triples 38 (8), Caters 50 (7), Cinques 44 (3); Plain Bob Major 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 8 (2); Kent Treble Bob, Major 6 (2), Royal 5 (1), Maximus 2; New Cambridge Surprise Major 3; Superlative 8; Bristol 3; London 5; total 177 (25).

Total of peals, 1,878. Conducted 360. Rung in 562 towers in 57 counties in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and with 1,080 ringers.

The number of the peals conducted by Mr. Pye are shown in brackets.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

**MEETING AT KINGSTON.**

A meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at Kingston-on-Thames on Easter Monday and was attended by about 40 members and friends. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Ashted on Saturday, June 30th, if the necessary permission can be obtained.

**DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM A. WOODROW.**

The death took place at Seaford recently of Mr. W. A. Woodrow at the age of 54. He lived at one time at Hershams, Surrey, where he was a member of the local band with his father and two sisters. It was as a handbell ringer he was best known, and his performances on the tenors for 8, 10 and 12 were marked by steady and accurate striking. He was also capable on other pairs of bells and rang 1-2 in the peal rung at the Crystal Palace in 1911. The number of his peals was not great, but he was a good striker both on tower and handbells.

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**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**OVERTON, HANTS.**—On Sunday, March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Philip Harris 1, Paul Holmes 2, Esme Taylor 3, Margaret Wadley 4, Andrew Taylor (conductor) 5, Graham Reed 6. First quarter-peal by al.

**HALSALL, ORMSKIRK, LANCs.**—On Good Friday, 2,520 Bob Minor: J. Rimmer 1, R. Critchley 2, H. Serjeant, jun. 3, H. Serjeant, sen. 4, C. Ackers 5, A. Maudsley (conductor) 6. Rung muffled.

**LEWISHAM.**—On Saturday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Warnett, sen. (conductor) 1, C. H. Walker 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, I. Emery 4, H. Warnett, jun. 5, J. Bennett 6, E. Mounter 7, R. Boyce 8.

**TRULL, SOMERSET.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Churchill (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Coles 2, A. S. Pyke (conductor) 3, R. Perry 4, H. Churchill 5, F. Lea 6.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilda Taylor 1, Joyce Hearn 2, Norman Pearson (first quarter of Triples) 3, Jean Broomfield 4, Mary Pemberton 5, G. W. Lummer 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, Freda D. Murkitt 8.

**BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joan Grant (first quarter-peal) 1, William Mortimer 2, Joseph S. Weeks 3, John Romain 4, Sidney G. Grant (conductor) 5, Frederick Wilshire 6, Frederick Hale 7, George Oram 8.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss L. Skeet 1, G. Charlton 2, Miss F. Wyman 3, E. G. Buck 4, R. F. Brown 5, G. Jennings 6, O. Sippets (conductor) 7, K. Snelling 8.

**BLUNSDON, WILTS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Vincent 1, W. H. Trueman (conductor) 2, A. Aubrey 3, I. H. Trueman (first quarter-peal) 4, G. Dodd 5, E. Portlock 6.

**LANCASTER.**—On Easter Day, at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: James Skeats 1, Richard Rainford 2, Stanley Clifford 3, John Woods 4, William S. Bleasdale 5, Frank Postlethwaite 6, Peter Crook, sen. (conductor) 7, Sydney Jeffery 8.

**MAIDENHEAD.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Mildred Temple 1, G. Martin 2, W. Walker 3, C. F. Turner 4, E. G. Hobbs (first quarter inside) 5, E. Pugh 6, J. Eldridge (conductor) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

**SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Baxter 1, R. Partridge 2, E. Anger (conductor) 3, W. J. Cross 4, P. Anger 5, G. Wheatley 6.

**BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.**—On Easter Day, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Lyddiard 1, P. J. Spice 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, W. G. Grace 4, G. F. James 5, I. Emery 6, E. Mounter 7, J. Lyddiard (conductor) 8.

**HORLEY, SURREY.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Beale 1, E. Razzell 2, L. Penfold 3, H. Parsons 4, F. Sadler 5, W. Slaughter 6, A. J. Bull (conductor) 7, Arthur Harman (first quarter-peal of Triples) 8.

**SEVENOAKS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pease 1, E. L. Taylor 2, Miss D. Corke (first quarter-peal inside) 3, P. G. Turley (conductor) 4, Miss D. Colgate 5, E. Andrews 6, H. Baker 7, S. Etheridge 8.

**FINCHLEY.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Harwin 1, R. Newman 2, B. Tubb 3, F. Tubb 4, E. Pratchet 5, F. Parker (conductor) 6.

**EVEESHAM.**—On Easter Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Newman 1, A. J. Taylor 2, J. C. Perkins 3, \*V. A. Hemmings 4, J. Hall 5, R. Harris 6, \*N. J. Maskell 7, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 8, J. E. Newman 9, G. J. Hemming 10. \*First quarter-peal on ten bells.

**EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.  
ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association at South Normanton on Easter Monday was attended by over 50 members. Tea was provided by the wives of the local ringers and was followed by the business meeting.

In his address the president, Mr. J. E. Hobbs, mentioned that the report showed an increased membership and balance. The secretary reported that ten meetings had been held during the year, with a fair average attendance, and the membership was the highest for 10 years.

The Jubilee Shield, which is given to the most progressive tower in the association, was awarded to Clay Cross. Points are given for Sunday service ringing, attendance at association meetings, and general progress.

As the proposal to reorganise the Midland Counties Association will affect the area covered by the association, the matter was discussed, and it was generally agreed that there is sufficient scope for the East Derby and North Notts Association to continue the work it has been doing for 58 years.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at North Wingfield.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. J. Hobbs; vice-president, Mr. W. Dobbs; Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Price; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. M. Heathcote; hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. England; auditors, Messrs. Joseph Machin and H. Doughty; committee, Messrs. A. L. Rawson, F. Robey, J. Bleby, T. Jennings, A. C. Smithson and Miss M. Hudson. Seven new members were elected.

Members were present from Alfreton, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Heath, Mansfield, Morton, North Wingfield, Selston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, South Normanton, Tibshelf, Watnall, and visitors from Nottingham and Chesterfield.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Division.—Annual Kildwick, April 14th, 2 p.m. Tea in Parish Room.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Lincoln District (Northern Branch).—Wragby (6), Saturday, April 14th, 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—Kenneth W. Mayer, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Carline Road, Lincoln.

**SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Wood Green, April 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Cups of tea; bring food.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—North and East District.—Kilburn, Saturday, April 14th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Willesden bells 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Lamberhurst (6), April 14th, 3 p.m.—C. A. Bassett, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly, Deeping St. James (6), April 14th, 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern District.—Ashwell (6), Saturday, April 14th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Selby (10), Saturday, April 14th. Service in Abbey 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Schools.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 45, Green Lane, Selby.

**KENT ASSN.**—West Malling, Saturday, April 14th, 2.30. Service 4.15.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Aylsham, Saturday, April 14th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Church Room. Bus leaves Norwich 2.15 (Service No. 10).

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Milverton, Saturday, April 14th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—A. Walker, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Luton District.—Woburn (8), Saturday, April 14th, 3 p.m.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Bishops Waltham, Saturday, April 21st, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5; names by April 17th.—R. J. Stone, 16, Penhale Road, Fratton, Portsmouth.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Quarterly, Christ Church, Erith, Saturday, April 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than Monday, April 16th, to A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.**—West Hartlepool, St. Oswald's (8), Saturday, April 21st, 2.30 p.m. Tea provided; names to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, by 18th.—Frank Ainsley, Hon. Sec.



SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Conover (8), Saturday, April 21st, 3 p.m. Service. Tea.—E. D. Poole, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Rothley (6), April 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting, Village Hall. Names to H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Maiden Newton, Saturday, April 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those notifying Mrs. M. M. Godley, Stratton Rectory, Dorchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Ripley Parish Church (8), April 21st, 2.30 p.m. Important business. Names to A. Hutchison, Market Place, Ripley.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., Chaddesden.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—St. Mary's, Prestwich, Saturday, April 21st, 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Red Lion, 5 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, E.1, Saturday, April 21st, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A. B. Peck.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Wroughton, Saturday, April 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Fivehead (6), Saturday, April 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Taunton. Good bus service.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Long Sutton, April 21st, 1.30. Service 3.30. Tea and business 4. Names to W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ELY ASSN.—Crimplisham, Saturday, April 21st. Usual arrangements. Bring food.—W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Pilton, Saturday, April 21st, 3. Service 4 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names to W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Goostrey (6), Saturday, April 21st, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea; names to Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Oxhey, Saturday, April 21st, 3. Tea 5.30. Names to H. G. Cashmore, 24, Muriel Avenue, Watford.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Annual, Rugby, April 21st (light five 3-4.30, heavy eight 6.30-8). Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business in Church Hall. Names to Mr. C. Underwood, 1, Rainsbrook Avenue, Rugby.—D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chedzoy, April 21st, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. Evans, 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual, Wokingham, Saturday, April 21st. Service 4 p.m. at All Saints', followed by tea and meeting at Rectory. All Saints' bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Names to B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec., The Briars, Westfield Road, Winkersham, Wokingham.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Practice, Warnham (8), April 21st, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Laker, Barnfield Cottages, Balcombe.

ESSEX ASSN.—Halstead, Saturday, April 28th, 2 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Choral evensong 6 p.m. Names to Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dec. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—North Cadbury (6), Saturday, April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. South Cadbury after meeting.—H. C. Lintern, Hon. Sec., Alhampton, Ditchat.

OXFORD GUILD.—Great Tew (8), Saturday, April 28th, 3 p.m. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Kingsclere (6), Sat., April 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. H. Corneby, Mill House, Kingsclere.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Saturday, April 28th, 3.30 to 5 and 6 to 7.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual, Windsor Parish Church, Saturday, April 28th, 3.30 p.m. Bells, service, tea and meeting. Names for tea (1s. 3d.) to A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. Phone, Slough 23260.

KENT ASSN.—Bethersden, April 28th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to P. Page, Dis. Sec., Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

DEVON GUILD.—Crediton, April 28th. Service 4.30. Names for tea by April 21st.—W. H. Howe, 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Greasley, Saturday, April 28th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Important business. Names to Mr. W. Ratcliffe, Post Office, Giltbrook.—T. Groombridge, jun., Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Turvey (8), Saturday, April 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Hilson, High Street, Turvey, Beds.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

KENT ASSN.—Northfleet, Saturday, April 28th. See next week's 'R.W.' for further particulars and confirmation of date.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Annual, Brighton, Saturday, May 5th. Ringing, St. Peter's, afternoon and evening, St. Nicholas', evening. Service, St. Peter's, 4.15. Allowances, tea 1s. 3d., max. rail fare 2s. 6d. Names for tea by April 28th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Kenmure Avenue, Brighton 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Annual, Leeds, Saturday, May 5th. Particulars next week.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

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