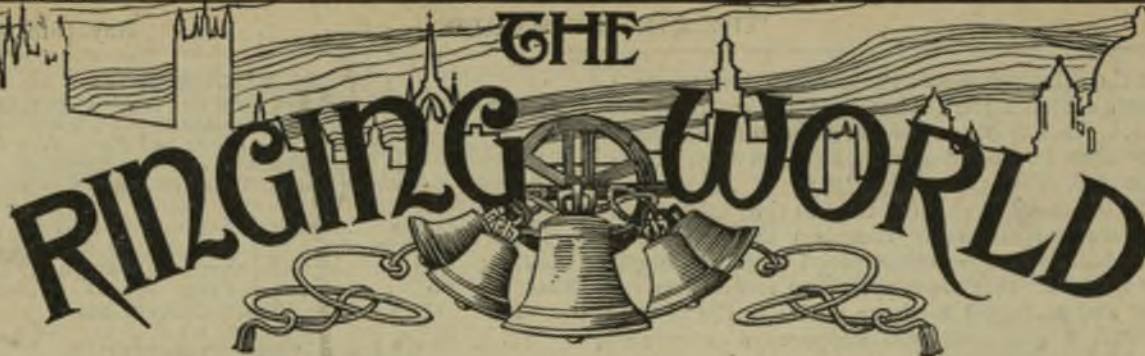


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THANKFULNESS.

In these days of victory there is one feeling which will be uppermost in the minds of all decent people and that is thankfulness. The people of England have shown themselves worthy of their race and of their story. In the undying words of William Pitt, England has saved herself by her exertions and Europe (he would to-day have said the world) by her example. How narrow has been the margin of safety we do not know, but we do know that events might easily have taken a turn, a very slight turn, which would have made of no avail all the courage and all the skill our people could have shown. If ever there was cause for a nation to feel thankful, we have it now.

And when we turn from the wide field of national life to the lesser activities of the ringing Exercise we have no less cause for thankfulness. Nearly six years ago the outbreak of war seemed almost certain, if not to deal a mortal blow at our art, at least to give it such an injury as would take years to repair. It was not merely that bands were dispersed, some of them, it would seem, beyond recall, and that men's minds were diverted to other and temporarily far more pressing things. It was not merely the ban on the sound of bells, though most of us felt it would be long before we could recover from that. There was always the chance that the urgent necessities of war, with the acute shortage of metal, might induce the Government to call on the Church authorities to surrender her bells for the public service. Indeed, there were not a few persons who demanded it, and who, ten years ago, would have felt sure that there would be sufficient public opinion to resist such action?

It needed the calamity of a great war to bring home to the people of England what the sound of church bells means to her life and soul. In the long history of the Exercise there never has been, and never will be again, a prouder or more significant day than the Sunday on which we rang for El Alamein. It expressed, as nothing else could, the feelings of the ordinary men and women of England—their thankfulness, their steadfast determination and their faith in ultimate victory. That faith has been justified, and last week, when after struggle and disappointment, grievous loss and deferred hopes, victory did come, it was instinctively to the church bells that men looked to voice what they felt.

El Alamein Sunday may be a turning point in the history of the Exercise, as it was in the history of the

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war. Since then the attitude of the average man towards bells has been different from what it had been for many years before. He no longer treats them with complete indifference, when he does not look on them with active dislike. He has discovered something of what they mean, just as his forefathers from time to time discovered it. We ringers can no longer complain that we are a despised, neglected and misunderstood body of men. The danger is rather that we may fail to realise our responsibilities and to forget we have duties to the public. We shall retain the respect and support of men and women only so far as the bells are rung so that they give pleasure to those who hear them outside. Method ringing is a worthy thing, but it is nothing without the other.

We have much cause for thankfulness and for confidence in the future. It is not for nothing that our church bells, like the clustered crosses on our national flag, have come to us out of the spirit and faith of Christian England of long ago.

VICTORY PEALS.



LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

JILL POOLETreble	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	PERCY L. HARRISON ... 9
LOUIS E. ALLEN 4	RICHARD GRANT 10
HARRY G. WAYNE 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT 11
HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 6	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

EDMONTON, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

LUCILE HUBBERTTreble	ERIC A. DENCH 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	JOHN THOMAS 6
PHILIP J. COWARD 3	DENNIS H. LANGDON ... 7
VICTOR R. WOODARDS ... 4	W. DOUGLAS SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC A. DENCH.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE WM. STEEL ...Treble	THOS. WM. STRANGWAY 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH... 6
*WILLIAM WARD 3	PERCY MASSAM 7
GEORGE COPLEY 4	HARRY HOMER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

* First peal.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

MRS. WILLIAM MOORE ...Treble	WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... 5
MRS. GEORGE SAYER 2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
MICHAEL J. FOSTER 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART (C.C.C. No. 13). Tenor 14 cwt.

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART	Tenor 13 cwt.
ARTHUR T. PARKER ...Treble	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
JEFFERY C. BIRT 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
DEREK R. JUDD 4	FRANK MILLER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On May 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART (C.C.C. No. 13). Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSONTreble	ALLEN MORGAN 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	RALPH W. SAYERS 6
DENNIS R. SAYERS 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN W. RODWELL ...Treble	GEORGE E. BUNTING ... 4
THOMAS F. BUNTING ... 2	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5
*GEORGE HOCKLEY ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINSTenor

Conducted by W. W. COUSINS.

* First peal.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*STANLEY COLWELL ...Treble	STANLEY PROUD 4
STEPHEN THOMPSON, JUN. 2	JOHN JACKSON 5
GEORGE WALL 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON ...Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

* First peal.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*J. CHARLES SMITH ...Treble	*DENNIS BOUNDS 4
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON 2	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY 5
*THOMAS I. HOLBOROW... 3	*PERCY A. HUNTTenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Bourne, Cambridge, Surfleet, Beverley, York, Wells and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM OLIVERTreble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
JAMES T. TITT 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... 3	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*J. RIMMERTreble	H. SERJEANT, SEN. ... 4
R. CRITCHLEY 2	*C. ACKERS 5
H. SERJEANT, JUN. ... 3	A. MAWDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

* First peal.

APSLEY END, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 14½ cwt.
 AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... *Treble* | E. J. ALBAN KENDALL ... 4
 WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 2 | HERBERT GATES ... 5
 DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE 3 | WALTER AYRE ... Tenor
 Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT CARFAX TOWER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent and Oxford
 Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).
 CECIL G. CALCUTT ... *Treble* | WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4
 JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 2 | MAJ. J. H. R. FREEBORN 5
 BETTY SPICE ... 3 | JOHN E. SPICE ... Tenor
 Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
 *ERIC HITCHINS ... *Treble* | *FRED SLATFORD ... 4
 *LAURIE HITCHINS ... 2 | PERCIVAL HARDING ... 5
 CPL. RON HARDING ... 3 | ROY HARDING ... Tenor
 Conducted by P. HARDING.

* First peal.
 CAWTHORNE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.
 *IRVINE CROSSLAND ... *Treble* | *ANTHONY McNAUGHT ... 4
 *ALEC RUSBY ... 2 | HERMAN RUSBY ... 5
 FRED C. RUSBY ... 3 | NOEL F. MOXON ... Tenor
 Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON

* First peal.
 BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
 Tenor 31 cwt.
 GEORGE E. FEARN ... *Treble* | JOHN N. LINDON ... 6
 HENRY H. FEARN ... 2 | HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
 ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... 3 | JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
 G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4 | FRANK E. HAYNES ... 9
 RICHARD J. B. HADDEN 5 | WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor
 Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On May 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
 Tenor 50 cwt.
 H. BENTLEY ... *Treble* | D. SAYERS ... 6
 G. LEWIS ... 2 | A. E. HUMPHRIES ... 7
 G. HINTON ... 3 | J. J. JEFFRIES ... 8
 D. R. MORRIS ... 4 | G. AMBLER ... 9
 W. LEWIS ... 5 | F. FLUCK & *REV. A. C. F. DAVIES ... Tenor
 Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by J. J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal.
 OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 MARGARET L. TUTT ... *Treble* | JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 5
 MARGARET D. TELFORD ... 2 | REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 6
 ANNA SELLORS ... 3 | HARRY MILES ... 7
 JOHN E. SPICE ... 4 | BETTY SPICE ... Tenor
 Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 18½ cwt.
 *RICHARD DIXON ... *Treble* | CYRIL E. SMITH ... 5
 *BERNARD SADLER ... 2 | JACK BELCHAM ... 6
 WILLIAM PERRY ... 3 | FREDERICK SOWTER ... 7
 *WILLIAM JAMES ... 4 | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor
 Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.
 * First peal.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 17 cwt. in E.
 FREDERICK OLDROYD ... *Treble* | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5
 FREDERICK BENNETT ... 2 | GEORGE L. GROVER ... 6
 WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3 | WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
 ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4 | C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor
 Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.
 RICHARD A. POST ... *Treble* | NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 5
 VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 2 | WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
 BETTY SPICE ... 3 | GORDON CAUDWELL ... 7
 JOHN E. SPICE ... 4 | WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor
 Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation). Tenor 11 cwt.
 *MISS M. E. RICHARDS *Treble* | CHARLES J. HATHAWAY ... 5
 W. B. KYNASTON ... 2 | CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 6
 MISS NANCY DAVIS ... 3 | WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... 7
 F. JOHN DANIELL ... 4 | WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL Tenor
 Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
 * First peal.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
 HAROLD E. AUSTEN ... *Treble* | HARRY DANIELS ... 5
 GEORGE CASE ... 2 | WILLIAM JONES ... 6
 HARRY BARNETT ... 3 | THOMAS NEWMAN ... 7
 ARTHUR PITMAN ... 4 | HARRY NEWMAN ... Tenor
 Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt.
 FREDERICK OLDROYD ... *Treble* | GEORGE L. GROVER ... 5
 HENRY HUTTON ... 2 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
 WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
 HAROLD A. MAY ... 4 | RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... Tenor
 Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 10½ cwt.
 JOE HOBBS ... *Treble* | ARTHUR DAY ... 5
 HERBERT GATES ... 2 | AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 6
 CHARLES F. SAYER ... 3 | WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 7
 DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE 4 | WALTER AYRE ... Tenor
 Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28½ cwt.
HENRY R. NEWTON ... *Treble* | ALFRED B. PECK ... 5
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 2 | HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 6
HORACE BELCHER ... 3 | RICHARD F. DEAL ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4 | JAMES H. RUMLEY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

MICHAEL J. FOSTER ... *Treble* | REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 5
MRS. GEORGE SAYER ... 2 | GEORGE SAYER ... 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3 | JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4 | ARTHUR G. BASON ... *Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

CHARLES E. FISHER ... *Treble* | FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL 2 | PHILIP C. BICKNELL ... 6
WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 3 | CECIL W. PIPE ... 7
MRS. CECIL W. PIPE ... 4 | CHARLES CLARKE ... *Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by MRS. C. W. PIPE.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.
J. PITTMAN ... *Treble* | R. C. TREVETT ... 4
W. H. TOMS ... 2 | J. H. HAYNE ... 5
H. J. FORD ... 3 | REV. W. G. SQUIRE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. HAYNE.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two Kent Treble Bob and three Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.
CHARLES W. PARKER ... *Treble* | JOHN R. CROOKS ... 4
PERCY K. PARKER ... 2 | FRANK E. WISEMAN ... 5
JOHN F. JENNINGS ... 3 | JAMES W. JENNINGS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. JENNINGS.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.
J. RIMMER ... *Treble* | W. CORE ... 4
H. SERJEANT, SEN. ... 2 | R. CRITCHLEY ... 5
H. SERJEANT, JUN. ... 3 | A. MAWDSLEY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

SEFTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE SEFTON GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent. Tenor 13 cwt.
SYDNEY FLINT ... *Treble* | JAMES TAYLOR ... 4
JAMES MARSH ... 2 | ROBERT LARKEY ... 5
JOHN LUNHAM ... 3 | GEORGE SKELLAND ... *Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARSH.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SOUTHBROOM,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury, 12 of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.
MISS OLIVE G. HUNT ... *Treble* | FREDERICK W. HALE ... 4
WILLIAM G. MORTIMER ... 2 | JOSEPH S. WEEKS ... 5
PETER J. F. HUNT ... 3 | ALEXANDER T. WEEKS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH S. WEEKS.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 240's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.
*TREVOR W. THOMAS ... *Treble* | JOHN T. WILLIAMS ... 4
*CYRIL JOSEPH ... 2 | GWYN I. LEWIS ... 5
HARRY BOYCE ... 3 | FRED SYMONS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal.

BRACKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER *Treble* | JOHN TOWNSEND ... 4
GEORGE H. JAY ... 2 | *STANLEY GRAINGE ... 5
REX GRAINGE ... 3 | *FREDERICK J. CHAMBERS *Tenor*

Conducted by H. H. ALEXANDER.

* First peal.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 extents each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
REV. JOHN SOUTHERN ... *Treble* | DERICK TALBOT ... 3
HENRY PRATT ... 2 | RONALD SUCKLING ... 4
STANLEY BONES ... *Tenor*

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.
*HERBERT G. SMITHSON *Treble* | DOUGLAS RUST-ANDREWS 4
WALTER C. MEDLER ... 2 | WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE 5
ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE 3 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

* First peal.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob and 21 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.
MRS. GLADYS WAREHAM *Treble* | LIONEL H. PINK ... 4
*MISS V. L. MABBERLEY 2 | HAROLD E. WHITE ... 5
DERICK K. KING ... 3 | MEYRICK A. MARTIN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. WHITE.

* First peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 10, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.
EDWARD B. WENSTER ... *Treble* | EVEREST FORD ... 5
JAMES WM. KAY ... 2 | PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
MRS. MARY KENYON ... 3 | EDWARD IDDON ... 7
L.A.C. A. E. SANDIFORD 4 | PETER CROOK, JUN. ... *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, May 6th, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. Cornell 1. A. F. Turner 2. W. R. J. Poulson 3. S. H. Symonds 4. F. C. Boreham 5. W. Jarvis 6. M. T. Symonds (conductor) 7. F. A. Poulson 8.

Several reports of peals and touches are held over till next week due to limitation of space.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On-Thurs., May 10, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Double Oxford and Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

*EDWARD PICTON <i>Treble</i>	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4	Tenor 10 cwt.
JOE HOBBS 2	HERBERT GATES 5	
WILLIAM C. HUGHES 3	WALTER AYRE <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1945, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR <i>Treble</i>	FRANK TAYLOR 5
JOHN B. HALLIFAX 2	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON... 6
PTE. ERNEST THORLEY ... 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 7
AUBREY D. MILLS 4	JOHN G. AMES <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE LARGE <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
JAMES E. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

SOUTHPORT, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT CRITCHLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	WILFRED CORE 5
JOHN LUNHAM 2	RONALD KENDRICK 6
JAMES TAYLOR 3	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 7
JAMES MARSH 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

ANSTHEY, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEOFFREY GAYTON ... <i>Treble</i>	PHILIP JONES 5
JOSEPH W. L. LINNITT... 2	RONALD NOON 6
STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 3	DENNIS DODSON 7
GEORGE CARE 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1945, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES

Tenor 14½ cwt in F.

WILLIAM FERNLEY <i>Treble</i>	JAMES A. MILNER 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	TOM WILDE 6
ALAN J. BROWN 3	JOHN WORTH 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 4	PETER LAFLIN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 5
JOHN THORPE 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	JOHN E. TURLEY 7
ARTHUR FIRTH 4	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1945, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

DEXTER'S VARIATION.	
ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i>	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
WILLIAM M. STONE 2	FRED A. H. WILKINS ... 6
GEORGE L. GROVER 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 6
CLEMENT GLENN 2	EDWARD J. AVERY 7
HOWARD H. YATES 3	LEONARD DERRICK 8
THOMAS W. KIMBER 4	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 9
GEORGE TALBOT 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE HOLLIS.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.

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

On Sat., May 12, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 29½ cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... <i>Treble</i>	HENRY H. FEARN 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD 7
ALBERT WALKER 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 8
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
LEONARD TUFFREY 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. SWEET... <i>Treble</i>	WILFRED R. KENT 4
MERVYN E. FARTHING... 2	BERTRAM T. JEANES ... 5
RONALD D. SHORT 3	THOMAS G. BURGE... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by B. T. JEANES.

* First peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

J. EDWARD CLOUGH ... <i>Treble</i>	WM. A. WOOD 4
CECIL E. CARR 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 5
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... <i>Treble</i>

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.



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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WHITSUN MEETING.

All ringing arrangements are in the hands of Mr. A.
Walker, 86, Scribers Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham 28.

WHIT SUNDAY:—

St. Martin's (12), 10-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m.

Cathedral (10), 10-11 a.m.

St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral (8), 10.15-11 a.m.

Aston (12) and other towers will also be available if desired.

WHIT MONDAY:—

St. Martin's bells will be available.

WHIT TUESDAY:—

Meeting in the City Council Chamber.

Will all members be in their places at 10.55 a.m.

A civic welcome to the city will be extended by the Rt. Worshipful
the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Alderman W. T. Wiggins-Davies, J.P.

After the meeting St. Martin's bells will be available.

A room has been reserved at the Tamworth Arms (near St. Martin's),
the headquarters of the St. Martin's Guild. Information regarding
ringing can be obtained here.

Among those who rang at St. Peter's, Colchester, for victory on
May 8th was Mr. F. L. Bumpstead, who has passed his 90th birthday.
He rang the fourth to a double course of Bob Major.

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Mr. Robert H. Brundle, now in
his 94th year, took part in the ringing.

We received a letter from one of the branch secretaries of the
Lancashire Association referring to the delivery of 'The Ringing
World.' It was included with other matters and the writer's name
was not on that particular sheet. As a result the reply has been
sent to the wrong address. Will our correspondent please write again?

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

There was a good attendance on April 28th at the annual meeting
of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Lincoln. Business in the Chapter
House was presided over by the Dean, the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell.
The officers were all re-elected as follows: President, the Dean; Master,
Mr. Rupert Richardson; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. W.
Stokes; representatives on the Central Council, Mr. Rupert Richardson,
Mr. J. A. Freeman, Mr. J. Bray and Mr. G. E. Feirn.

The Master said he was very pleased to see so many young ringers
at the meetings he had been able to attend during the past year, and
he hoped this state of things would continue, especially now that
opportunities for practice had greatly increased.

The ringers of St. Giles' arranged tea for about forty visitors at
their Parish Hall, and others dispersed to various places in the city.

Ringling took place at the Cathedral, St. Giles' and St. Peter-at-
Gowts. At the Cathedral various methods were rung on eight, ten
and twelve bells, including rounds and a course of London Surprise
Major.

The weekly practices will be resumed at the Cathedral on Thursdays
at 7.30 p.m. in place of the fortnightly Saturday evening meetings
which have been held during the last two years.

VICTORY BELLS.**QUARTER-PEALS, ETC.**

During last week there was ringing for victory throughout the country and many reports have been sent to us, but we are sorry that space will not allow us to publish any touches less than 1,000 changes in length.

RUNG ON TUESDAY, MAY 8th.

ROTHERFIELD.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. M. Smith 1, F. Hammond 2, E. Bishop, jun. 3, A. F. Lewry 4, C. Brasier 5, E. Bishop, sen. 6, W. Rogers (conductor) 7, T. Keeley 8.

HOLLOWAY.—At St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Ransetta 1, J. W. Parslow 2, R. Newman 3, H. Franks 4, R. Begrie 5, G. Charge 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, R. Charge 8.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lees 1, J. Simister (conductor) 2, A. Hodgson 3, W. Fielding 4, C. Wood 5, S. Hodgson 6, A. Roberts 7, P. Walton 8.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Howes 1, G. C. Goodman 2, G. A. Peck 3, Lieut. W. F. Gibbons 4, W. Simmons 5, W. H. Seabrook 6, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, P. Simmons 8.

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hadwick 1, S. Bromfield 2, W. Mumby 3, K. Hall 4, A. Pashley 5, F. Verney 6, J. E. Kennington (conductor) 7, C. Kennington 8.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ralph Maddocks 1, Everest Ford 2, Mrs. Mary Kenyon 3, Albert E. Sandiford, R.A.F. 4, Peter Crook, jun. 5, Edward Iddon (conductor) 6, Peter Crook 7, Owen Olive 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John the Baptist's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Prosser 1, F. Hannington 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, A. Parnell 5, A. Rowley 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Rowsell 1, Raymond A. Clist 2, Raymond S. Philpott 3, Gordon C. Briggs 4, Betty Stewart 5, Charles W. Denyer 6, William H. Viggers (conductor) 7, Frank C. W. Knight 8.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hutchings 1, J. Hayne 2, R. Trevett 3, H. Toms 4, H. Ford 5, W. Trevett 6.

ARKSEY.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cooper (conductor) 1, Betty Butterfield 2, Dennis Wilson 3, Lucy Mottishaw 4, Laura Mottishaw 5, B. Birkitt 6, J. Wilson 7.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.—1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): J. Capper 1, W. Lycett 2, F. Leech 3, G. Berry 4, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, C. Hayes 6.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Elton 1, G. Peers, jun. 2, A. A. Rackham 3, N. G. Pratt 4, G. Peers, sen. 5, L. B. Hodgetts 6, C. Pratt (conductor) 7, S. Dunkly 8.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Beryl Brierley 1, Eileen Bristow 2, Frank Lawton 3, Gwenda Hall 4, Charles Haynes 5, Isaac Garside 6, Ivan Kay (conductor) 7, James Brooks 8.

STREATHAM.—At St. Leonard's, 1,008 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, E. L. Miles 2, E. C. Potheclary 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, L. G. Franks 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, W. Sparkes 8.

BRIERLEY HILL.—1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Potter 1, C. Skidmore (conductor) 2, B. Lawton 3, E. Perkins 4, J. Kendall 5, J. Lloyd 6, W. Masters 7, R. Alport 8.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—1,260 Treble Bob Minor and 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Smoothy 1, P. Webb 2, L. Lilley 3, L. Flitton 4, G. Lilley 5, A. Fleet (conductor) 6, A. G. Lilley 7.

BOLSOVER.—1,080 Bob Minor: E. Moss 1, Miss B. Moss 2, C. Wright 3, D. Cooper 4, S. Slaney 5, A. B. Cooper (conductor) 6.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.—1,520 Doubles, being seven extents each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob: Miss Mabel Hutley 1, Derick Talbot 2, Henry Pratt 3, Ronald Suckling (conductor) 4, Stanley Bones 5.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Packham 1, G. A. Packham 2, Miss S. Wickens 3, C. H. Wickens (conductor) 4, E. F. Packham 5.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: J. Dunn 1, J. Bray 2, A. Tomlinson 3, G. W. Moody 4, W. B. Bray 5, B. Gillatt 6.

EAST CROMPTON.—1,260 Minor, being 36 Plain Bob and 1,224 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: B. Whitehead 1, R. H. Byron 2, J. R. Buckley 3, F. Butterworth 4, H. Butterworth 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 1-2 leading: A. Birch 1, A. Tubby 2, D. Pearce 3, M. Shave 4, W. Eastwell 5, Miss R. Lund 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, J. Alley 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT THORPE-LE-SOKEN.**

A meeting of the Essex Association, held at Thorpe-le-Soken on May 5th, was attended by 21 ringers from Shimpling, Thorpe-le-Soken, Clacton-on-Sea, Great Holland, Kirby-le-Soken, Thorington, Harwich, Tendring, Little Clacton and Rushmere. Service in church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Alan R. Wood, and tea at the Crown Hotel was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Ringing Master, Mr. J. C. Ellis. Two honorary members and one ringing member were elected, all of Harwich. It was decided to make a collection at all meetings for the bell restoration fund, and 10s. 6d. was collected at that meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The following branches were represented at the annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Salisbury on April 28th: Salisbury, Devizes, Marlborough, Calne, Dorchester, Wimborne, West Dorset and North Dorset. Service was at St. Martin's Church and tea in St. Martin's Hall. At the business meeting the Earl of Shaftesbury, the president of the Guild, took the chair.

The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £118 17s. 11d.

The following officers were appointed: Master, the Rev. C. C. Cox; hon. secretary, the Rev. F. L. Edwards; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. C. West; hon. auditors, Canon R. E. G. Newman and Mr. W. Hinks; committee, Canon R. E. P. Gorrige, Mr. E. Coward and Mr. J. I. Davis. Elections by the branches were confirmed.

Mr. Jesse Francis, of Trowbridge, was elected a life member, and Mr. Gilbert Harding, of Trowbridge, was added to the list of belfry inspectors.

The chief topic for discussion was the proposal to establish a ringing competition with a legacy left for that purpose. The matter had been discussed in the branches and had been referred to a committee consisting of the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. L. Edwards), the Master (the Rev. C. C. Cox) and Mr. Martin Stewart.

Mr. Cox proposed that in the opinion of the Guild the organising of a ringing competition is to be discouraged, and this was seconded by Mr. P. Harding, of North Bradley. The resolution was carried by a large majority.

Lord Shaftesbury said the silence of the bells had shown the anguish of the soul of the people. Thank God the bells were ringing again and they had their hands on the sallies ready to pull off when the announcement of V-Day was made. It would be a happy moment when they announced to the people through the voice of the bells that the horrors of this terrible war were over. They would summon the people to their knees in thanksgiving for the mercies vouchsafed to us during the years of war—it would be one of the happiest moments of his life. His Lordship added that Mr. Edwards had completed 30 years as their secretary and had served them well. Preceding, Lord Shaftesbury said he was glad to see so many young people present. In his own village of Wimborne St. Giles the average age of the team was nearly 70.

DEVON GUILD.

Nearly 40 members were present on April 28th at a meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, held at Crediton. Service in the Lady-chapel of Holy Cross Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. Richards, who took the chair at the business meeting after the tea. Respect was paid to the memory of Private S. P. Court, one of the St. Thomas, Exeter, band, who had been killed in action in Europe, and congratulations were given to Mr. Edwin Shepherd and Mrs. Shepherd on their diamond wedding. Three new members were elected, and it was decided to hold a joint meeting with the Mid-Devon Branch on July 21st at Teignmouth.

MEETING AT HUNTSHAM.

Huntsam was the place where a well-attended meeting of the North-Eastern Branch was held on May 6th. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. D. C. Lane, and tea was in the recreation room adjoining Huntsam Court, at one time the residence of Colonel Charles A. W. Troyte, author of 'Change Ringing,' the familiar text book on ringing, and now the home of Lt.-Col. Sir Gilbert Acland Troyte, M.P., who maintains the family tradition and is himself a ringer. He was present at the meeting. Three new members were elected, and certificates were presented to qualified pupils. Washfield was chosen for a meeting on July 14th. Double-handed Grandsire Triples was rung, and the Rev. J. M. Turner gave a selection of handbell tunes.

THE MONTH'S PEALS.**APRIL.**

During the month of April 81 peals were rung, 69 of them on tower bells and 12 on handbells.

The tower bell peals were: Grandsire Doubles 3, Triples 10, Caters 5; Bob Minor 5, Major 5, Royal 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 3; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Stedman Triples 3, Caters 4, Cinques 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 2; Four Spliced Plain and Treble Bob Major methods 1; Cambridge Surprise Minor 2, Major 2, Royal 1; New Cambridge Major 1; Superlative Major 2; Bristol Major 1; London 1; Ten Minor methods 1; Seven Minor methods 3; Other Minor peals 2; Doubles 1.

The handbell peals were: Grandsire Triples 2; Bob Minor 1, Major 6; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1; Stedman Caters 1.

In January 60 peals were rung, in February 74, in March 77; making a total for the year (so far) of 292. In April last year 48 peals were rung, and in the first four months 169.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

We regret to announce that Mr. William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, died suddenly on May 8th. He had taken part during the afternoon in the ringing for victory, and went home for tea, but did not return as expected. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters on the following day was cancelled.

OLD BIRMINGHAM RINGERS.

BY JOHN DAY.
(Continued from page 160.)
JOHN HOPKINS.

John Hopkins (Johnny) was, I believe, a native of Birmingham, though he had spent some of his earlier years in London. He was for a number of years in business as an optician, but by trade was a maker of tortoiseshell frames for spectacles, eye glasses, etc., and was a highly respectable man. He was of rather spare habit, stood about 5 ft. 9 or 10 inches high, and was always extremely neat in dress and personal appearance.

He had been for many years a friend of my father's, and I had frequently seen him at home before I knew him as a ringer, my first knowledge of him in that capacity commencing in May, 1843, when Chattel rang his peal of Caters at St. Philip's, with only one of his young band standing in and T. Hobday ringing the tenor.

I think I have made it clear that Mr. Hopkins was the leading spirit among the ringers of Birmingham, when anything in the shape of either influence or money was needed to help the art forward. He had a great desire to see once again at St. Martin's a good twelve-bell band, and, I believe, did all that lay in his power for that end. Previous to 1846 he had taken part in several peals of Triples, both Grandsire and Stedman, also in peals of Caters and Royal, and notably in the peal of Treble Bob Cinques. He rang the third in the peal of Stedman Caters rung by the miscellaneous band on May 24th, 1843.

When the St. Martin's ringers rang the 7,392 of Stedman Cinques and the other twelve-bell peals in the year 1848, Hopkins was so delighted with the company's success that he promised, if they would ring a peal of Grandsire Cinques, to present a stone tablet to record the six twelve-bell peals in all of which he would then have taken part. In April, 1849, the peal was rung and in due time the tablet was erected in the belfry. It was executed by a Mr. W. Godfrey, a very old friend of Hopkins and a former member of the St. Martin's Youths, at a cost of between £30 and £40.

Hopkins had a drawing of this tablet lithographed, and presented copies to every ringer in Birmingham and many other places. As a small tribute of my regard for him, I had the copy presented to me framed and hung in the present ringing chamber, together with a copy of the circular recording the muffled peal of Stedman Cinques rung to his memory, which was thought to be the first muffled peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung. These circulars had been printed and distributed among the leading societies of change ringers throughout England at the expense of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe as a mark of his great respect for the deceased.

By some unaccountable oversight this stone tablet in the old ringing chamber was entirely forgotten at the time when the church was being rebuilt and the ringing chamber removed to the higher level it now occupies. Such oversight may have arisen because it was probably taken for granted that the authorities would see to its removal. As nothing was done, I was after a time deputed to wait upon the architect, Mr. Chatwin, to enquire about the matter. He told me the cost of taking it down would be some £15 or so, while perhaps it might get broken on account of its great size. It measures, I believe, with its enrichments about 9 x 5 feet. Then, too, we found that there was no suitable place to fix it in the new ringing chamber, even had we the requisite funds at our disposal for its removal, so it was decided to allow it to remain where it is now.

After the erection of the tablet Mr. Hopkins did not do much ringing. The last peal I can trace in which he assisted was at Aston in 1853. About this time he met with a reverse of fortune, but we never knew exactly what it was, for he never complained. Still, when he came among us, as he sometimes did, we could not help noticing the effect it was having on him.

In September, 1858, Messrs. Warner put up a ring of six bells at Redditch, and Boswell, their foreman, invited his Birmingham friends to open them. Hopkins was one of the party, and after spending a pleasant day, managed to get late for the train. Thinking no doubt he was as young as he used to be, he started to run, but soon had to stop, owing to a pain in the region of his heart, and was never well afterwards. He died very suddenly on Sunday, October 19th, 1862, aged 62. Accompanied by his wife, he had attended divine service at St. Martin's in the evening, and on returning home complained of feeling unwell. Mrs. Hopkins advised him to go to bed, saying she would get him a little brandy. Making a jocular remark about her wishing to kill him with kindness, he went up to his bedroom. She followed almost immediately and found him lying on the bed, dead. His remains were interred in a vault in St. Thomas' Churchyard, where the headstone may still be seen, the epitaph being,

'Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.'

Mr. Hopkins had been all through his career an assiduous collector of printed matter connected with bells and ringing, and had a large scrap book in which such matters were arranged with great care. I had the pleasure of looking through it once, and found it very interesting. He left his book to his friend, Mr. Godfrey, for his life, and after that to the St. Martin's Society. At the funeral Godfrey told Johnson that he was going to have a box made out of pieces of oak he had saved from a number of churches where he had been employed as a mason in works of restoration, to keep his book in, and that he would take every care that it should come to the society at his death. When he died a few years after, Johnson applied to his son for the book, but was met with an evasive answer and did not get the book. The younger Godfrey went to the bad, and now (1894) all trace of the book and box as well is lost.

One thing made Hopkins popular among tenor ringers. On the completion of a peal the tenor man was always sure to receive at least half-a-crown. Anyone who took him newspaper cuttings or scraps of information about peals rung, or, in fact, anything original and interesting for his scrap book, was always suitably rewarded, and in consequence he seldom missed anything of that kind which appeared in any newspaper.

After taking part in a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters to the memory of J. Powell, Hopkins would never take part in peal ringing on a Sunday. This was on July 6th, 1834.

Some time in 1848, by means which I never properly understood, Chattel and Hopkins became reconciled, and the latter stood in several attempts for the first peal of Stedman Caters at West Bromwich. Marsh eventually decided to accept an opportunity on a Sunday evening and hence the reason why I was asked to assist in the peal.

NOTE.

John Hopkins was a man of sincere religious feeling. About the year 1860 he wrote to Ellacombe that 'for thirty years I have attended the steeple at leisure time, and regularly, inside the church, seldom missed twice on the Sabbath. I have always shown a good example to the ringers. Years back I was tempted to ring one or two long peals on a Sunday, but it has always been a great sting to my conscience.' Ellacombe printed this extract in one of his pamphlets on belfry reform, not mentioning the name of the writer, and as a part of his crusade against all Sunday ringing. Read as an extract, apart from its context, it strikes a modern reader as rather priggish, but it does not when the whole of the long letter of which it forms part is read and the circumstances are taken into account. There are many ringers still alive who can remember the time when Sunday peal ringing was considered morally wrong.—Editor.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on May 5th, when more than 100 members and friends attended, amongst whom was Mr. F. W. Rogers, hon. general secretary of the Winchester Guild, and Mrs. Rogers.

The service at St. Peter's was conducted by the acting Vicar of Brighton, the Rev. J. Fisher, who preached.

The business meeting was presided over by the Master, Mr. F. I. Hairs, and elections of officers were as follows: President, the Bishop of Chichester; Master, Mr. F. I. Hairs; hon. treasurer, Mr. O. Sippetts; hon. general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. F. W. Dallaway, R. G. Blackman, F. I. Hairs, O. Sippetts; peal secretary, Mr. J. Dearlove; hon. central fund auditors, Messrs. W. C. Hart and G. Cecil. The trustees of funds were re-elected.

Alterations to rules affecting the relations of the divisions to the central body were approved to come into force on January 1st, 1946.

It was resolved to leave arrangements for the sixtieth anniversary of the association in the hands of a committee, the function to be held later in the year. It was also decided to hold the next annual general meeting on Easter Monday.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE H. CRAWLEY.

The death is announced of Mr. George Henry Crawley, who passed away on March 23rd at the age of 63. The funeral was on March 27th at Christ Church, Crewe. Six of the local band acted as bearers, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung after the service.

Mr. Crawley had been a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild and the band at Christ Church, Crewe, since 1898. The number of his peals was 113.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BRADSHAW, YORKS.—On Saturday, April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: *K. Hattersley 1, V. A. Jarrett (conductor) 2, *K. Scott 3, R. Squires 4, *C. S. Jarrett 5. * First quarter-peal.

ROCHDALE.—On Sunday, April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. K. Taylor 1, G. Newton 2, J. Knight 3, A. Fielding 4, H. D. Mills 5, F. Appleton (conductor) 6, H. Hamer 7, T. L. Borrett 8.

WEST STOW.—On Sunday, April 29th, 1,440 Bob Minor: *J. G. Stannard 1, *P. Ballam 2, *E. Murrell 3, C. Stannard 4, W. Stannard (conductor) 5, F. Buckle 6. * First quarter-peal.

INGHAM.—On April 29th, 720 Bob Doubles: R. Stannard 1, J. Stannard 2, A. Pooter 3, D. Rowlands 4, W. Stannard, sen. (conductor) 5.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—On Tuesday, May 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: *F. Ball 1, *G. Lindley 2, F. G. Rawson 3, W. Dobbs 4, A. L. Rawson (conductor) 5, C. A. Jaques 6. * First 720 of Kent Minor.

BARNBY DON, DONCASTER.—On Wednesday, May 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: *E. Padgett 1, *F. Reed 2, *R. Hirst 3, *R. Lunn 4, *F. Lamb 5, L. M. Woodhead (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Treble Bob.

DEPTFORD.—On Wednesday, May 2nd, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: *F. Morris 1, E. S. Owen 2, F. W. Richardson 3, R. G. Long 4, G. H. Daynes (composer and conductor) 5, A. F. Bennington 6, *J. E. Warner 7, *R. E. Last 8. * First quarter-peal.

SWINDON.—On May 2nd, at St. Mark's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Richards 1, J. Daniell 2, Miss N. Davis 3, S. Palmer 4, C. Gardiner (conductor) 5, W. Carter 6, G. Wells 7, C. Hathaway 8.

TAMWORTH.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Pratt 1, G. Peers, jun. (conductor) 2, Elton 3, L. Hodgetts 4, B. Rackham 5, H. J. Dakin 6, G. Peers, sen. 7, S. Dunkley 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Saturday, May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Stenton 1, A. Crane 2, S. Smith 3, W. Daniells 4, H. Sear (conductor) 5, F. Sear 6, J. Marks 7, H. Pearson 8. Rung half-muffled for Mr. Ephraim Marks.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. T. Matkin (conductor) 1, J. F. Atkins 2, G. H. Williams 3, W. Mumford 4, C. Williams 5, E. Boylin 6, T. Russell 7, E. G. Fletcher 8.

CANTERBURY.—At St. Dunstan's on May 6th, 720 Bob Minor: R. G. Port 1, F. W. Jenkins 2, W. Thompson 3, J. W. Unwin 4, B. J. Luck 5, H. R. French (conductor) 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Cox 1, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 2, A. R. Blaby 3, Miss A. M. Look 4, A. G. Janes 5, J. Stone 6, P. Newton 7, A. Newton 8.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 6th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. W. Brighton (conductor) 1, C. A. Hughes 2, A. Prior 3, R. W. Stannard 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, G. Dawson 6, E. E. Holman 7, J. Phillips (first quarter-peal) 8.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, May 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. E. Lankester 1, E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, H. Collier (first quarter inside) 4, C. F. Bailey 5, R. C. Kersey 6, H. Kilby 7, A. Cutler (conductor) 8.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.—On Sunday, May 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: P. Birkett 1, *A. Rushworth 2, D. Taylor 3, *H. Helliwell 4, A. Bairstow 5, A. Pickles 6, W. Ambler 7, S. Longbottom (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal of Major.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 6th, 1,308 Stedman Cinques: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, *L. M. Squires 2, R. Coles 3, H. Wingrove 4, *C. A. Lavett 5, G. R. R. Goodship 6, W. Tomlinson 7, G. F. Hinton 8, F. West 9, C. A. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, A. D. Strathdee 12. * First quarter-peal of Cinques.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, May 6th, at St. Peter's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: *P. Hammond 1, *B. Johnson 2, *T. J. Southam 3, *W. J. Southam 4, *Miss E. Sergeant 5, R. Darvill (conductor) 6, R. Dobson 7, G. Blake 8, W. Ayre 9, A. Dale 10. * First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters.

SELBY.—On Sunday, May 6th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: *F. Welburn 1, F. W. Hinton 2, H. S. Morley (conductor) 3, A. Cryer 4, E. Storr 5, *J. Silk 6, T. H. Foster 7, *G. Stephens 8. * First quarter-peal.

BANBURY.—On Sunday, May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Walton 1, R. Cave 2, W. Watson 3, F. Selwyn 4, H. Impey 5, J. Stretton 6, H. Alexander (conductor) 7, T. Impey 8.

DEAL, KENT.—On Sunday, May 6th, 720 Bob Minor: L. Amos 1, W. A. Terry 2, E. W. Verrier 3, F. A. Rye 4, L. Ladd 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Lack 1, Flight Engineer K. Minney 2, W. Whitney 3, H. Wooding (conductor) 4, H. Minney 5, K. Burge 6. Half-muffled for a former ringer, L.-Cpl. H. Partridge, who died of wounds in Italy on April 18th.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 6th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, L. P. Cook 2, J. H. Hunt 3, H. A. Nobes 4, W. Tate 5, E. Jurd (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, W. Scaife 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, May 6th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: *Miss B. Copson 1, J. G. Blow 2, W. J. Arnold 3, *A. Hutton 4, A. Howkins 5, R. F. Ewer 6, H. E. Goodenough (conductor) 7, P. Lewis 8. * First quarter-peal.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, E.1, Saturday, May 19th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Church Lawford, May 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Important business.—W. A. Stote, 47, Cedars Avenue, Coundon, Coventry.

HERTFORD ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Barnet, Saturday, May 19th, 3 p.m. Tea Jeans Cafe.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Burton District.—Tutbury (6), Saturday, May 19th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Qver-seal.

ELY ASSN.—Central Branch.—Annual, Chatteris (6), May 19th, 2.30.—F. Warrington, 4, Needingworth Road, St. Ives, Hunts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Leicester District.—Kibworth (8), May 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5.15 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Wolvey (6), Saturday, May 19th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Beale, Shelford, Wolvey, by May 17th.—Leonard Trevor, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice, Crawley, May 19th, 3 p.m.—A. E. Laker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Walpole, St. Andrew (6), Whit Monday, May 21st, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided.—W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Annual, Kettering, Whit Monday, May 21st. Committee 2.45. Service 3.30. Tea and business after. Names for certain by May 12th. Ringing: Burton Latimer (8), Rothwell (8), 10.30 to 12.30, Kettering from 1 p.m., Weekley (6), Warkton (5) after tea, Burton Latimer.—R. G. Black, Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSN.—Annual, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 21st. Service in Cathedral 11.30 a.m., followed by business in Chapter House. Lunch at County Hotel, 1.15 p.m. Send numbers as soon as possible. Bells: Cathedral 12, Great Baddow, Galleywood, Writtle, Widford 8, Broomfield and Springfield 6.—L. J. Clark, Hon. Sec., Southdene, Petersfield Lane, Gosfield, near Halstead, Essex.

DEVON GUILD.—Annual, Whit Monday, May 21st, St. Thomas', Exeter. Service 12.15 p.m. Luncheon 1 p.m. in Buller Hall. Cathedral bells (12), 4 to 8 p.m.; Heavitree (8), St. Thomas' (8), St. David's (8), 10 to 12 noon, and after meeting.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Feltham, Saturday, May 26th, 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Meeting in belfry, 5 p.m. No tea.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec. Perival 5320.

* KENT ASSN.—Canterbury Dis.—St. Stephen's, Canterbury, May 26th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea; names by May 25th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

CHESTER GUILD.—Annual, at Mary's, Birkenhead, Saturday, May 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tea tickets 6d. each, obtainable from branch secretaries before May 22nd. Three neighbouring towers open at 2 p.m.

NORWICH ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Keninghall (8), May 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. in Church Hall. Quidenham (8) after meeting. Names by 22nd to A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Annual, Guildford, May 26th. Ringing: Cathedral 3-4, St. Nicolas' 3, and in evening. Service, St. Nicolas', 4.30. Tea and meeting, Ayres Cafe (next St. Nicolas'). Numbers to me by May 22nd.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual, St. Giles', Lincoln, Saturday, May 26th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Mr. H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Christ Church, Manchester Road, Isle of Dogs (near Greenwich Tunnel), Saturday, May 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. J. Lock and G. W. Steere, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Hinckley District.—Sharnford (6), Saturday, May 26th, 3.30. Cups of tea bring food.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Batley, May 26th, 3 p.m. Tea to be obtained at Co-op. Business in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Ruardean (8), Saturday, May 26th, 3.30 p.m. Names by Wednesday, May 23rd.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN. and MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Crich, Saturday, May 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 23rd.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Branch.—Locking (5), near Weston-super-Mare, May 26th, 6.30 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

DONCASTER SOCIETY.—Thorne, Saturday, May 26th, 3 o'clock.—W. E. Lloyd, 3, Cranbrook Road, Doncaster.

BEDS ASSN.—Bedford District.—Keysoe (5), May 26th, 3 p.m. Tea provided. Riseley, if available, after tea.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Leyton, Saturday, May 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at Russell Mission Hall 5.15 p.m.—P. H. Crampton, Hon. Sec., 14, Wellesley Road, Wanstead, E.11.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice, Bexhill (8), Saturday, May 26th. Names by May 22nd.—John Downing, Hon. Sec., 2, Hughenden Road, Hastings.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Handsworth Parish Church (8), Saturday, May 26th, 3 p.m. For tea, notify Mr. George Garrett, 94, Church Lane, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, 20, before 23rd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Heckington (8), Saturday, May 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers to Mr. Clarke, Banks Lane, Heckington, by May 22nd.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Brafield, Saturday, May 26th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Long Melford (8), Saturday, May 26th, 3 p.m. No tea. Business in belfry.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Frampton (6), Saturday, May 26th, 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 22nd, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Northern District.—Baldock, Saturday, May 26th, 3 p.m. Service and usual tea arrangements.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monks Risborough (6), Saturday, May 26th, 3 to 7.30 p.m. Notify for tea by May 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Lanchester (6), Co. Durham, May 26th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. 2s. Names by 23rd inst.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City, Bristol Rural, and Bath Branches of Bath and Wells Assn.—St. Mary Redcliff, Saturday, May 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Notify for tea to 34, Waverley Road, Bristol 6.—W. S. Emery, D. W. Gardner and S. S. Woodburn, Hon. Secs.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Gorseinon (8), Saturday, June 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting after.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual, Newport Pagnell (8), Saturday, June 2nd, 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting, Church House. Names for tea by May 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Pebmarsh (6), Saturday, June 2nd, 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, G. Trendell, Pebmarsh.—H. G. Snowden, Hon. Div. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Southern Division.—Aldrington (6), Saturday, June 2nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by May 30th to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill.

ESSEX ASSN.—Maldon, All Saints', Saturday, June 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Mary's also available. Numbers for tea to Mr. H. Mansfield, 4, Park Road, Fambridge Road, Maldon, by May 31st.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Nocton (6), Saturday, June 2nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. H. Jackson, Nocton, by May 25th.—Kenneth W. Mayer, 4, Carline Road, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Goudhurst, Saturday, June 2nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. Names for tea May 30th.—T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Snodland, June 2nd, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. Wanstall, The Rookery Snodland, Kent.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Nottingham District.—Cotgrave, Saturday, June 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. White, Post Office, Cotgrave, by May 26th.—T. Groombridge, jun.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY, N.7.—Practices will recommence on Tuesday, June 5th, 7.30 p.m.—R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Preliminary. General meeting, Wrington, Monday, August 6th.—J. T. Dyke.

NOTTINGHAM.—St. Peter's. Ringing Sundays 10.15 a.m. and 6 p.m., Thursdays 7.30 p.m.—Frank Bradley, Ringing Master, 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—St. Martin's, Gospel Oak. Practice every Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m.—G. W. Steere.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Frank C. W. Knight, Broomleaf Road, Farnham. Address after May 30th will be 66, Coronation Road, Aldershot, Hampshire.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT STANWICK.

A meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Stanwick on May 5th, and in spite of a very wet afternoon, 40 ringers were present from Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Finedon, Irchester, Wollaston, Bozeat, Ecton, Easton Maudit, Rushden, Weekley and Warkton.

Two new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Easton Maudit. Sixty per cent. of those present were boys who have learned to ring during the war years.

VICTORY BELLS.

RUNG ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 9th.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Boyce 1, Mrs. F. A. Penn 2, J. Francis 3, Miss E. J. Crawley-Boevey 4, C. Butcher 5, W. R. Baxter 6, F. A. Penn 7, E. Parker 8, G. H. Harding (conductor) 9, S. Francis 10.

ST. ALBANS.—At St. Peter's, 1,344 Bob Major: P. Hammond 1, Miss R. Sergeant 2, T. J. Southam 3, W. J. Southam 4, C. F. Sayer 5, B. Johnson 6, R. Darvill 7, W. Ayre (conductor) 8.

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