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OBLIGATIONS

Next Sunday is the National Day of Prayer, an occasion probably more than any other day during the year when the bells of our churches should be rung to summon the people to church. The emphasis is on the word 'national'; it is not merely the meeting together of those who worship Sunday by Sunday, but a call, at the request of the King, and with full concurrence of the leaders of the Anglican, Roman and Free Churches, to the whole people. Thus it behoves all who ring church bells to co-operate fully and proclaim the call. Let there be no silent belfries.

The Archbishop of Canterbury in his message states: 'Our need as a nation is for a sustained effort towards a better spiritual life and outlook, a real uplifting all round, and together to a more courageous, disciplined and compelling sense of spiritual obligation.' From time to time during the past year 'The Ringing World' has endeavoured to present, either by letters selected for publication or through its editorial columns, the sentiment that Dr. Geoffrey Fisher so admirably phrases as 'the compelling sense of spiritual obligation.' The uniqueness of ringing demands that in the midst of all the joys and achievements of the Exercise a sense of spiritual obligations should remain constant.

With the advance of science, the introduction of amplified gramophone music is a very real threat to bell-ringing as we know it. If there are no ringers to proclaim the message of the bells then the aids of science will be introduced, because so engrained is the love of bells among the public that many a parish would not hesitate to employ this medium rather than have a silent belfry. Ringers and bells must be an integral part of the family of the Church—not a distant mysterious body performing strange rites in an unseen part of the building. We sense in the holding of Bell Sunday in a Middlesex parish, as recorded in this issue, an attempt to bridge the gap and let the congregation better understand the association of bells with worship. Bell Sunday was followed by the ringers being 'at home' in their belfry and their guests numbered 100. Similar propaganda has been introduced before—a lantern lecture on bells was given in the place of the sermon in a Northamptonshire church—but it is by no means general, and explanatory visits to the belfry are in most parishes infrequent.

Finally, the National Day of Prayer is individual in its appeal. Our minds go back to that first day, with the

deliverance from Dunkirk. Singularly the Sundays coincide in the Church's calendar, being the Fifth after Trinity with the Collect for peace—that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that the Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness.' This Collect dates back to the days of Leo the Great during the period that marked the decline of the Roman Empire. Attila the Hun descended from Hungary into Italy. Pope Leo went to meet him unarmed, and so overawed was the Hun by the majesty of the Christian character that he consented to depart from Italy. To-day a feeling of frustration is apparent in all directions; that is an inability on the part of human endeavour to combat the modern Hun facing the world to-day with the spectres of famine, suspicion and distrust haunting not only nations but individuals. The guidance of 'the Unseen Hand' is more than ever a national and personal need.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

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

On Tues., June 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ... 10
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 6	JOHN PINFOLD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John N. Lindon. Also on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

TEN BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., June 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

ALAN F. THIRST ... Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 7
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 9
AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 5	GEORGE L. RODEN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GRESFORD, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

CYRIL VALENTINE ... Treble	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
EDNA F. BEDFORD ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
First peal of London on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

STEPHEN L. PARRY ... Treble	IVAN KAY ... 5
LILIAN M. DARE ... 2	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... 6
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
FRED MELLOR ... 4	FRED BUCKLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. O. LANCASHIRE (odd bob and single).
Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

FRITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	*FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 5
*FREDK. A. COLEY ... 2	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 6
ALFRED G. HILL ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* 100th peal together.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN P. FIDLER ... Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	J. FREDERICK POOLE ... 7
JILL POOLE ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Morris' Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN WHITING ... Treble	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 5
GEORGE LATHAM ... 2	*PATRICK ALLEN ... 6
GEORGE GOULDING ... 3	LESLIE BARRY ... 7
IVOR WHITING ... 4	CHARLES HODGES ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

HERNHILL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

DORIS G. DOBBIE ... Treble	*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH ... 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 6
PERCY PAGE ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.
* 25th peal together. First peal of Major in the method by all.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 5
THOMAS E. SONE ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 3	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.



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DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lb. in C.

HAROLD WALKER Treble	FREDK. W. STOKES 5
CHARLES MCGUINESS 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
KENNETH W. MAYER 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
JOHN A. FREEMAN 4	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHWOLD, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

*CHAS. E. G. BANHAM ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN 3	†GEORGE SAYER 7
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

MARY E. DAVIS Treble	TOM PAGE 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS 7
JOHN H. HUNT 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells. A compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. E. Williams) and Mrs. Williams on their silver wedding day.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILFRED HALLIWELL ... Treble	STEPHEN L. PARRY 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	FRANK RHODES 6
JOAN HOULDSWORTH 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
VERNON BOTTOMLEY 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT (No. 1378 N.A. 1904 Report).

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

To celebrate the return of the Vicar, the Rev. A. T. Wellesley-Greaves, after a serious illness.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD 5
ERNEST SPILLER 2	LEONARD MANNING 6
GEORGE F. CANTRILL 3	GEORGE B. COLLINS 7
HARRY BAKER 4	FRANK THWAITES Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN F. BAKER.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire by the ringer of the 3rd. First peal by the tenor man.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS PAT HOLMES ... Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 2	CYRIL A. BURGESS 6
†MISS M. R. JAYCOCK (13) 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
*MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Oxford. † First peal of Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. C. Goodman. Fiftieth peal as conductor on Burnham bells.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HUBERT E. COOK Treble	FREDK. W. SODEN 5
DANTEL G. COOMBS 2	WILLIAM J. DIXON 6
*MICHAEL F. SINDEN 3	REGINALD H. JARVIS 7
BERNARD S. NICHOLS 4	IVOR HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.

* First peal, aged 16.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*STANLEY R. COCKELL ... Treble	HAROLD SMITH 5
WILLIAM C. WEST 2	PERCIVAL W. HARDING ... 6
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7
HARRY PROUT 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by J. B. WOOLLEY. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Major.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 6
JILL POOLE 3	J. FREDK. MILNER 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of London.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... Treble	†CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	FREDK. A. COLEY 6
*FREDK. W. BUDGEN 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	*BRIAN J. E. WHITE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM

* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Superlative.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,440 London, 1,120 Rutland, 480 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Norfolk and 320 New Gloucester, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS Treble	ALAN R. PINK 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	WILLIAM C. PORTER 7
BETTY SPICE 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods by all the band. Miss Betty Spice's 200th peal.

BATTERSEA.—On June 1st, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6.8 behind): Miss E. Cropley 1, — 2. W. Coe 3, L. Brown 4, F. Bush 5, E. Beauchamp (first quarter) 6, S. Hart (conductor) 7, E. Howard 8. Half-muffled in memory of the Rev. C. H. Maxwell.

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

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in A flat.

HENRY H. FEARN ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
*GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Composed by J. COX.
* First peal of Surprise.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED H. PULLING 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 6
FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	NORMAN V. HARDING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

The tenor man has now circled the tower.

SIX BELL PEALS

GOOSTREY-CUM-BARNSHAW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*MISS BETTY MORTON ... <i>Treble</i>	MISS D. C. OSBORN 4
*ERIC HORNBY 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 5
A. GORDON LAWRENCE... 3	DAVID SMITH <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal in three methods. Rung for the conductor's ninth wedding anniversary and the 14th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Lawrence.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Spliced Charlwood and Neasden; (2) Spliced St. Albans and Wragby; (3) Kingston; (4) Chapel; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Sandal; (7) Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALAN J. BROWN <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY ARDERN 4
*MISS YVONNE BOTHAM 2	†ARTHUR HIBBERT 5
JAMES FERNLEY 3	JAMES A. MILNER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First peal in nine methods. † First peal in nine methods 'insider' Rung on the occasion of the opening of Lyme Park to the public by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres.

ALFRISTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Eastern Division.)

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob with seven different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*ROBERT W. R. PERCY... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE BEENEY 4
MRS. BETTY PERCY ... 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 5
WILFRED BOOTH 3	FRANK H. HICKS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in more than one method. First in two Minor by all the company. First peal on the bells.

HINSTOCK, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford. Tenor 7 cwt.

WALTER LYCETT <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 4
THOMAS PRICE 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
FREDERICK PRICE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

The first peal on the bells.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*EVAN J. CARTER <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 4
*HAROLD G. BLICK ... 2	†HUGH L. WILLIAMS ... 5
ROBERT E. COLES 3	*WILLIAM J. BLICK... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROBERT E. COLES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to the parents of the conductor.

BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK MUSSEL <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE A. PAGE 4
HERBERT ABRAHAMS ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	LEONARD HARRIS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANK K. MEASURES ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. WOOD 4
*E. CHARLES TURNER ... 2	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD 3	JOHN A. TIMSON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal in three methods.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise and five 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY SURTEES <i>Treble</i>	†RAYMOND OLIVER 4
JACK LISHMAN 2	EDWARD HALL 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB 3	†THOMAS W. DODD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by T. W. DODD.

* First peal, aged 12; youngest member to ring a peal for the Association. † First peal since demobilisation.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Fri., June 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*MISS BETTY BROWN ... <i>Treble</i>	†EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 4
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*JOHN FREEMAN 5
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(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
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MISS RHODA BROWN ... 2	JOHN R. KEMP 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	JOHN R. YOUNG <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

First peal by all the band in 20 Surprise methods, also first peal in 20 Surprise methods for the Eastern Branch. There were 72 changes of methods.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 26th, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Morris 1, G. S. Morris 2, H. Poole (conductor) 3, A. Tomlinson 4, H. G. Keeley (first in method) 5, Rev. C. C. Cox 6, A. Ballard 7, T. Sone 8. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. W. White 1, A. Roberts 2, F. W. Perrens (conductor) 3, C. H. Webb 4, J. W. Taylor 5, J. W. T. Taylor 6, C. S. Aylett 7, G. Gardner 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by 6th, 7th and 8th.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On June 15th at St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Medway 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, E. White 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, E. J. Fry (first in method) 5, R. O. Fry (conductor) 6.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On June 20th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Doubles, being 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire: Miss R. J. Lloyd (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. Duppa 2, P. J. L. Purslow (conductor) 3, W. H. Downes 4, W. H. Lloyd 5, A. E. G. Owen 6. First quarter in more than one method by the whole band (all local ringers). Rung half-muffled as tribute to the late Baron Berwick, patron of living.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Smith 1, A. Crane 2, H. Sear 3, W. Daniells 4, F. Stonton 5, H. V. Sear 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, R. Cademy 8.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Norman 1, F. Sweet 2, R. Short 3, M. Farthing 4, W. Kent (conductor) 5, G. Burge 6.

CHERITON, KENT.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Slingsby 1, F. A. Rye 2, T. J. Anderson 3, C. George 4, F. Verney 5, W. Bottrill (conductor) 6, H. Furminger 7, E. T. Ellinger 8.

CROYDON.—On May 4th at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Lodge 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, D. Cooper 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, J. Saunders 5, W. Oatway (first quarter as conductor) 6, F. E. Collins 7, G. H. Humphries 8.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church on June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Stone (first quarter) 1, W. Lancaster 2, C. Walklate 3, George Freebrey (conductor) 4, S. Walklate 5, S. Merry 6, F. Lowe 7, A. E. Thompson 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Ward.

QUARTER PEALS

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Nora Holmes 1, E. H. Baldwin 2, F. A. Staveley 3, C. Toyne 4, J. McCluskey 5, E. C. Stacey (conductor) 6, W. E. Critchley 7, P. J. Daw 8. In honour of Mr. R. Thompson's 72nd birthday, Doncaster's oldest ringer.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,280 Double Norwich: F. Pudney 1, O. Laver 2, F. Claydon 3, E. Bailey 4, F. Ridgewell 5, C. Sayward 6, W. Arnold (conductor) 7, E. Bowhill 8; and also 1,260 Grandsire Triples.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On June 18th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. H. Rollison (first quarter) 1, Beryl R. Cowlin 2, R. W. Percy 3, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 4, Betty Percy 5, G. Beene 6, H. G. F. Reynolds 7, E. Gower 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon F. A. Corbett.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.—On June 18th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Myrtle A. Cass (first quarter) 1, Jack O. Glanville 2, Gordon P. T. Peters 3, T. Mark White (first quarter inside) 4, Eric T. Lee (first quarter as-conductor) 5.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On June 15th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Major: A. F. Lancaster 1, J. G. Nash 2, E. Pryor 3, R. Charge 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, R. H. Begrie 6, A. F. Warren 7, A. Turner (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in method by 1st, 6th and 7th.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Callard 1, Miss Q. Pring 2, E. E. Retter 3, A. Holway 4, J. Salway 5, G. E. Retter (conductor) 6. First of Minor by all except conductor.

LONDON.—On June 8th at All Saints', Poplar, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss A. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, N. H. Hollingworth 4, L. Bullock 5, L. H. Bowler 6, R. H. Begrie 7, A. W. J. Appleton 8, J. Bullock 9, W. Partiss 10. First in method for 1, 4 and 6. First inside 5 and 8.

LONDON.—On June 8th, at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, E. L. Miles 2, W. Ellis 3, E. Birch 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, C. Pothecary 6, C. D. Nichols (conductor) 7, F. W. Wicks 8.

LONDON.—At All Saints', Fulham, on June 12th, 1,273 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, H. Langdon 2, J. Stephenson (first quarter) 3, M. Chillcott 4, J. F. Smallwood (conductor) 5, W. S. Langdon 6, J. W. Paice 7, H. Belcher 8, J. Chillcott 9, G. R. Allsop (first quarter) 10.

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On June 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Brewer 1, R. J. Brewer 2, E. C. Welch 3, C. G. Jones 4, R. T. Jones (first quarter as conductor) 5, A. Brewer 6.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. A. Constant (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 2, Miss J. Butcher 3, R. A. Constant 4, G. J. Butcher (conductor) 5, S. A. Wooding 6, T. E. Taylor 7, J. A. Constant 8. A wedding compliment to ringers of treble and tenor, who were married at Gravesend on June 7th.

POWICK, WORCESTER.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ivor Cook 1, G. J. Lewis 2, G. Cook 3, S. Yapp 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. Rung for Ivor Cook's 13th birthday. First quarter-peal rung on the bells by a local band.

RAINHAM, KENT.—At the Church of St. Margaret, 1,264 Bob Major: R. Bebrey (first quarter of Major) 1, F. J. Cheal 2, T. Cross 3, B. W. May 4, T. Jull 5, E. Naylor 6, W. J. Walker 7, G. A. Naylor (conductor) 8.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss Amy Wren 1, Miss Jean Burrows 2, D. A. Bayles 3, Miss Mary Burrows 4, N. J. Arnold 5, T. J. Southam (conductor) 6. First in the method for 1, 2 and 4.

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NORFOLK.—On June 8th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Barker 1, J. Thomas 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, W. W. Cousins 4, W. Buckenham 5, C. V. Ebberson 6, E. H. Mastin (conductor) 7, C. Cousins 8.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Has an outing equalled that of the Witham (Essex) band? At Hitcham, as the bells were just going into Double Norwich, the clapper of the third broke. The local ringers were raising the bells at Baldock when a bump was heard and it was found that the clapper of the 5th was broken.

Mr. J. T. Dyke comments on last week's leading article: No informed churchman regards ringing as an act of worship. Service, yes. Worship, no.

The name of the ringer of the treble in the peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major at Wye, Kent, on June 11th, was Mrs. T. Cullingworth and not as published.

Our Irish correspondent, Mr. Fred E. Dukes, of Jenkinstown, Dundalk, is in difficulties. A Mr. W. E. Cox, of Birmingham, wrote to him, but he is unable to reply owing to having lost the letter. Will Mr. Cox or a friend oblige with his address?

The only surviving foundation member of the Kent County Association is Mr. E. S. Ruck, of Willesborough. He called a peal of Bob Minor to celebrate his 80th birthday in his own tower, and a complimentary peal was also rung at Eastwell. The Ashford District also held a meeting in honour of the occasion on June 21st, when members presented him with an umbrella and fountain pen.

Works bands are being discovered. St. Werburgh's, Kingsley, Staffs, is manned by employees past and present of Thomas Bolton and Sons, Ltd., Groghall, Staffs. Working alongside our correspondent, W. Carnwell, is the leader of the Cheadle R.C. ringers and the tower secretary of the Cheadle R.C. tower. At St. Helens on November 15th, 1934, a peal of Bob Minor was rung by all but one employees of Pilkington's Glass Works. The company often ring at practice with nine Pilkington men. Moving to other districts has reduced the numbers.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Oxford's Spliced Surprise peal ringers are losing one of their keenest members in Miss Betty Spice, who is leaving Oxford for Bedford. Fortunately they have two or three other ringers progressing rapidly in spliced ringing. Miss Spice is also in the news with her 200th peal, rung at Great Tew.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. W. F. Judge was taken into Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, on Sunday morning, with acute appendicitis. He conducted a peal of Stedman Doubles (his first) at Cassington, Oxon, the previous Saturday.

Twenty-five years have elapsed since the Sunday service ringers at Taxal, Cheshire, rang a 720. The following rang 720 Bob Minor on June 4th: Miss Yvonne Botham 1, G. Cook (first 720) 2, E. Simpson 3, F. Wilde 4, S. Depledge 5, A. Hibbert (first 720 as conductor) 6.

Another 80th birthday celebrated this week is that of Mr. G. Newell, captain of the band at St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham, and a ringer at the church for 58 years. In honour, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor was rung on June 21st by G. Newell 1, A. C. Lygo 2, W. White (conductor) 3, F. Spencer 4, S. Loach 5, C. Knapp 6.

The peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,050 changes, rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on June 17th, was composed by John Carter in 1907 and has the back bells in the following four positions and order: Inverted Tittums 9, Handstroke Home 10, Backstroke Tittums 9, and Backstroke Home 10 courses. The peal has only been rung three times and on each occasion it was at St. Martin's for a 50th anniversary and called by Mr. Albert Walker. These were February 12th, 1907 (the late Tom Russam's 50th birthday), February 14th, 1922, and June 17th, 1947 (50th anniversary of the conductor's membership of the College Youths and the St. Martin's Guild).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Basingstoke's Nine

THE REV. FELSTEAD'S REPLY.

Dear Sir,—I fear Mr. Smallwood's letter this week only goes to prove my statement that a newcomer to the Exercise can see things with a more unbiased eye than many of the old stalwarts. As far as I am aware, I myself have never disobeyed the rules and decisions of the Council. I shall always maintain that the rules never contemplated the situation which has arisen at Basingstoke and that they should therefore be revised. There was certainly no question of finding loopholes.

The rules about Cater ringing presupposed there would be a tenor to cover and I would be only too happy to agree to the non-recognition of a peal in a tower where there were ten bells and only nine were used. It was never contemplated that there ever would be a tower like Basingstoke, but since there is, something ought to be done about it, which means a careful consideration of the new case and new conditions. Until this is done (and it has not been done yet, for the five minutes' discussion at Norwich and perhaps 15 minutes at Exeter cannot be called a consideration), then the situation should be accepted and the peal recognised.

Mr. Kippin's 'crime' is more concerned with his being the first to recognise the peculiarities of the Basingstoke bells than anything else. If I were a betting man, I would be willing to wager that the majority of the old stalwarts would have done the same as Mr. Kippin did if they'd realised how the nine bells had been tuned. Being the first in the field, I believe, means more than anything else (even music) to most ringers!

Again, isn't it rather absurd to talk about bringing ringing into ridicule? A non-ringer (I can remember being one more easily than many ringers) casually listening to bells does not know how many of them there are, especially if changes are being rung, and does not usually care. I would again be willing to wager that Basingstoke people would not have known how many bells were ringing in the controversial peals, and the most that could be expected of them would be the rather vague notion that they sounded a bit different from usual. How silly it all is to talk about stunt performances when the whole history of ringing has numerous examples.

Can it really be fairly argued, for instance, that a peal of Spliced Surprise is not a 'stunt' any more than one on nine bells when there are only nine bells in the tower? According to the rules, the 5,000 changes should be in one method, I believe, but that didn't deter the first performers of Spliced methods, and I gather there was a decision to accept the peal since the rules had not catered for such a contingency. I fail to see how the present conditions are different in their own way. Please, we must be logical and fair to all.—Yours faithfully,
K. W. H. FELSTEAD.
Southampton.

EVERCREECH BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am afraid our friend Mr. Cluett is not quite correct in his letter regarding our bells, so for his, and your readers in general, information I append a list of their dates and founders.

- Tenor.—1746, T. Bilbie, Chewstoke.
7th.—1530 (approx.), T. Gefferies, Bristol.
6th.—1853 (recast), Jefferies & Price, Bristol.
5th.—1746, T. Bilbie, Chewstoke.
4th.—1778, W. Cokey, Frome (recast 1906, L. and J., Bristol).
3rd.—1853 (recast), Jefferies and Price.
2nd.—1906, Llewellins and James, Bristol.
Trebble.—1906, Llewellins and James, Bristol.

Having read the foregoing list, any further comment as to the quality of our bells is, I think, superfluous.—Yours sincerely,
H. J. SANGER.

Evercreech, Somerset.

The Dorian Mode

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. David H. Anstey, is in error when he states that the front eight at Basingstoke 'do not give an eight . . . in any musical scale.'

The scale ray to ray is the authentic Dorian mode (one of the 14 Greek modes) which Vaughan Williams and latterly Benjamin Britten have used to good effect.

A large proportion of the Gregorian music now slowly regaining favour in the Roman Catholic Church is written in this mode. It's an acquired taste, however, and it is not surprising that, after 500 years of 'major and minor,' our ears cannot readily attune themselves to these older scales.—Yours faithfully,
E. W. BROWN.

Herringfleet, Lowestoft

'RHYTHM OF THE BELLS'

Dear Sir,—I again read with interest the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of June 13th. A specially attractive point is the 'rhythm of the bells,' a point which is not too well appreciated by some ringers; then there is the 'sing' or harmony, which is something to be listened for and enjoyed which on some rings of bells can be heard better than on others.

What effect a covering bell can have on this when ringing Major methods I cannot imagine. But experience of ringing Kent Minor with a covering bell, in spite of good striking and rhythm, left one wondering as to what method the music produced belonged to. If Major ringing should prove to be the same, it would be as well to discourage it.

Mr. C. H. Kippin must be indulging in a little harmless 'leg pulling,' but really we could do without it. At the same time he does appear to have received a raw deal at Exeter, and the Central Council should endeavour to answer his question.
R. NEWMAN.
Holloway, N.7.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARGARET BEAMISH

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of all the members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, offer to Margaret Beamish very hearty congratulations on her most recent achievement of ringing a working bell to a peal of London Surprise Major before attaining her 12th birthday. Only those who took part in or heard the peal can appreciate what a splendid performance this was, not only in the way she rang the method but also for the excellent striking she maintained throughout. For me, personally, it will remain a happy memory. I am very glad to have been associated with it and grateful for the invitation to go over and conduct it.
HAROLD J. POOLE.
Leicester.

Bishop's Cannings ringers were joined by friends from Devizes and Calne for their annual outing on May 24th. Towers visited were St. Mary's, Reading, Henley-on-Thames, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Windsor Parish Church, St. Peter's, Staines, and Newbury. Tea was kindly supplied at Staines by Mr. W. C. Parker and daughter-in-law.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Corleston, Great Yarmouth.

Grappenhall's Three Veterans

Dear Sir,—It is with great pleasure that I bring to your notice the fine record of the three oldest members of the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, viz., Messrs. Samuel Horsfall, Noah Smith and John E. Ashcroft. Mr. Horsfall, who has attained the age of 84, celebrated his golden wedding last week and on behalf of his many ringing associates throughout Cheshire I take this opportunity of wishing Sam and his wife many more years of health and happiness. Until recently Sam was an active member at Grappenhall, where he rang for upwards of 60 years.

Mr. N. Smith and Mr. J. E. Ashcroft both reached the age of 70 last week, and I am pleased to say both are still active Sunday service ringers at Grappenhall. Noah, who has completed 50 years' ringing service, was a participant in an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in honour of the occasion; this unfortunately came to grief after an hour's ringing.

Mr. John E. Ashcroft, who has completed 53 years' service, holds the position of hon. secretary of the Grappenhall Branch, an office which he has filled with distinction and credit for 33 years. Jack, with his quiet, unassuming, efficient handling of his job, has earned the respect and gratitude of his many contacts throughout the diocese.—Yours sincerely,
WALTER ALLMAN.

Runcorn.

SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—As announced in your advertisement columns to-day, I have completed my first series of Major Surprise Methods, of which a small edition only is now available. The present series contains 100 methods, and I hope, with the co-operation of the Exercise, to issue a further series in the autumn of this year. If sufficient material should prove to be available, a third series should close the Major section, after which I shall issue such Royal and Maximus extensions as I can obtain.

The methods are given in an adaptation of the place notation which was used by Carter in his table of methods published in 'The Ringing World' some 50 years ago, and which is freely used for the exchange of methods between ringers. I have adopted this notation for two reasons; for economy of space, since it enables a method to be presented in a single line of type; and no less with the intention of not even appearing to trespass on the domain of the long-awaited Central Council Collection, which will give us a wealth of detail that I could not hope to emulate, even if I had the desire. Mine is and is intended to be purely a stopgap production, for the convenience of those who wish to obtain the figures of new Major methods.

I should be very grateful to any readers who forward to me the figures of any methods not included in the first series, with their Royal and Maximus extensions where available; also of any methods rung on the higher numbers.—Yours faithfully,
A. J. CORRIGAN.
Le Coteau, Ryedown Lane, Bitton, near Bristol.

INFORMATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—Could any ringers give me information and details of any peals rung at St. Giles', Northampton, other than rung for the Central Northants Association or the Peterborough Diocesan Guild since the bells were augmented in 1895?

I have reason to believe that peals were rung for the Middlesex County Association about 1905. I am putting the peals together in a bound book and I should like a complete list as far as possible.

WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.
30, Lower Mounts, Northampton.

Middlesex Association

MEETING AT ISLEWORTH.

The first meeting of the South and West District at Isleworth since before the war was attended by about 35 members and friends on June 21st. An unfortunate accident had occurred at a practice the night before, when the tenor clapper came out and broke the wheel of the treble, so that ringing was confined to eight bells.

However, some good ringing was accomplished in most of the standard methods, some particularly good courses of Cambridge and London being brought round. Ringing was under the supervision of Mr. F. A. Finch (Ringing Master) and Mr. T. G. Bannister (deputy), and special attention was given to the claims of a number of learners, mostly young ladies.

During the ringing the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Grinston) visited the ringing chamber and welcomed the Association on its first visit since his arrival, and expressed the hope that other visits would follow. The secretary voiced the thanks of the Association and of their hope that regular meetings might take place at Isleworth, emphasising the fact that the Association had in the past been mainly instrumental in installing the two trebles when the peal was increased to ten and that in those days Isleworth was the leading tower in the Association.

A business meeting took place in the Church Hall, presided over by Mr. W. H. Coles, vice-president. It was decided to hold, if possible, the next meeting at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, on July 12th. It was learned with regret that both Mr. F. G. Baldwin, of St. John's, Hillingdon, and Mr. J. Herbert, of Twickenham, were in the West Middlesex Hospital, and the secretary was requested to write to both, expressing sympathy and good wishes for a quick recovery.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Rogers and the local company for the arrangements made, and, in particular, for Mr. Rogers' efforts that morning in getting the tenor clapper repaired in time for the meeting. The Vicar was also thanked for the use of the bells.

JOINT MEETING AT STANMORE.

A most enjoyable joint meeting of the Middlesex and Hertford County Associations was held at Stanmore on June 14th. Mr. A. Cutler, the Ringing Master, made sure that everybody had an opportunity to ring something from rounds to Spiced Surprise.

The Rector (Dr. Carpenter) conducted a short service and gave an excellent address full of good and practical advice. Unfortunately rain prevented tea being served in the beautiful Rectory garden, but Dr. and Mrs. Carpenter kindly placed a room in the Rectory at the disposal of the ringers for tea, a social half-hour and ringing on Mr. C. Taylor's handbells. Members welcomed Mr. J. Bennett after his recent illness.

Sympathy was expressed for Mr. Lock, who was indisposed and unable to be present. His place was taken by Mr. A. W. Coles, who, on behalf of the Middlesex Association, gave a welcome to the Hertford County Association. Mr. Hoare, for the Hertford Association, responded.

A BELL EVENSONG.

To stimulate interest in bellringing, the Rector of Stanmore (Dr. Edward Carpenter) arranged a bell evensong on May 18th. The lessons were read by the Master, Mr. G. J. Leversuch, and the oldest ringer, Mr. George Hughes. Two courses of Bob Minor were rung on handbells instead of an anthem.

The sermon, preached by the Rector, was woven round the team work of ringing. At the close of the service the congregation was rung out to a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples.

On the following Saturday the ringers held an 'At home,' when visitors were invited to the tower and over a hundred guests responded.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

CHURCH STRUCK DURING MEETING.

An alarming incident occurred during the Guildford District meeting at Witley on June 21st. Ringing was in progress when there was a loud clap of thunder—described by one of the ringers as a bomb exploding. The church was struck by lightning, causing tiles to be dislodged and fusing the electric light bulbs.

In charge of the ringing was Mr. C. Ernest Smith (District Ringing Master), who ordered the ringers to continue. The touch was successfully brought round.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Holden) conducted the service. There were 22 members and friends at tea and the local arrangements were made by Mr. F. C. Hagley.

DUNSFOLD MEETING.

Fifty members and very welcome visitors attended the meeting at Dunsfold. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector and the lesson was read by the Rev. K. Davis. Tea was served in the grounds of the Rectory through the kindness of Mrs. Crowhurst, assisted by other ladies of Dunsfold, many of whom are learning to ring.

The most important item of the short business meeting was the election of a list of new members, all of Dunsfold, also a number of old members renewed their membership.

Full use was made of the newly recast peal of six bells, and after tea a contingent left for Hascombe, where also the peal of five bells were recently recast.

JOINT MEETING AT BENTLEY.

Between 60 and 70 ringers attended the joint meeting of the Farnham District and the Southern Branch of the Ladies' Guild at Bentley. Canon H. Le Fleming (Rector) conducted the service and the choir was composed of ringers with another ringer, Miss Nesta Smith, from Wonston, near Winchester, as organist.

Tea was served by Miss Trotman in the W.I. Hut. The secretary (Mr. G. S. Joyce) was asked to convey the meeting's sympathy to Mr. A. Raggett, the local captain, who is indisposed. Ringing was continued until 9.15 p.m.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Market Drayton with its fine ring of eight was again the venue for the joint meeting of the Shropshire Association and the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild on June 7th. This is the third year that the meeting has been held at this tower and it is looked forward to keenly by members of both counties, Shropshire and Cheshire being equally represented by some 50 ringers present this year.

Full use was made of the bells, which were kept going during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods, which included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Major. The striking generally was good and several young members scored their first courses in a new method.

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SHIELD FOR GUILD COMPETITION.

The annual festival was held at Carmarthen on June 21st. The bells of St. Peter's were available to the ringers from 2 p.m. and 65 members attended the meeting.

The service was at 4 p.m., and the Archbishop of Wales, who is president of the Guild, officiated, assisted by the Rev. K. C. Herbert. After the service the ringers were entertained to tea at the Church House, which was followed by the business meeting.

Officers elected for the next 12 months were: Secretary, Mr. C. H. Hawkins (Llanely); treasurer, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas (Carmarthen); Master, Mr. H. Jenkins (Tenby); Ringing Master, Mr. J. Williams (Morrison); auditor, Mr. B. Rees (Burry Port); committee, Messrs. Owens (Carmarthen), Parmenser (Llanely), Scudmore (Llandilo), Langdon (Llangarne), Nabrett (St. David's), E. Sage (Burry Port), T. Griffiths (Tenby), G. Morris (Llanstephan), W. J. Harris (Llanbadarn Fawr).

It was then proposed to hold the annual festival in 1948 at Carmarthen.

The treasurer, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, gave a statement of accounts, which showed the Guild in a very satisfactory financial position, and Mr. A. Hoare gave a report of the Central Council meeting at Exeter.

The secretary (Mr. C. H. Hawkins), in his report, stated that he was very satisfied at the way the Guild was progressing. There had been a lot done and there was still a lot to do to encourage the art of campanology in the diocese. He then made a very pleasing statement that the president, the Archbishop of Wales, had found a friend to present the Guild with a shield for competition, which they hoped would be competed for next year.

The secretary urged members to encourage youth as much as possible to take up the art so that when the older ringers have to give up ringing they will have the satisfaction of knowing that their good work will be carried on.

Five new members were made, and a collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £2 13s. 1d.

A vote of thanks was extended to His Grace for officiating at the service and also for presiding at the meeting, and also to the Church authorities for providing tea.

The ringers returned to the tower to end a very successful meeting.

VICAR OF BRAY MARRIED

The village of Bray-on-Thames was in a festive mood on June 19th, when the young and popular Vicar and ringer, the Rev. Edward S. C. Lowman, K.C.L., chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, was wedded in his own church by the Bishop of Oxford (the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Kirk) to Miss Betty Jolly, the father of whom, the late Leonard Jolly, was for nearly twenty years churchwarden and a good friend of Bray ringers.

As parishioners and friends were assembling in the historic and world renowned Church of St. Michael, the grand old six, tenor 27 cwt., was rung for 40 minutes, and for one hour after the ceremony, to Plain, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Visiting ringers included Mr. T. J. Fowler, Cookham. Mr. George Martin, Boyne Hill, and Mr. Tom Goodchild, one time member of Bray band, now Boyne Hill.

A peal attempt, which was in the hands of Mr. George Gilbert, in spite of the bells going well, failed after three short attempts. However, to round off the day's ringing, a well-struck 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob Minor were rung by Mary Pemberton (Burnham) 1, Joyce Herne (Burnham) 2, W. Birmingham (Slough) 3, H. W. Barrett (Kingston) 4, F. H. Hicks (Hailsham) 5, G. Gilbert (conductor) (Burnham) 6. All were invited to the Vicarage afterwards. F.J.E.

Yorkshire Association

NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL.

Recognition of the privilege of membership comes in different forms. Mrs. Neate, who has recently learnt, when the Northern District visited St. Mary's, Scarborough, provided a large iced cake inscribed: 'Welcome to Scarborough.' The cake was much admired and relished.

Archdeacon G. F. Townley conducted the service.

At the business meeting Mr. E. Hudson was re-elected district secretary, Mr. J. Ewbank was re-elected to the General Committee, and Mr. H. Rowsby was elected to the District Committee. Good wishes were sent to Canon C. C. Marshall, the retiring president of the Association.

Some indication of the keenness of Northern ringers is given in the fact that one member present at Scarborough travelled by bus, cycle and train a total distance of 140 miles.

WESTERN DIVISION AT MARSDEN.

The quarterly meeting was held on June 14th, and owing to the very inclement weather the attendance was disappointing.

Those attending were repaid through the enjoyment received from ringing and hearing this very fine ring of bells, and it is to be regretted that the local company are unable at present to man these bells regularly for Sunday service ringing. There is indeed scope for proficient instructors in this area, but situated as it is on the borders of the Pennines, it is difficult to get to and it is only on these rare occasions of meetings that much can be done.

DEDICATION AT CLECKHEATON.

A newly-installed ring of eight bells at St. John's Church, Cleckheaton, was dedicated on June 4th by the Bishop of Pontefract. These bells have been installed as a war memorial and the inscription on the tenor bell reads: 'These eight bells are installed in thanksgiving for deliverance from deadly peril, 1939-1945.'

The bells have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and fitted with modern roller bearings. They are hung in a two tier frame, with the treble, 2nd and 5th on the top tier. The tenor weighs 10½ cwt. in A flat, and both the tone and go of the bells reflect great credit on the founders.

The bells were rung during the dedication by the ringers of Liversedge, assisted by friends from Batley and Mr. B. Newsom, who was present on behalf of the founders.

After the dedication a social evening was spent in the St. John's School, at which approximately 200 were present. An enthusiastic band of learners have been got together and are receiving instruction by the Liversedge ringers. F. H.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

GRIMSBY DISTRICT AT ALFORD.

When the Grimsby District met at Alford on June 7th, the Vicar (Canon W. Whitehead) conducted the service and gave an excellent address on the old adage:—

Who ryngs thys belle
Let hym loke well
To hande and headde and herte.
Ye hande for work,
Ye headde for wyte,
Ye herte for worshyppe.

Mr. M. Graves, who this year completes 50 years' service as organist and choirmaster, accompanied.

The meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Ringers attended from Grimsby, Burton Latimer, Mablethorpe, Lincoln Cathedral, Kirton-in-Holland, Great Carlton, Ulceby and the local members. By the admission of seven new members from Great Carlton a further tower was added to the district. Owing to indisposition, the local secretary, Mr. Mingay, was unable to attend. The collection, amounting to £1 1s. 6d., was given to the Rupert Richardson Memorial.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild

A very successful meeting of the Southampton District was held at Eling on June 14th, when between 30 and 40 were present. An encouraging sign was a number of keen young ringers from Brockenhurst and Milford-on-Sea.

Good use was made during the afternoon and evening of the ring of six bells, a variety of methods was practised and several rang their first touch in some of the methods.

At the business meeting it was announced that the ring of eight at St. Michael's, Southampton, are to be augmented to ten. The order has been placed with Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who are expected to complete the work at an early date. It was also reported that the bells at Andover Parish Church have been overhauled and rebung by the same firm and are to be rededicated by the Bishop of Winchester on July 30th.

The secretary announced an all-day meeting on August Bank Holiday in the Meon Valley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The quarterly meeting was held at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, on June 7th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Stevens), who gave an appropriate address, and the choirboys (24), under the direction of the organist and choirmaster, led the singing.

After the service the ringers and choirboys were the guests of the Vicar and wardens to a bountiful tea.

At the business meeting an invitation to hold the next meeting at Claverley was accepted. Further ringing was varied and enjoyable.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The visit of the West Norfolk Branch to North Elmham recently was the first to the tower since before the war. North Elmham was the seat of the bishopric before Norwich, and remains of the ecclesiastical buildings of that time are still to be seen. The Rev. W. G. Bridge, branch chairman, conducted the service and there was attendance of 34.

New members elected at the meeting of the East Norfolk Branch at Ranworth were Sir Edmund Bacon, of Raveningham Hall, hon. member; the Rev. K. O. Morris, hon. performing member; and Mr. A. More, of Matishall. The next meeting will be on July 26th at Norton Subcourse.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT EARLS COLNE.

Thirty-four ringers attended the meeting of the Northern District at Earls Colne on May 31st, when Miss H. G. Snowden, the District Ringing Master, presided at the business meeting and reported on the Central Council meeting at Exeter. Two old ringers—Mr. A. Saunders (Greenstead Green) and Mr. Turner (Earls Colne)—were welcomed and two new members elected. The next meeting was provisionally fixed for September 6th at Great Easton.

Canon H. Monks (Vicar) conducted the service and the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund was 17s. 6d. Ringing ranged from Bob Minor to Spliced Surprise Major.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Twelve members of the New South Wales Association on May 30th made a 125-mile journey by car to West Maitland to ring these six cast steel bells (tenor 14 cwt.). The bells went much easier than last time, a number of 120's being rung without undue effort, and the ladies rang in several touches. Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob and Old Doubles were rung and several short touches of Bob Minor.

The service ringing on Sunday was 540 Grandsire Doubles, two men being necessary to ring the tenor. The Rev. Carlos Stretch and his family entertained the party with their usual hospitality.

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BIRTH

REED.—On June 18th, 1947, at 32, Scotter Road, Bishopstoke, Hants, to Alice (née Scott), wife of Reginald A. Reed, a sister for Katharine (Diana Jane). 1631

APPEAL.

BURNHAM BELL FUND.—Order placed (Taylors); recast, all re-hung new frame; £2,000 needed. Hon. Treasurer, Col. J. M. Wadmore, Woodlands, Linkswood Road, Burnham, Bucks. The above is in addition to £7,000 roof (deathwatch beetle), £3,700 organ (furniture beetle), new church to build, Cippenham (in Burnham parish). Help loyal teen-age band service ringers (all peal ringers). Grateful thanks.—Gilbert (optimist). 1632

PUBLICATIONS

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD (N.E. Branch) and BATH AND WELLS ASSN. (Taunton Deanery).—Joint meeting Uffculme, Sat., July 5th. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silvertown. 1635

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Western Branch.—Meeting Crowle, Sat., July 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business meeting.

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Summer Festival meeting at Farnham, Sat., July 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at British Restaurant. Aldershot, Bentley, Frensham and Seale available after tea.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 1573

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Solihull, near Birmingham, on Sat., July 5th. Bells (10) available at 3.30. Service in church 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1552

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting Minster Abbey, Isle of Sheppey, Sat., July 5th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea provided by the local Guild to ringers and friends. Queenborough (6) and Eastchurch (6) open during evening. Let's have a good meeting in ideal surroundings.—B. W. May, Dis. Sec. 1579

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at East Peckham (6), July 5th, 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Take bus route No. 7 from Tonbridge or Maidstone to Forge Gate. 1580

ESSEX ASSN.—N.W. Division.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8), Sat., July 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—G. Blake, Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 1584

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting Manchester, Sat., July 5th. Bells: Cathedral (10) from 2; Town Hall (12) and Sacred Trinity, Salford (8), during the evening. Service Cathedral 3.30. Tea, Gravel Lane Schools, Greengate (5 minutes from Cathedral), 2s. 6d. Business meeting after tea.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 1609

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Watford District.—Langleybury (6) Sat., July 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 1581

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting at Middleham (8), Sat., July 5th. East Witton bells (6) available after tea. Tea (4.30). All are welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1576

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual at Great Tew (8), Sat., July 5th. Service 4. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 1514

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting Newport, Isle of Wight, July 5th. Committee 1.15. General meeting 2.30. Tea 4 in Unity Hall. Service 5.15. Bells available: Brading (8), Carisbrooke (8), Ryde (8), Godshill (6), 12-2; Newport (8), 12.30-2.30, and in evening.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1587

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Coleman's Hatch, Sat., July 5th, 3. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1603

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Jubilee Festival at Ely, Sat., July 5th. St. Mary's bells available 2.30. Service at the Cathedral 4; address by the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea at St. Mary's Hotel 5. Ringing afterwards. Reports available.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 1591

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Summer Festival, Eaton Socon (8), Sat., July 5th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds. 1588

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Mon., July 7th, at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1636

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting St. Peter's, Brighton, Wed., July 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4. Notify Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by July 7th. 1648

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Summer meeting, Saxlingham Nethergate (8), Sat., July 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for those who let me know by 8th. Shotesham bells (5) available after tea.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 1610

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District), **MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**, and **DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.** (Derby District).—Joint meeting Castle Donington, Sat., July 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Bondgate Cafe, 5. Names for tea to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, near Markfield, by July 7th. 1640

ESSEX ASSN.—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting Colchester (St. Leonard's), Sat., July 12th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by July 8th, please.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Wood View, Thorington. 1586

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting Irchester (8), Sat., July 12th. Advise early for tea to Mr. C. Payne, 2, School Road, Irchester. 1599

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—200th Anniversary celebrations, Sat., July 12th. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary's, Lambeth (8), 10.30 to 1 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 1 to 3.30; St. Giles'-in-the-Fields (8), 3.30 to 4.45; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10), 3.45 to 4.45; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 3.45 to 4.45. Special service St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 5.15. Dinner at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6.30.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1596

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Unveiling of Walker Memorial Tablet at Highweek Church, Newton Abbot, Sat., July 12th, 3. Bells (8) 2.15. Tea Courtenay Restaurant 5. Names by July 9th.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh (phone 3121). 1638

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual Festival, St. Paul's, Sketty, Swansea, July 12th. Bells 2. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Number for tea by July 7th, please.—D. G. Williams, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1639

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Balcombe (8), July 12th, 3. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lake, 4, Barnfield Cottages, Balcombe.—C. A. Bassett. 1622

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Desford, July 12th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in Miner's Institute 5. Names must be sent by July 7th to Mr. J. W. Bennett, Manor Road, Desford. 1647

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Oxford, Sat., July 12th. Service Christ Church Cathedral 11. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30. No ticket, no lunch. Ringing before service, and as June 27th.—W. Hibbert. 1649

LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.—Lyston District.—Meeting Hoby (5), Sat., July 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, by Tuesday, July 8th, to H. Morton, 13, Forest Avenue, Thurmaston, Leicester. 1641

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting Beverley Minster, July 12th. Bells 2. Service 4. Tea 2s. 6d.; notify L. Daggitt, 82, Minster Moorgate, Beverley, by July 9th. 1651

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Preston Branch.—Meeting Tarleton, Sat., July 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Branch. Sec. 1626

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Meeting Brighouse, Sat., July 12th. Bells 2.30 to 9. Liquid tea provided. Everybody welcome.—F. Rhodes, Sec. 1627

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Alton and Petersfield District). — Quarterly meeting Bentworth (5), July 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. All requiring tea please notify by July 7th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrooke, Brooke Lane, Warsash, Hants. 1642

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Horne Branch.—Quarterly meeting Blewett, Sat., July 12th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Litton bells available 6-8. Tea for those who notify E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells. 1634

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Overton (8), Sat., July 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 9th to Miss C. Kemp, 5, Southington, Overton, Hants. 1633

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Quarterly meeting Chard (8), July 12th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by July 8th.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton.. 1624

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Next meeting St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, July 12th. Service and tea after. Names to Mr. W. M. Bedford, 52, Greenway, Uxbridge.—J. E. Lewis Cockey (Perivale 5320). 1625

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting Sawley, July 12th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Simpson, Tenbury, Draycott Road, Old Sawley, by July 9th. 1621

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Birling (8) July 12th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1589

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting arranged for Everton, Sat., July 12th, is cancelled.—H. Denman. 1619

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting Keynsham, July 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names essential by 10th.—S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 1617

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sat., July 12th, 3.—A. B. Peck. 1643

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—Meeting Nuthall, Notts, July 12th, 3. Names for tea to Mr. T. Harrison, 21, Nottingham Road, Nuthall, by July 7th. 1595

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting St. Barnabas', Shore, Sat., July 12th. Tea in the School at 2s. 3d. per head. Names to Mr. J. Lee, 9, Bk. William Street, Littleborough. Business meeting 6.30. Nominations for branch secretary to I. Kay, 69, Fir Tree Lane, Bardsley, Ashton-under-Lyne. 1615

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Martin, Sat., July 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food. Damerham bells also available.—J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 1612

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Summer meeting Farndon (8), July 12th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea before July 9th.—Geo. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 1646

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Penistone, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, near Sheffield, not later than July 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 1645

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Hazelbeach (8), July 12th, 3 p.m. Bring own food.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec. 1652

SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Dedication of new ring of 6 (war memorial) at Martinstown, near Dorchester, Sun., July 13th, 3.30. Ringing for dedication and evensong only. Meeting following Sat., July 19th; particulars later.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 1623

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF TRURO CATHEDRAL.—July 13th to 20th.—Sunday, 13th: Ringing at 9, 10.30, 2.30 and 7. Preachers, 11, Bishop of Exeter; 3, Rev. C. Kingsley Williams, M.A.; 7.45, Bishop of Truro; broadcast service. Monday to Friday: Ringing 6. Service 7. Preachers, Assistant Bishop of Hereford, Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt. Rev. F. S. Guy Warman, D.D., Canon J. Trevor Lewis, M.A., Canon H. R. Jennings, M.A. Saturday: Ringing 2.30.

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ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Willingham (6) Sat., July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (at The Bays).—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 1603

LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.—General meeting Kibworth (8), not Market Harborough, July 19th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting King Richard 5. Names by July 15th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 1637

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting Street, Sat., July 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Notify tea Tuesday, 15th.—W. H. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 1629

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Goole on Sat., July 19th. Bells (8) available from 2. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Schools (1s. 9d. each) to those who notify Mr. C. Hill, 120, Westhill Street, Goole, by July 17th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1644

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting Catherington, Sat., July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea before July 12th.—J. H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 1630

PETERBOROUGH DIO. GUILD.—Kettering District.—Quarterly meeting Rothwell (8), Sat., July 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Tues., July 15th.—G. Watson, 31, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 1616

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Preliminary Notice.—Special meeting Newton St. Loe, Sept. 6th. Address by Lord Bishop of Diocese. Further particulars later.—S. S. Woodburn, Sec. 1618

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