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BOURNEMOUTH

THIS week our main news story is the Bournemouth Rally and coupled with it the first commemoration dinner to Mr. George Williams. And it was a distinguished top table that did honour to the memory of the Grand Old Man of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, with two bishops and the Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth and sufficient clergy almost to form a Cathedral chapter. Among the ringers were many of Mr. Williams' friends of bygone days and the close associate of his last years, Mr. George Pullinger, who has succeeded him as Master of the Guild. His family was represented by his nephew, who, as a young man, was a journalistic colleague in Sussex of the founder and first editor of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

The honour of being the first to propose the toast to the memory of Mr. George Williams fell to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. In reminiscent vein he recalled Mr. Williams' love of motoring, and that when approaching his 90th year he still held a driving licence. Two journeys in particular were recalled with gusto. One was when Mr. Felstead drove Mr. Williams to the Central Council meeting at Exeter. 'We were going along quite happily,' said the narrator, 'when Mr. Williams became a little fidgety. 'What are you looking for, George?' queried the driver. 'I am trying to see the speedometer. I don't think the engine has been as fast as this before!'

The second journey was when Mr. Williams drove Mr. Felstead to Andover for the dedication of the bells. 'I was sitting by his side and I have never been so frightened. We went round one corner and missed running into the ditch by inches. I must have said something, for George commented that it was 20 years since he had been on that road and he had forgotten that corner. Mr. Felstead added that he succeeded in persuading Mr. Williams to let him drive home.

Mr. George Williams' handbells have been presented to the Guild. There is a history behind this set. The late Mrs. Williams was the first lady to ring a handbell peal—Holt's ten-part in 1892. To mark the occasion the Editor of 'The Bell News' presented her with a set of 15 handbells. It seemed appropriate that public acknowledgment of this gift should be made at Bournemouth, one of the great handbell centres of England, where, at

23, Wellington Road, no fewer than 103 handbell peals were rung last year; and also that Mrs. F. J. Marshall-say should have rung 102 peals in hand during the same period, a feat unequalled in the annals of lady ringers.

Bournemouth seems now to have a regular niche in the ringers' calendar. Who are behind the scenes? Organising secretary of the first four ringers' rallies is Mr. Arthur V. Davis, who for over 30 years has been associated with St. Peter's Church. While there are veteran ringers in the key churches of Bournemouth and neighbourhood, the impressive thing about their towers is the strong accent on youth. There is a steady outpouring from these towers of competent young ringers who, with the exigencies of military service, become scattered over all parts of England. Many towers have met these young people, enjoyed their company and admired them as ambassadors of ringing fellowship from the Bournemouth district. What is particularly pleasing is that this valued contribution to the Exercise has not come from one tower — St. John's providing an equal share with St. Peter's.

But there are others besides Mr. Davis in this successful venture. 'This is my swan-song,' said Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown. To him the rally is an opportunity of reunion with friends of long standing. Yes, a story or anecdote was available for everybody. Mr. Stewart had a particularly interesting story to tell of his conversations with Mr. Goldsmith before the launching of 'The Ringing World.' Distant days but memories ever fresh. Amid a busy life he has always found time on a Friday morning to keep abreast of the Exercise through this journal. He is not alone with this long record of continued and sustained interest. Another first number reader in this area is Mr. George Preston, of Christchurch Priory, who, despite advancing years, enjoyed every minute of the proceedings. From the neighbouring county of Dorset came Mr. F. S. Wilson, and the finished exposition of handbells by Mr. D. Matkin brought back to him memories of his peals. It is such gatherings as the Bournemouth Rally that provide to the outsider a new conception of English ringing and the big fraternity behind. This fraternity seems bigger at times than ringing itself. The amazing thing is that there are Ishmaels within the ranks who, for personal pride or other reasons, will not sink differences in the general enjoyment of the fellowship. But human nature was always contrary.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER ALLMAN 7
JAMES FERNLEY 2	PETER LAFLIN 8
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS 11
JOHN WORTH 6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (11). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Cambridge-Maximus on an 'inside' bell.

LONDON.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

MRS. R. F. DEAL ... <i>Treble</i>	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 7
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 8
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 3	T. MARK WHITE 9
*A. RONALD LING 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 10
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5	ALFRED J. HOUSE 11
HAROLD P. BURTON ... 6	PETER N. BOND ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal in the method and on 12 bells. First peal on 12 bells for the Guild. In memoriam George W. Steere.

TEN BELL PEALS

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK ROBSON ... <i>Treble</i>	*ERNEST WALLACE 6
JOHN ANDERSON 2	*WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 7
*JOHN A. BROWN 3	W. NORMAN PARK 8
*KENNETH ARTHUR ... 4	ARNOLD BRUNTON 9
*THOMAS W. CROWE ... 5	DENIS A. BAYLES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. PACKER 6
*R. MARY ELKINGTON ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 4	*CHARLES T. RICHARDS ... 9
FRANCIS BROTHERTON... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE EVANS 5
*MONICA DAVIS 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS... 6
*F. ERIC ROBERTS 3	†REGINALD T. JONES ... 7
†WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT 4	WILFRID F. MORETON... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major. A farewell to the Rev. E. G. Benson, who has left this parish. He is now Vicar of Presteigne.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

ERNEST BETTS <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM BARTON 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	†J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
*GIBSON JACKSON 4	†ERNEST A. THORPE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

FRANK K. MEASURES ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD TREVOR 5
*EDWARD A. SOWMAN ... 2	†ALFRED BALLARD 6
W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY 7
†L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

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

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*JACK O. GLANVILLE ... <i>Treble</i>	†C. ERNEST SMITH 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	†EDWARD J. BRAGG 6
†WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 3	†HAROLD A. MAY 7
†JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 4	†FREDERICK A. MUNDAY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Aldenham. First peal in the method, on the bells and for the Guild.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM J. BARRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR H. EVERETT 5
*JEAN H. BARHAM 2	REGINALD C. THRIFT 6
†HENRY W. SHADRACK... 3	ALBERT G. BARTHOLOMEW 7
HERBERT DEVENISH ... 4	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by ARTHUR H. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 25th peal.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*FRANK CORKE <i>Treble</i>	ALICK CUTLER 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	†RICHARD E. PRICE 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
*WILLIAM WELLING 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal of London on the bells.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE HURA,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*JOHN WHITEHEAD ... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT W. BOND 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 2	BASIL WHITE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	MAURICE THOMAS 7
JOHN V. LONSBOROUGH ... 4	HENRY STALHAM ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung at the request of the Vicar. Rev. F. S. W. Simpson, to commemorate his 16 years in the ministry.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's.		Tenor 10 cwt.
ERNEST MORRIS	Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 2		ALAN H. HOUGH ... 6
THOMAS C. BELTON ... 3		J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 7
SYDNEY H. JONES ... 4		HENRY C. ADAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A birthday compliment to Sir Thomas Beecham.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.		
*TAMIA DUNN	Treble	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS... 5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON 2		DEREK PARRY 6
ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 3		H. STEWART BAILEY ... 7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... 4		FRANK T. PARRY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRIECHARD. Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.
* First peal. To commemorate the golden jubilee of the foundation of this church. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Tamia Dunn.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.		
W. H. OLDFIELD	Treble	*GERALD BRIDGER ... 5
DAVID PETERS 2		*MALCOLM TYLER 6
JOSE TURNER 3		FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 7
EILEEN MOUNFIELD ... 4		JEFFERY OLDFIELD Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS H. NEWMAN.

* First peal of Bob Triples. To mark the occasion of the ringing of the sixth winning a Henry Smart organ scholarship to the Royal Academy. Also the first peal ever rung by an entirely St. Andrew band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
JOHN E. ETHERINGTON Treble	T. MARK WHITE 5
HAROLD A. MAY 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
In memoriam George W. Steere.

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

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF HALLAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.		
ARTHUR D. COOK	Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
HENRY H. FEARN 2		ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 3		FRANK E. HAYNES 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4		GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Albert Walker.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.		
GEORGE SAYER	Treble	*DR. FREWEN MOOR ... 5
*EDMUND E. PEARSON ... 2		AUBREY O. MILLS... .. 6
*MRS. FREWEN MOOR ... 3		NOLAN GOLDEN 7
*JOHN S. WALTON 4		ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.		Tenor 25½ cwt.
HAROLD A. NOBES	Treble	ERNEST A. JURD 5
E. JOAN SALMONS 2		JOHN W. MEADE 6
JOSIAH D. HARRIS... .. 3		JOHN H. HUNT 7
ERNEST TREAGUS 4		FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
First peal in the method as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
*C. EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	*LEONARD H. BOWLER... 5
FRANCIS A. EDGAR ... 2	*MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 7
*ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 4	*W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part.		Tenor 16½ cwt.
WILLIAM WHITE	Treble	WILLIAM CORDEROY ... 5
JAMES GORDAN 2		DOUGLAS JORDAN 6
JAMES P. BLOND 3		ROBERT B. BLOND 7
GEORGE W. BISHOP ... 4		*DOUGLAS BOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS JORDAN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Fri., May 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.		
FRANK W. VERNON	Treble	*PETER N. WHITE 5
KATHLEEN BURCHNALL ... 2		KENNETH W. MAVER ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3		JAMES W. RAITHBY ... 7
GRACE BURCHNALL 4		JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Double Norwich. In memoriam George W. Steere.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.		
JOHN H. GARTSIDE	Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK 5
THOMAS BARKER 2		JOHN CHARNOCK 6
JOHN JACKSON 3		CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 7
JAMES BLACKBURN 4		ERNEST J. GOWER Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.



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**BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.**

MISS F. WARDEN Treble	H. F. ASHLEY 5
MISS R. ASHLEY 2	COLIN HUGHES 6
H. E. ASHLEY 3	A. J. HINDE 7
S. CARTER 4	C. NEALE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. J. HINDE.
First peal of Major by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd.
First peal as conductor on eight bells. First peal of Major on the bells since augmentation.

**DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6176 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.**

*DENNIS SCOTT Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD 5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR 2	STANLEY SLANEY 6
ARTHUR B. COOPER 3	GORDON C. BRIGGS 7
CYRIL WRIGHT 4	JOSEPH SAXTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Longest peal on the bells, for the Association and by all except the ringer of the fifth.

**HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.**

LEWIS J. LAST Treble	† ERNEST G. PEARCE 5
*GEORGE W. PIPE 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	RONALD W. STEWARD 7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* 75th peal. † First peal of Major.

**LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.**

DORIS G. DOBBIE Treble	LOUIS HEAD 5
*SHEILA M. HOLE 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 3	† WALTER H. DOBBIE 7
HARRY BAKER 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD.
* First peal of Stedman. † 150th peal. A birthday peal for Sheila M. Hole, Mrs. Kenward and Mrs. Head.

**MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.**

DOROTHY SCHOFIELD Treble	*WILLIAM T. TURNER 5
JOHN BAGNALL 2	HERBERT S. PALMER 6
FREDERICK SCHOFIELD 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 7
BETTY SCHOFIELD 4	JAMES E. BURLES Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal in the method. A welcome to the Rector, the Rev. Henry Allen Bland, M.A., and Mrs. Bland.

**NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.**

*ALBERT C. WENBAN Treble	† AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
FRANCES A. EDGAR 2	DONALD C. PRICE 6
† AUDREY M. BAILEY 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 7
THOMAS J. CLARK 4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.
NORAH M. BIBBY Treble	† BRIAN HARRIS 5
*DAPHNE LLOYD 2	HENRY O. BAKER 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
† ARTHUR WATKIN 4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,440. London, 1,440 Rutland, 800 Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 124 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.**

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS 6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
JOHN H. HUNT 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods by all the band and for the Guild.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans'.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.
HORACE BELCHER Treble	*PHILIP A. F. CHALK 5
A. W. J. APPLETON 2	JOHN A. WAUGH 6
HERBERT LANGDON 3	ALFRED B. PECK 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 4	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. In memoriam George W. Steere.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 32 lb.**

MRS. C. W. LAWTON Treble	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD 4
*E. ANN ROSE 2	IVOR NICHOLS 5
JUNE HENSHAW 3	CHARLES W. LAWTON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. LAWTON.
* First peal, aged 13.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.**

LEONARD CAMPEY Treble	IVOR NICHOLS 4
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD 2	CHARLES W. LAWTON 5
MRS. C. W. LAWTON 3	GEORGE BARNARD Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. LAWTON.
A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. L. Slack, a Sunday service ringer at above church for 53 years, and a respected member of Macclesfield Branch. Also a 9th birthday compliment to Anthony Wm. Lawton, youngest ringer in the tower.

ABBOT'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

*On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.	Tenor 13 cwt.
*GWENDOLYN F. GOOD Treble	EDWIN J. UPTON 4
† F. STEDMAN POOLE 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 5
*D. KAY ADKINS 3	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal. † 75th peal. To welcome the Rev. R. S. Wilkinson, who was inducted as Vicar of the parish on April 26th.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

MRS. F. CHAS GOODMAN <i>Treble</i>	HENRY TOOKE	...	4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2	LEONARD G. TOOKE	...	5
HARRY J. HALL ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN	...	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

In memoriam Frederick William Middleton.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Plain Bob Minor, Woodbine and Merchant's Return and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... <i>Treble</i>	HERMAN RUSBY	...	4
ERIC STAINROD ... 2	SQUIRE FIELDING	...	5
RAYMOND CROSSLAND ... 3	ARTHUR CHAMPION	...	Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND CROSSLAND.

First peal as conductor. With the bells fully muffled in memory of Jim Tinker, a member of the local company, who was interred at Penistone on this day.

BASLOW, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*NORMA HOWES ... <i>Treble</i>	DENNIS SCOTT	...	4
JEAN D. DUNN ... 2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	...	5
JOHN W. SYKES ... 3	GEORGE H. PAULSON	...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

*R. JOHN WALLIS ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER S. IZZARD	...	4
RONALD J. SHARP ... 2	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD	...	5
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS... 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	...	Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal. For the golden wedding of Canon and Mrs. A. Rust.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz., Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

ERNEST T. CARVELL ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	...	4
*STANLEY D. SUTTON ... 2	ALFRED W. CUSICK	...	5
A. TREVOR SUTTON ... 3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. For the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Birkenhead to launch the aircraft carrier, 'Ark Royal.'

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Cambridge, one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*MARGARET A. BAILEY ... <i>Treble</i>	†MARGARET D. REEVES...	...	4
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	...	5
LEONARD TREVOR ... 3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	...	Tenor

Conducted by HUBERT E. ASHLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods. First peal as conductor.

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THE LADIES' GUILD.
(Wiltshire Branch.)

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.
*H. JEAN HOLLOWAY ... *Treble* | BERYL J. STRANGE ... 4
MARGARET E. RICHARDS ... 2 | BERNICE M. STRANGE ... 5
*MARION J. SKINNER ... 3 | †B. ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS *Tenor*

Conducted by MARGARET E. RICHARDS.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal for the branch.
EAST FARNDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising ten six-scores each of St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and one 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.
RONALD RUSSELL ... *Treble* | ARTHUR MILLWARD ... 3
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2 | PERCY AMOS ... 4
KILBY HOLTOM ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Second peal on the bells, augmented to five 1897.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., May 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
*CYNTHIA EDMONDSON(15) *Treble* | HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 4
*D. ELAINE WRIGHT (16) 2 | GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5
*MRS. MILDRED TURLEY 3 | NORMAN CHADDOCK ... *Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal in four methods.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Bourne, Beverley, London, York, Cambridge, Netherseale and Norwich. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
JOE HOBBS ... *Treble* | AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 4
EDWIN J. UPTON ... 2 | WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 3 | WALTER AYRE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Half-muffled as a token of respect for and in memory of William Hayes, churchwarden, choirman and ringer for over 50 years at the above church.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
JOHN G. SMITH ... *Treble* | GEORGE E. MANSER ... 4
SAMUEL H. SUTTON ... 2 | HORACE BENNETT ... 5
GWENDOLINE D. ROBINSON 3 | C. HAROLD WHITTON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.
WILLIAM UPTON ... *Treble* | LESTER BAILEY ... 4
CHARLES H. DENNES ... 2 | PATRICK PAGE ... 5
FRANK S. TAYLOR ... 3 | TOM PAGE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by TOM PAGE.
First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in the Isle of Wight.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.
*FREDERICK CHAPMAN ... *Treble* | FRANK BARNARD ... 4
*BRIAN SCHOFIELD ... 2 | EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... 5
HAROLD G. SMITH ... 3 | JOHN E. BROUGH ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal in method.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Woodbine. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
WILFRED BROADHEAD ... *Treble* | ERIC STAINROD ... 4
ARTHUR CHAMPION ... 2 | SQUIRE FIELDING ... 5
LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... 3 | HARRY MANN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by SQUIRE FIELDING.
First peal as conductor. For the 25th anniversary of the installation of the bells after recasting by J. Taylor, Loughborough.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
*GORDON WALFORD ... *Treble* | †F. WILLIAM SLOCUMBE ... 4
†JEAN TATTERSALL ... 2 | CLAUDE W. C. TARR ... 5
‡DAVID T. NORTH ... 3 | †FRANK TAYLOR ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.
* First peal of Doubles and first as conductor. † First peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the father of the conductor, Mr. T. E. Walford.

TRULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.
*ROBERT W. SHIRE ... *Treble* | *R. GEORGE PERRY ... 4
ARTHUR H. REED ... 2 | HARRY CHURCHILL ... 5
*BENJAMIN J. BURSTON ... 3 | WILLIAM G. GIGG ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal. For the fifth anniversary of the end of World War II.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ... *Treble* | FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4
BERT W. MAY ... 2 | CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 5
*EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 3 | WM. A. J. KNIGHT ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* 100th. peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

IRON CROSS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
IN THE CONCERT ROOM OF THE QUEEN'S HEAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's.
JOHN BRAMLEY ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
JOHN J. MORRIS ... 3-4 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7-8

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
Rung on the 100th birthday of Mrs. F. Hopkins, Evesham.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part.
ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2 | ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 5-6
JOHN MORRIS ... 3-4 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 27, 1950, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
IN THE CHANCEL OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 19 in F
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 5-6

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Apr. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Being two methods, comprising 3,424 Plain Bob and 1,584 Little Bob, with 214 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.
 JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN... 5-6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | *BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 7-8
 Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
 * First peal of Spliced.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8
 BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 9-10
 Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

LEICESTER

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
In ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8001 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

JOHN BRAMLEY ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
 JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 3-4 | ALAN CATTELL ... 7-8
 ERNEST MORRIS ... 9-10
 Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
 In memoriam Charles Hy. Belton, May 1st, 1947.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
In ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 1-2 | JOSEPH A. FENTON... 5-6
 CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | *FREDK. A. SALTER ... 7-8
 Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* 50th peal of Stedman Triples. Davis' Transposition.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At 24, DURLER AVENUE.*

A PEAL OF PLAIN LOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
 *RICHARD W. STEPHENS ... 1-2 | J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 3-4
 JOHN B. LONG ... 5-6
 Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.
 * First peal on handbells. First peal as conductor on handbells.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 1-2.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., May 4, 1950, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
At 37, VICARAGE ROAD, RODDBOURNE CHENEY,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 12 in F.
 W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 1-2 | *ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS ... 3-4
 *FRANCIS G. WILTON ... 5-6
 Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal 'in hand.' A farewell to Francis Wilton on his joining the Royal Navy.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Fri., May 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At 35, MARKET STREET,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 14 in D.
 PETER BERESFORD ... 1-2 | DENNIS BERESFORD ... 5-6
 JOAN BERESFORD ... 3-4 | GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 7-8
 Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

First peal of Triples 'in hand' by all. A compliment to Miss J. Beresford on her 18th birthday.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., May 7, 1950, in 1 Hour and 31½ Minutes,
At 13, PEVERIL ROAD,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor size 4 in F.
 BARRY COPE ... 1-2 | WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 3-4
 GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5-6
 Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

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LATE NEWS.

Mr. H. J. Poole has been re-elected Presi-
dent of the Leicester Diocesan Guild by 89
votes to 50. The other nomination was Mr. T.
C. Belton, of Barwell.

Badly damaged by German shell-fire during
the war, a part of the tower of St. James',
Dover, has crashed. The bells were found in
the 12ft. high heap of rubble.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild
last Saturday presented a
testimonial and a cheque
for £45 to the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards upon his
retirement from the office of general secretary,
a post he had held for 37 years. Mr. W. C.
West, of Melksham, is the new Guild secre-
tary. A report of the festival will appear
in the next issue.

Mr. James George has left St. Mary's Hos-
pital, Poole. He is now residing at 54, John-
stone Road, Oakdale, Poole.

Congratulations to the Wiltshire Branch of
the Ladies' Guild on their peal at Rodbourne
Cheney. The last peal for the Ladies' Guild
was in 1946.

The peal of Plain Bob Major at Bolton,
Lancs, was rung on Friday, April 21st, not
April 22nd, as appeared in a recent issue of
'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Edwin H. Lewis and Mr. A. A. Hughes
are to give a talk to the S.P.A.B. about
'Bells and their effect on church towers' on
Monday, June 5th, at 8 p.m. Details will be
announced later.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at
West Hartlepool, recorded in this week's issue,
was the first peal of Surprise Royal for the
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association
by a resident band since 1934.

Baslow Church, Derbyshire, where a peal was
rung on May 2nd, is pleasantly situated on
the banks of the River Derwent and is close
to Chatsworth House, the seat of the Duke of
Devonshire.

The bells of St. Thomas', South Wigston,
are to be placed on new ball bearings, the
work having been entrusted to the founders,
Messrs. John Taylor and Co. In consequence
the bells will not be available for service or
practice ringing after June 4th for an approxi-
mate period of three months.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Arundel's returned ring
of eight, recently rehung
by Messrs. Gillett and
Johnston in a new iron frame with new fit-
tings, will be rededicated by the Bishop of
Lewes on Wednesday, May 31st, at 7 p.m. The
Duke of Norfolk will be present at the service.
(The bells were the gift of the Duke's grand-
father in 1855.) A ringers' day will be held
on the following Saturday, June 3rd, when
the bells will be available for ringing during
the afternoon and evening.

Fifteen-year-old George W. Pipe, of Grundis-
burgh, rang his 75th peal on May 6th at
Hollisley, Suffolk.

The peal of Plain Bob Triples rung at
Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire, on March 24th,
was rung in 3 hours 4 minutes and not 2 hours
4 minutes as stated in the issue of May 5th.

Mr. John A. Hilton, 2, Albert Cottages,
Clarendon Road, Broadstairs, would like to
hear from anyone interested in a peal attempt
of Plain Bob Royal at St. Lawrence-in-Thane,
Ramsgate, on June 1st, on the occasion of the
visit of Princess Margaret to Ramsgate.

In memoriam peals to Mr. George W. Steere
were rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Lon-
don: the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity,
Guildford; All Saints' Church, Sutton-on-Trent,
and St. Mary's Church, Woodford, Essex. A
quarter peal was also rung at St. Anne's,
Brookfield, London, N.W.

Mr. Charles Briggs, of Howden, Yorks, who
left £75,933, bequeathed £275 on trust to pay
the income between the ringers at this church
as a Christmas honorarium. As a young man
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA

The third session of the twentieth Council (53rd annual meeting) will be held on Whit-sun Tuesday, May 30th, 1950, in the Town Hall Assembly Rooms, Eastbourne, at 11 o'clock.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 o'clock and the afternoon session will commence at 2.15 or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

Report of the Hon. Secretary as to representation of societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 11).

1. Election of Honorary Members. Mr. W. Osborn retires and is eligible for re-election. There are two vacancies.
2. Loss of members through death.
3. Minutes of the last meeting.
4. Report of the Hon. Librarian.
5. Statement of the General Account.
6. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine. Trustees: Messrs. A. A. Hughes and A. Walker.
7. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—

To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

(a) Standing Committee.

(1) Report of the sub-committee appointed to consider the Rules of the Council.

(2) Report of the sub-committee appointed to consider the decisions of the Council.

(3) Report as to the preparation of the Roll of Honour.

(b) Peal Collection.

(c) Methods.

(d) Peal Analysis.

(e) Records

(f) Towers and Belfries.

(g) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.

(h) Peal Boards.

(i) Biographies.

(k) 'Ringing World.'

MOTIONS.

8. Festival of Britain.

That this Council, through an appropriate committee and by liaison with the organisers, should determine the nature of the part to be played by the Ringing Exercise in the Festival of Britain.

Proposed by Dr. E. S. John Hatcher. Seconded by Mr. George H. Spice.

9. (1) That unanimous decisions of the Methods Committee, upon matters with which they are authorised by this Council to deal, shall at once become decisions and rules of the Council and published as such in 'The Ringing World.'
- (2) That any majority decision of the Methods Committee shall be submitted to the next meeting of the Council for confirmation, and if confirmed by a majority vote, become a decision and rule of the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Harold Poole.

Seconded by Mr. A. Ballard.

10. To fix the place of the next meeting.
11. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.
The White House, Caister-on-Sea.

ARRANGEMENTS

Headquarters: Imperial Hotel.

Ringling arrangements at the various churches will be circulated to all members.

WHIT MONDAY

Standing Committee meeting at 6.30 p.m., Imperial Hotel.

WHIT TUESDAY

Holy Communion, St. Mary's Church, 8 a.m. Council meeting at 11. Members are asked to sign the roll and be in their places at 10.50.

The Council will be received by the Mayor of Eastbourne (Alderman R. J. S. Croft), the Bishop of Chichester (the Rt. Rev. G. K. A. Bell, D.D.) and other church and civic officials.

Arrangements are being made for a group photograph to be taken at the luncheon adjournment.

Reception and tea.—Members and their friends will be received by the Mayor and Mayoress of Eastbourne, Alderman R. J. S. Croft and Mrs. Croft, at 5 to 5.30 p.m., after which tea will be served. Admission by ticket only.

Social.—At the Town Hall Assembly Rooms, which are licensed.

Tickets and passes will be issued to all members who have indicated their intention to be present.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS NEW ACTING SECRETARY.

The quarterly meeting was held at Luton on April 29th. Despite the inclement weather, some 30 ringers attended to ring on the fine ten. Among those present were Miss Steel, Dunstable, and Mr. A. King and Mr. H. D. Harris, of Woburn.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross. He first spoke of the grievous loss the Society had sustained in the recent death of Mr. G. W. Steere, who was treasurer from 1928-1938 and then combined the offices of secretary and treasurer from 1939-1950, when he resigned the secretaryship owing to pressure of business. He put in a tremendous amount of work for the Society, his heart and soul were in the job and nothing was too much for him. He took part in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Martin's in 1928.

The company stood in silence as a tribute to his memory, and the whole pull and stand was rung after the meeting, some of the local ringers taking part. A letter expressing the sympathy of the members was sent to Mrs. Steere.

The following belfry ratifications were made: Miss M. Brown (Aldrington), Geoffrey Dodd (Highclere) and Peter Allen (Mitcham). New members elected were W. A. Kitchenside (Mayfield) and Miss M. Brockman (Canterbury).

Mr. Cross stated that the arrangements for the annual dinner (to be held on October 14th) were under way, and he hoped those who had supported the proposition at the annual meeting would do their best to attend in order that the affair would be a success and not result in a financial loss for the Society.

The resignation of the secretary (Mr. Peter Bond) was then announced. He was leaving London for Winchester. He took office at the beginning of the year and had done a good deal since. Mr. Cross thanked him for his past services and wished him every success in his new sphere.

Mrs. C. J. Matthews agreed to act as secretary until the annual meeting next January.

The death of Mr. Steere left vacant the offices of treasurer and Central Council representative. It was decided to ask Mr. W. R. Winterton to act as treasurer and Mr. Bond was appointed the Central Council representative.

The next meeting is to be held at Westerham on July 27th. The Master hoped for a good attendance, as Westerham is in a very pleasant part of the country and had a good ring of bells.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. H. Burton for the arrangements for the meeting and the Vicar for the use of the bells.

50 Years' Service at St. Paul's

PRESENTATION TO H. LANGDON.

A pleasing ceremony took place before ringing for morning service at St. Paul's on May 7th. Mr. A. B. Peck referred to the recent completion of 50 years' continuous service by their beloved leader, Mr. H. Langdon, and said that the members of the Cathedral Guild and friends associated with the ringing at St. Paul's felt that such a unique occasion could not be allowed to pass without some tangible expression. He called on Mr. J. F. Smallwood to express the feelings of the company.

Mr. Smallwood said that to be leader of St. Paul's ringers was a big job, and required a big man in every sense of the word. St. Paul's had been fortunate in their choice of leaders. James Pettitt and W. T. Cockerill, Mr. Langdon's predecessors, had set a very high standard, which Mr. Langdon had not only maintained, but enhanced.

It was rare to find a leader who was brilliant at conducting, an immaculate striker and a born leader, but in Mr. Langdon they had a combination of all these qualities, and he was highly respected, aye, loved by all who had the privilege of ringing with him. He felt that he was expressing the feelings of all present when he congratulated Mr. Langdon on the completion of 50 years' continuous service, and they hoped he would be spared to inspire them by his example for many more years.

Mrs. Price, the wife of one of the resident Canons at St. Paul's, then made the presentation (which was a wristlet watch) with a graceful little speech, and added her congratulations.

Mr. Langdon, taken completely by surprise, thanked those present for their kind wishes and this totally unexpected present, and remarked that he had never known a secret so well kept. Then in characteristic Langdon style he called on them to get busy with raising the middle-six.

Before that could be done, Mr. A. A. Hughes, in a neat little speech, thanked Mrs. Price for making the presentation and said how much they appreciated the interest she was taking in the bells and ringers.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

The East Norfolk Branch met at Winterton on April 29th, when 38 members attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. G. Harwood (Rector), and was followed by tea and business meeting.

It was proposed to hold a joint North and East Branch meeting at Hanpisburgh on June 10th, and East Norfolk Branch meeting at Somerleyton on June 24th.

The president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and also those who had arranged a fine tea.

The branch chairman (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) thanked the local company for their whole-hearted support and for putting the bells in trim for the meeting, as it was as late as Thursday night they were waiting for the arrival of new ropes.

NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

A meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Cromer on April 22nd and was attended by 35 members.

The Rev. Blyth presided at the business meeting, supported by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard), Mr. F. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master), Messrs. W. G. Larter (Mulbarton) and T. Allen (Intwood) were elected ringing members. The ringers were entertained to tea by the Rev. Buxton, and the president, on behalf of the members, thanked him for his hospitality. Thanks were also expressed to Mr. Wilson, of Cromer, for arranging for the meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Garveston on July 8th.

BOURNEMOUTH RALLY AND GEORGE WILLIAMS

FIRST COMMEMORATION DINNER A BISHOP RECALLS HIS PEALS AT CAMBRIDGE THE EXAMPLE OF THE LATE MASTER YOUTH OF TO-DAY

BOURNEMOUTH gave a royal welcome to the visiting ringers who attended the fourth annual ringers' rally and the first George Williams Commemoration Dinner, held at the Pavilion on May 6th. The Mayor (Cdr. Lt.-Comdr. J. H. Turner) returned hurriedly from an afternoon function at Winchester, and Ald. Harry C. Brown, one of the Council's wits, was included among the speakers.

The Church also gave its full support. The Bishop of Southampton (the Rt. Rev. E. R. Morgan) presided over the opening proceedings, Bishop Basil Roberts, of the S.P.G., the Rev. A. L. E. Williams, Rural Dean of Bournemouth, and the Rev. R. P. Price, Vicar of Christchurch, were also present.

An excellent meal was followed by the loyal toast. The Chairman, in a welcome to the visitors, said he had been handed a list of visitors which showed that they had come from as far north as Derby; it was indeed a very representative gathering that had assembled to commemorate a veteran of their art.

He was very glad personally to be among such a large party of bellringers, even if it was to excuse himself and state that he did not understand the art. It was so intricate and marvellous—a science on its own—that they who were outside had a certain shyness about entering a belfry. It was not from any lack of friendliness or encouragement of the art that clergy did not visit the belfry.

The Chairman thought most people liked bells, but there were people who were nervous when they heard bells; the ordinary person, however, answered to the bells, whether it was a knell or a peal or one of those crashes at Winchester on the King's birthday, which made him cut himself when shaving, as he lived in the Cathedral Close!

The toast of 'The Church and State' was submitted by Mr. Fred Price, who stressed the importance of goodwill between the Church and the State. He felt the State needed the Church as it was the greatest instrument for the establishment of goodwill among men—it was the message it had been preaching down the ages. He urged the Church to do its utmost in teaching the Christian religion to young children and to find them a job of service after Confirmation; that was where the belfries would be of great assistance.

A BISHOP'S TWO PEALS.

Bishop Basil Roberts, who replied, said somewhere among his records were two handbell peals rung 30 years ago when he was an undergraduate at Cambridge. He could not now remember the method, but they were peals of over 5,000 changes. Associated with him in those peals was Mr. E. M. Atkins, and recently he had the happy experience of running into him and giving him lunch. That refreshed his memories and the Bishop added that he could still see Mr. Atkins in the belfry of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, with one bell in each hand and at the same time conducting a touch and telling each ringer where he should go.

It was quite possible that the Mayor in his speech would choose to refer to the merciful silence of the war and the nuisance value of the bells to the somnolent citizen. As a Bishop he felt it was his duty to emphasise the call and challenge of the bells to the sweet harmonies of the Christian faith and the resounding claims of Christian worship, and that the bells were all the more impressive when music issued not from mechanical instruments, but from servants of God who were aware of and devoted to the message they circulated. The

Church had the greatest possible appreciation of that service.

The Mayor also replied with the speech of a polished raconteur, and said he heartily subscribed to the view of Mr. Price that man was incomplete without religion. Without it there was something lacking in his make-up.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

'The Memory of Mr. George Williams' was proposed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, who said he felt greatly honoured in being asked to propose the toast, as Mr. George Williams was only recently taken to higher life. Probably every ringer in the room knew him, but the day would come when those who remembered him would be a dwindling band, who could speak of all that Mr. Williams did for ringing in general and more particularly for the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

'There are two things I would like to say that we can learn from the example of Mr. George Williams,' continued Mr. Felstead. 'One of these was the wonderful cheerfulness of his spirit. Although he was a great age, he was always cheerful and ever ready for a joke. I remember a year or two before he died he learnt London Royal and rang a course of it at North Stoneham, and if you look in his records in the year before the war you will find his first peal of Surprise and first peal of Bob Maximus. He was always ready to learn and keep a cheerful spirit; in that way he never grew old.

'In the second thing he set ringers a wonderful example of being a true churchman. He never failed to ring on a Sunday at his church if he was well enough and after ringing never failed to stay for the service.'

The Rev. Felstead extended a special welcome to Mr. Williams' nephew, his only relative, and mentioned that he had given Mr. Williams' handbells to the Guild. For that gift on behalf of the Guild he expressed sincere thanks.

MR. ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

The toast of 'The Bells and Bellringers' was submitted by Ald. Harry C. Brown. He spoke of his affection for the bells of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, which dated from the days of the first World War, and said he had no use for the man or woman who regarded bells as an annoyance and begrudged St. Peter's ringers one practice night a week.

St. Peter's Church, he said, owed a very great debt of gratitude to Mr. Arthur Davis for his work, and that night with the handbell tune ringing they had an example of his training of the young lads and girls. He was an enthusiast in all he did, and he knew the Vicar was very proud of the work he had done for the bells and bellringers of St. Peter's.

The Vicar of St. Peter's interposed with his appreciation of Mr. Davis' work, and said it was an inspiration to every ringer.

Mr. Arthur V. Davis, who replied, mentioned his association of over 30 years with St. Peter's Church. He assured Ald. Brown that St. Peter's bells would always be kept in order while he was associated with the tower. It was an extraordinary thing that English people readily subscribed to make bells ringable.

It was a grand thing to have at that gathering ringers from London, Birmingham, Bristol and other places; it showed the great friendliness in the Exercise. It was also a great pleasure to have so many young people present.

Young people were very much discussed today. He well remembered reading in 'The Ringing World' a comment by one of the Masters that he thought they were making too much fuss of young people. What he

meant to say was that they were apt to patronise young people too much. Young people did not desire to be patronised—they were just as good, no better and no worse than youth of previous generations.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mrs. C. H. Kippin, who recalled the work of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. J. A. Trollope, the former editors, and commended the foresight and business acumen displayed by the small group of ringers who purchased the paper on the death of Mr. Goldsmith and assured its future.

Mr. T. W. White, in his reply, voiced the thanks of all visiting ringers to the Dinner Committee and its secretary, Mr. A. V. Davis, for arranging such an enjoyable function.

The entertainment included a fine display of spiced handbell ringing by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, R. Hurst, W. G. Young and D. T. Matkin, which unfortunately was suddenly terminated by the clapper of a tenor working loose. There was also songs by Mrs. Nellie Pearman and tune ringing by the St. Peter's Youth Club, conducted by Mr. A. V. Davis.

The beautiful floral decorations on the tables were provided by Mr. Martin Stewart.

THE COMPANY.

Supporting the Bishop of Southampton, who presided, were the Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth, Bishop Basil Roberts, the Revs. A. L. E. Williams, R.D., of Bournemouth, K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), R. P. Price (Christchurch), S. A. and Mrs. Culverwell (Hinton Admiral), J. Coultis, E. F. R. Routh, Ald. and Mrs. H. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown (Southampton), Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dowling (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Edwards (Wolverton, Bucks), Mr. and Mrs. J. Galton (Christchurch), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hextall, Mr. and Mrs. D. Matkin, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger (Southampton), Mr. and Mrs. V. Scardifield (Berks), Mr. and Mrs. C. Skidmore (Worcester), Cdr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White (Guildford).

Mesdames C. H. Kippin, E. Bell, T. Brayshaw (Channel Islands), F. J. Marshallsay, Pearman, Skuse, Vatcher.

The Misses E. Arthur (Southampton), J. Askew (Osterley), K. Barnes (Christchurch), P. Cartwright (Birmingham), J. Cox (Southampton), N. Crofts, K. Fletcher, D. Fletcher (Beaconsfield), Sparscott (Christchurch), N. C. Martin Stewart, Vatcher, V. Willard (Harrow).

Messrs. J. Bass (Stourbridge), A. Butler, M. J. Butler (Southampton), M. J. Best, Charlton (Cranborne), C. W. Cooper (Stourbridge), A. P. Cannon (Betchworth), W. Cheater (Ringwood), J. Coles, Collett (Wimborne), J. Daniels, G. Evendon, J. Fidler (Loughborough), J. Hartless (Ringwood), A. Kingston and party (Shepton Mallet), Laker, W. Laker (Bacombe), H. Mitchell, G. Preston (Christchurch), F. Price, W. Reed (Ringwood), C. Rouse (Cheltenham), Martin Stewart, Thomas, J. M. Turner, A. H. Ward (Derby), A. T. Weeks (Devizes), F. S. Wilson, Weeks, W. Young (Winchester), Peters, Day (Cranborne), Poole ringers and members of St. Peter's band and Youth Club.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Gray 1, Brenda Rowe (first of Doubles) 2, W. Gray (first 'inside') 3, Audrey Gray 4, C. C. Dilnot (first as cond.) 5, Hazel Palmer 6. First quarter for 1, 4, 6. Hazel recorded by all local band.

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JOINT MEETING AT BERKELEY.

Twenty-eight towers were represented at the first joint meeting of the Bristol Rural and Wotton-under-Edge Branches, held at Berkeley on April 29th. Nearly 100 ringers and friends were present, including members from the Bristol City, Cheltenham, Gloucester and South Forest Branches, also from Evesham.

After ringing during the afternoon members attended the ringers' service, conducted by the Rev. J. H. W. Fisher, Vicar of Berkeley. The Rev. W. A. Peel, of Tortworth, read the lesson. In his address the Vicar remarked on the significance of holding such a meeting at Berkeley and he gave an outline of the history linking Berkeley and Bristol.

Tea was served in the Town Hall, after which a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, chairman of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch. He welcomed the many visitors, and to mark the unique occasion he read the following poem from his collection of 'Songs of the Bells of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch,' entitled 'The Berkeley Bells':—

By Severn Sea in Severn Vale

A giant stands, erect, alone:

'Tis Berkeley Tower (on slenderer scale

His little brother dwells at Stone).

Massive and stalwart, rapt aloof

From prayer and chant the giant stands:

And from his heart o'er street and roof

Ten of us issue our commands.

But seldom can our full extent

Be heard across the river's ripples—

Not every band is competent

To ring a touch of Grandsire Triples.

And like our Castle, grey with age,

We must be quiet patient waiters

Until good friends on pilgrimage

Bid us peal out in Stedman Caters.

Then we exult, and thrill and tingle,

The merry music to our liking:

We answer quick to Bob and Single

And glory in the perfect striking.

During the evening further ringing, ranging from rounds to Cambridge Major, was enjoyed under the guidance of Mr. E. F. Hancock, Master of the Bristol City Branch. It is hoped that in future such a meeting will become an annual event.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

EXETER BRANCH MEETING.

The Exeter Branch meeting at Tedburn St. Mary attracted a very large number of ringers from branch towers and further afield from Bristol and Dorset. The ring of six, recently rehung after being silent for nearly 80 years, was probably the attraction.

The Rev. G. H. Hackett gave a very hearty welcome at the service, and later at tea (provided in the Village Hall by the P.C. Council) expressed his pleasure to become an hon. member of the Guild. Six of the local band and six from Thorverton were elected associate members, and five non-resident members' elections were confirmed.

Mr. T. Bartlett, chairman, and Mr. E. J. Ryall, hon. secretary, conducted the business. Christow and Dunsford were chosen for the next meeting on June 3rd. Ringers from at least twenty towers of the Guild made good use of the bells before and after tea under the able Ringing Master, Mr. E. W. Biffin, who gave time to all present to ring touches of their choice. Regret was expressed at the absence of the Guild president, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, who had made the rehanging of the bells possible whilst Rector of the parish, although the actual work was delayed owing to the war. The local band, with Mr. H. B. Wroth as leader, should now be able to progress quickly.

St. David's Diocesan Guild

RINGING COMPETITION AT LLANELLY.

The late Dr. Prosser, whilst Archbishop of Wales, was the president of the St. David's Diocesan Guild, and three years ago presented a shield to the Guild to encourage church bell-ringers to give of their best in their ancient art.

The first competition was on the light ring at Llandoverly, where St. Peter's, Carmarthen, ringers won. Last year Tenby was the tower chosen for the competition, where the home team won. This year the light ring of six at St. Elli, Llanelly, was handled by ringers from Haverfordwest, Carmarthen, Llanelly (handicap 5 faults), Llanbadarn (2 teams).

It was disappointing that the other churches possessing bells (St. David's Cathedral, Llandoverly, Llanstephan, Burry Port and Llandilo) were not able to send a team.

The two teams from Llanbadarn Fawr opened the competition and the senior band 'rose' the bells, stood them and began again to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles, but misfortune befell after 80 changes and the effort failed. Two bells failed to set. The juniors (four girls and two boys, average age 14) made a plucky attempt, but the strange bells and absence of conductor resulted in mistakes and many points were lost. Carmarthen gave a good performance, but mistakes occurred. Tenby's effort was similar. Llanelly, the home team, gave a good display in the rise, changes and fall. Haverfordwest band rang next and found the light bells awkward and experienced difficulty in that the bells rang in the opposite direction to their home tower. Finally a scratch band rang with spasms of good ringing, marred by occasional lapses.

Mr. F. W. Sharpe, of Oxfordshire, was the judge and, sitting alone nearby, recorded the faults in the rise, the 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles and the fall. Two bells striking together—one fault. Too many changes or too few and failure to stand the bells were faults. He placed Llanelly first with 96 per cent. for the 'rise,' 98 per cent. for the changes, and 96 per cent. for the 'fall,' total 290 marks; Tenby, 265; Carmarthen, 263; Llanbadarn Fawr (1), 177; Haverfordwest, 165; Llanbadarn Fawr (2), 126.

The result was announced in the Parish Hall after a tea provided and served by the ladies of the parish and presided over by the Rev. T. J. Evans, who welcomed the contestants and thanked Mr. Sharpe for tackling the judging so fearlessly.

The shield was presented to the Llanelly band with a certificate, and the runners-up, Tenby, also received a certificate.

MARKET WEIGHTON BELLS

The bells of All Saints', Market Weighton, Yorks, have been lowered from the tower for the first time in 167 years. They are to be recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the massive oak frame will be overhauled. Altogether the recasting and renovation of the tower will cost about £1,000.

Watching the lowering of the bells was Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw (69), who has rung in this tower for over half a century. 'I hope they will be in position again on September 5th—my birthday,' he said.

Before 1877 Market Weighton had three bells. On January 23th, 1783, a parish meeting resolved to exchange the three old bells, valued at £117, for six new ones to cost about £206, exclusive of hanging.

The sum actually paid for the bells was £92 4s. 0½d., being only a little more than the estimated difference between the value of the old bells and the cost of the new. William Clarkson and James Hopwood were paid £34 for making the bell frames and T. Gardoms £1 10s. 6d. for ropes. The tenor weighed 9 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb

A Somerset Tour

A most successful week's ringing was enjoyed by a party of London ringers, mainly from St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, who toured Somerset from April 15th-23rd. Those taking part were the Misses Branson, Dupré, Atkins, Holmes, Weddell, Messrs. Bartlett, Carter, Lott, Ottley, Miller, Myer and Mr. and Mrs. Barker, who were able to join us for the first four days.

The party stayed at The Woodlands, Chilcompton, near Bath. On the journey down we rang at Sherborne St. John and Monk Sherborne. The next day, Sunday, 16th, we rang for morning and evening services at Binegar and Litton Parish Churches.

During the week the following towers were visited: Compton Martin (6), Blagdon (8), Chew Magna (8), Chewton Mendip (8), Wrington (10), Congresbury (8), Backwell (8) Long Ashton (8), Glastonbury St. John (8), Glastonbury St. Benedict (6), Street (8), Wookey (6), Doulting (6), Shepton Mallet (8), Croscombe (6), Dinder (6), Mells (8), Queen Camel (6), Castle Cary (8), Ditcheat (8), Nunney (6), Frome (8), Evercreech (10) and Kilmersden (6). We also rang at Chilcompton (6) on their practice night.

The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters, Plain Bob Major and Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor, Double Stedman Minor, and Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

The success of the tour was in great part due to the friendliness and helpfulness of the local ringers, who made us most welcome everywhere we went. J. M. W.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ringing at the Festival

Dear Sir,—In the early part of this year my attention was turned to some aspects of the forthcoming Festival of Britain, and I fell to considering what representation might be made of our Exercise. An idea then occurred which at first seemed somewhat fantastic; but later, on reflection, and in view of the opinion now being voiced in the journal, it seems there may be possibilities to make it worthwhile suggesting.

The idea was that, in addition to all local arrangements which would undoubtedly be made, there should be shown, to the laymen of these islands and to our visitors from overseas, ringing in actual practice at the heart of the festival, in London. This might be achieved through the joint participation of the three principal bell-founding firms in the erection of a temporary campanile, where ringing might be demonstrated daily by visiting bands booked to attend.

The campanile might take the form of a steel-joist skeleton structure of three storeys, carrying a light ring of eight, and braced with corner shores of steel. The ground floor might comprise three 'stands,' one each for the participating firms putting up the structure, etc.; together with a ringers' ante-room, where the band would forgather, hang clothing, sign the visitors' book and so forth. A light stair would lead up through the ceiling to the first floor. This ringing chamber would contain nothing whatever but the hanging ropes.

From the floor of the ringing chamber upwards, the entire 'walling' of the structure would be transparent, of glass or perspex or the like, so that ringers, ropes and bells in action, with internal lighting of the bell-frame as necessary, could be seen by the crowds gathered round.

The height of the entire structure would be kept as low as possible. The bells would be suitably 'clappered' to reduce the sound level to about 50 per cent. of the normal. The floor of the bell-chamber would be designed to damp out the sound as much as possible from the ringing chamber. But it is realised that with all precautions it might be 'a bit noisy' at the ropes; though this could no doubt be borne for the special purpose.

Suitable notices posted daily would announce the time of next ringing, the name of the band, and possibly the method to be rung. (Times would be by arrangement with the festival authorities, of course.) Just before the ringing commenced, or just afterwards, a short talk might be given through a public address installation, on ringing in general and the band in particular.

By some such means would be publicised in practice to the world, not only the work of the unique bell-founding firms of Britain, but also the peculiarly British art of ringing, which is our heritage. And the number of recruits deriving might be not inconsiderable!—Yours very truly,
A. YORK-BRAMBLE.
Netley.

5.088 SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The figures on page 288 of your issue of May 5th are a simple variation of a composition by Henry Dains, published (to give but two sources) in the Norwich Diocesan Report for 1902 (peal No. 1,133) and in the Oxford Diocesan Guild Report for 1904 (peal No. 1,222). In the original the bobs 'wrong' in the 4th and 5th courses are omitted; in any case, these are superfluous, since they do not affect the part bell.

I think all ringers will approve of the list of methods to which a composition runs true being appended after the figures, but a number will not approve of such figures being submitted with no mention of the composer.—Yours faithfully,
NOLAN GOLDEN.
Norwich.

In a Transposed Form

Dear Sir,—The composition of Mr. Sedgley's published in your issue of May 5th is to all intents and purposes the same as one by Henry Dains appearing (in a transposed form) in the Kent County Report for 1900. I give the two below for comparison.

H. Dains				C. J. Sedgley					
23456	B	M	W	H	23456	B	M	W	H
43256	—	—	—	—	45236	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—	62534	—	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—	—	43526	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—	52436	—	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	—	63425	—	—	—	—
46325	—	—	—	—	46325	—	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—	—	34625	—	—	—	—
34256	x	—	—	—	34256	x	—	—	—

Mr. Dains' peal was rung at Erith on October 26th, 1899. It is also true to the methods listed by Mr. Sedgley.—Yours faithfully,
E. A. BARNETT.
Crayford, Kent.

THE LATE MR. R. H. SMITH

A TRIBUTE FROM AUSTRALIA.

Dear Sir,—With deep regret I have read the report in your journal, January 6th, of the passing of my old friend and fellow-ringer, Mr. R. H. Smith, of Melton Mowbray, Leics, affectionately known to all as 'Dick' Smith. He will be greatly missed from the gatherings of ringers in the Melton Mowbray district and especially by the ringers of the village churches in the Vale of Belvoir.

You place on record that he was a member of the Framland Association (Diocese of Leicester, formerly Peterborough) for 50 years. This shows steadfastness and loyalty to the art which he loved.

He taught me to ring on the long ropes of those lovely toned bells of Long Clawson. I was not a good pupil. When others advised me to 'give it up before you hang yourself,' Dick Smith encouraged me to persevere. I do not know that he ever took part in a completed peal, but he did a great work for ringing in teaching and encouraging young ringers for half a century.

I feel very grateful to the ringers of Long Clawson and Hose—his two towers—for combining to ring a half-muffled quarter peal as a tribute of affection and honour. I am glad that my old friends Edward Tinsley and William Sharp, captains of the two towers, were able to take part.

Dick Smith was a faithful ringer and a loyal churchman, and his many friends will always keep him in affectionate remembrance.—Yours sincerely,
W. SMITH.

Captain, St. James' Ringers.
Turramurra, Sydney.

RINGS OF STEEL BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the information given under the above heading in the excellent publication, 'Church Bells of Britain,' just published, it may interest some of your readers to learn that one of these bells, nicely cleaned up and fitted in a frame (not for ringing), is now on exhibition among other engineering products at Vickers House, Broadway, S.W.1. This bell, which probably weighs up to 20 cwt., is very like and may be the same one which was found in a scrap yard at John Brown's in Sheffield towards the end of the first World War, when the writer was employed there. At the time of the Armistice it was retrieved and fitted into a specially made steel frame. Two lusty fellows, provided with sledge hammers, then spent a considerable time flogging the bell, but the results, from a musical point of view, as might be expected, were not happy—and the bell remained suspended in its cage for many years.—Yours faithfully,
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

Edgehill Road, W.13.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN COX.

We regret to record the death on April 29th of Mr. John Cox, of St. Ambrose's, Bristol, aged 84 years. He had been a ringer for a great number of years, having first learnt in Somerset.

Although his change ringing capabilities were very little, he was an excellent tenor ringer, and if John Cox was on the tenor one was sure of a good beat. He had rung some very creditable peals and quarter peals. He had been a valuable member of St. Ambrose's Guild, Bristol, for the past 20 years, being most regular for Sunday service ringing, and will be greatly missed.

The funeral took place at St. Ambrose's Church on May 4th, and the Guild was re-represented by Mr. A. C. Baker (captain) and Mr. F. Skidmore (hon. secretary). In the evening a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by F. Skidmore (cond.) 1, A. C. Baker 2, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 3, N. Denson 4, E. Sutton 5, Miss M. James (first quarter in method) 6, V. E. Lucas 7, G. Elliott 8. F. S.

MR. WILLIAM HAYES.

The Western District of the Hertford County Association have regretfully to report the passing of William Hayes (71), of Flamstead, Herts, in the West Herts Hospital on April 30th, after an emergency operation the previous Sunday.

'Bill' was well known in the parish, for he was one of those who had to be connected with everything that made up the life and well-being of the village.

His life was centred round his beloved church, of which he had been a member all his life, a member of the choir since boyhood, a regular bellringer for well over fifty years (he was the mainstay of the band) and people's warden for many years. In addition he was a parish councillor, a member of the British Legion, a very keen member of the Cricket Club and a life-long member of the Ancient Order of Foresters.

His life was one of unselfish devotion and service to his church and his fellows. As a ringer he was not one of the experts—he had only rung one peal—but he kept the band together and got the bells rung for Sunday services. A cordial welcome always awaited ringers, and he loved good striking.

It was unfortunate that the hour for his interment prevented some who would have wished to be there from attending, but a splendidly struck peal of Surprise Minor was rung on his loved bells the same evening. His remark would have been 'That was a good one!' and it was worthy of a grand Christian life.

The interment service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Russell, D.D., and was fully choral. As the Vicar remarked to the writer, 'We had it just as he would have liked it.' Very numerous floral tributes expressed the high opinion in which he was held by so many people. He will be missed. W. A.

MR. C. STEWART.

Mr. C. Stewart, of Rayleigh, Essex, aged 71 years, who died on April 12th, had been a ringer for 50 years and for many years had been secretary of the local band.

Born in Rayleigh, he had lived in the same house until a fortnight before his death, when he retired to Brentwood. A well-known resident of Rayleigh, he had continued the business of harness maker which had been founded by his father.

The interment was at Brentwood on April 16th, when the Essex Association was represented by Mr. F. V. Gant (hon. secretary of the South-West Division), and the Rayleigh band by Mr. W. Ward.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Upwey on April 22nd, and was attended by 74 members and friends.

The Guild service in the Church of St. Lawrence was conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, and the address was given by the Rector, the Rev. A. S. Bryant, who, taking as his text, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might,' appealed to his congregation to encourage the young folks in the art of ringing. He also expressed the hope that there would be a revival of handbell ringing in the area.

Four new members were elected at the meeting which followed a sumptuous tea (provided and served by the ladies of Upwey), two being ringing members, one associate and one non-resident life member. The June meeting was fixed for Piddlehinton.

The meeting decided to make grants of £5 to the towers of Preston and Piddlethrethide, where augmentations and restorations will be taking place as soon as possible.

A branch outing was suggested, and it was decided to circularise the towers with a view to making this outing a trip to Trowbridge on May 13th for the annual festival of the Salisbury Guild.

Eighteen towers were represented, and after the meeting the six bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT WEST TARRING.

For the monthly meeting of the Western Division, the Divisional Ringing Master, Mr. R. P. Wood, arranged an evening social at the Old Palace, West Tarring, to which ringers brought one guest. About 100 sat down and included in the company were incumbents of the parishes of Heene, Goring and West Tarring, at whose churches ringers assembled for ringing during the afternoon.

A service at Heene Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. D. F. Wilkinson), who gave an address, and ringers from Chichester contributed handbell ringing. The highlight of the evening was a demonstration by Mr. Brian D. Price of his ringing machine.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Officers elected for the Oxford University of Change ringers for 1950 are as follows:—

President: The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Keble).
 Vice-presidents: Mr. H. Miles (St. Catherine's Society), Dr. R. E. Harvard (Keble), Dr. L. E. Sutton (Magdalen), the Rev. J. R. Milford (Magdalen), Dr. J. E. Snice (New College), Miss B. Spice (Somerville), W. F. Moreton (St. John's).

Master: Gerard McCrum (St. Catherine's).
 Secretaries: Frank P. Wright (University), Miss M. E. Roe (St. Hilda's).

Treasurer: K. M. Grayson (St. Edmund's Hall).

Steeplekeepers: Ewart Edge (St. Edmund's Hall), C. Thomas (Jesus).

OBITUARY

MR. H. M. HURST.

By the sudden passing of Mr. H. M. Hurst (79) on April 27th at his home in Deanshanger, the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost its oldest member.

He joined the old Towcester and District Association when it was formed in 1894, and in 1930 he became a member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The funeral was on May 1st, and in the evening the following local members rang at Passenham a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles: T. E. Roberts (cond.) 1, H. Ridgway 2, W. Yates 3, F. C. Case 4, G. W. Holland 5.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.

— On April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples:— R. Keeley 1, C. W. Powell (cond.) 2, N. Mallett 3, J. T. Barratt 4, H. G. Keeley 5, A. S. Scott 6, G. S. Morris 7, J. L. Glyde 8.

BADBY, NORTHANTS. — On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Russell 1, R. Fennell 2, R. Field 3, S. Ruddlesden 4, S. Osborne (cond.) 5, R. Barnett 6. First quarter 3 and 6. Farewell gesture to Mr. E. Hammond on departure for Norwich.

BREDEBURY, HEREFORD. — On April 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 360 Canterbury, 180 Bob Minor): W. Watkins 1, F. J. Bedford 2, A. S. Tomkins 3, W. Mantel 4, G. Corbett 5, Y. Clements (cond.) 6. To celebrate 51 years as clerk and sexton by A. S. Tomkins.

BRISTOL. — At SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, on April 27th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss A. Brown 1, A. E. Reeves 2, Miss B. Jordan 3, L. C. C. Warren 4, T. Harris 5, E. J. Brown (cond.) 6, W. Parker 7, R. G. Bryant 8. First quarter of Yorkshire Major by all except 2.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Cubberley 1, Miss M. Willett 2, Miss D. Smith (first quarter) 3, A. Jopp 4, E. F. Cubberley (cond.) 5, J. Moule 6.

CARDINGTON, BEDS. — On April 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Freeman 1, J. Long 2, J. Walton 3, E. Pearson 4, A. Mills 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6, M. Stephens 7, S. Foskett 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS. — At St. Paul's Church on April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Jones 1, R. Tigwell 2, J. Trout 3, H. Heath 4, W. Page (first as cond.) 5, C. Lovelock 6, H. Fell 7, J. Martin 8. First quarter for 1 and 7. To mark last service taken by Archdeacon of Swindon, the Ven. Cornwell, before going to Brinkworth.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, W. E. Maulden 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, H. Ranzetta 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, Dr. R. W. Winterton 8.

ECKINGTON, DERBYS. — On April 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Audrey Millward 1, W. L. Robinson (cond.) 2, Marie Bond 3, B. Cope 4, E. H. Barker 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. George Kirkham, churchwarden, who died April 19th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. G. Bibby (aged 11) 1, J. E. Bibby (cond.) 2, F. Jackson 3, H. Hayes 4, J. Orme 5, Wm. Allman 6, Walter Allman 7, C. Valentine 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Cooper 1, C. Haslop 2, G. H. Corner 3, J. A. Alexander 4, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 5, J. S. Bedlington (first quarter) 6, H. Short 7, T. N. Tindale 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On April 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. Sydenham (first of Major, aged 15) 1, G. Green 2, E. W. Furbank 3, L. Ainger (first in the method 'inside') 4, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green 7, P. J. Eves (first in the method as cond.) 8.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. A. Brooks (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Miss E. Stone 2, P. E. Dodd 3, M. J. Dodd (first 'inside') 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. F. Smith (first quarter) 6. In memoriam Mr. G. H. Keen, organist at Highclere for 30 years.

HYPHE, KENT. — On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Prebble (aged 83) 1, C. Wratten 2, W. Fright (aged 87) 3, A. Swan 4, S. Mowl (cond.) 5, W. J. Bidnell 6, R. J. Birch 7, C. Swan 8. Rung for the hundredth birthday of Miss Emma Fright, sister of the ringer of the 3rd, also the birthday of the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Newman.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. F. Biggs 1, D. Boreham 2, J. Kane 3, R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall 5, P. Newton 6, A. Cox (cond.) 7, F. Cox 8.

QUARTER PEALS

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

— On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Commins 1, G. Sparkes 2, R. Winter 3, G. Walford 4, D. North 5, F. Branchflower 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, W. Baker 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all.

MOSSLEY, LANCS.—On April 29th, at St. George's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Moore 1, Miss M. Fielding 2, Miss J. Carter 3, J. T. Walsley 4, A. F. Taylor 5, F. Pritchard (cond.) 6, P. A. Wells 7, E. Casterton 8.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK. — On April 25th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Couzens (first quarter) 1, M. Tyrell 2, F. Beales 3, R. Alcock 4, T. Owen (cond.) 5, P. Beales 6. First in the method by all the band.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE. — On April 19th, 1,680 Plain Bob Major: Rev. J. H. B. Andrews 1, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (cond.) 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, Canon R. F. Wilkinson 4, Rev. B. F. Sheppard 5, Rev. K. W. H. Feistead 6, Rev. A. S. Roberts 7, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow 8.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 26th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: H. Jones 1, C. Brown (first 'inside') 2, D. Milverton 3, D. Hoare (cond.) 4, T. Griffin 5, D. Youdle (first quarter) 6.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Canterbury, Old Doubles, April Day and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): K. Perkins (first on working bell) 1, A. Paul 2, V. A. Perry 3, W. R. Paul 4, E. G. Bennett (first as cond. in five methods) 5.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Sharp (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Hole (first in the method 'inside') 2, Miss D. G. Dobbie 3, S. A. White 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, G. Kenward 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, B. W. May 8.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On April 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Church 1, B. Challen 2, F. Bennett 3, M. O. Thomas 4, H. Stalham 5, F. Howe 6, R. Congreve-Pridgeon (cond.) 7, J. Toms 8. Rung on the 16th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. W. Simpson.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on April 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Sunrise Major: B. A. Cornel 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, W. J. Arnold 3, R. W. Darvill 4, F. J. Spicer 5, H. V. Frost 6, B. C. Johnson 7, T. J. Southam (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On St. George's Day, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, G. Nicholls (first 'inside') 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, L. W. Fisher 5, G. L. Perkins 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 1, Miss M. J. Skinner (first of Stedman) 2, G. W. Townsend 3, E. J. Berry 4, F. Wilton 5, C. J. Gardner 6, R. G. Townsend 7, T. Townsend 8.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. — On April 22nd, 1,272 Minor (720 Bourne Surprise and 552 Oxford Treble Bob): D. Knox 1, Joan Newman 2, A. Broyd 3, J. Sinfield 4, J. Scott 5, J. Newman (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Howarth W. Jones, Vicar of Totternhoe for 25 years, who died April 17th.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): F. Bishoo 1, H. C. Fordham 2, W. Goodson 3, H. Hunt 4, L. Sharpe 5, A. E. Cook (cond.) 6. First quarter in two methods by 1 and 5.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (5 six-scores Plain Bob and 5½ Grandsire): Arthur S. Richards (cond.) 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, Anne Holmes (first in two methods) 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, Wm. A. Hughes 5, Jimmy Porter 6.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. — On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Hawman 1, F. Burnett 2, B. Pidgeon 3, F. Bastin 4, C. Deem 5, J. Smith 6, J. L. Glanville (cond.) 7, J. Deem 8. First in the method by 1 and 2.

Leeds and District Society

SUBSCRIPTION STILL A 'HUMBLE TANNER.'

The annual general meeting was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 29th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and a very good tea was provided by the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. T. Hill presiding. Ten new members were elected, viz., Miss Margaret Flackett and Mr. V. E. Phillips, of the local company, Messrs. L. Fisher, D. Lockwood, W. Lockwood, T. Hemingway, M. Duffin and Miss Mary Davies (Ossett), Messrs. E. Hartley and A. E. Hartley (Thorne).

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. T. Hill and seconded by Mr. P. Birkett. Mr. I. Slack suitably acknowledged the thanks and promised to convey them to the proper quarter.

The next meeting was due to be held on Whit Saturday, but owing to the week-end holiday it was agreed to bring the date forward to May 20th.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. T. Hill; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. W. Strangeway, F. Hutchinson and S. W. Barron; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dixon; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were accepted. The main items were that ten meetings only had been held; whilst all had been fairly well attended, the striking in some methods should have been better. Total membership had increased by one, and was now 221. Of this number 155 were fully paid up. The financial side had improved and there was no fear of the subscriptions being raised from the humble tanner. There are not many societies who still retain the original membership fee fixed 59 years ago.

A special vote of thanks was accorded the secretary on his completing 27 years in office and for the splendid report and financial statement.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Over 30 ringers attended the monthly meeting of the Sheffield and District Society, held at Whiston on May 6th. The eight bells were raised in peal promptly at 3 p.m., and during the day a variety of methods up to Cambridge Major were rung. Ample opportunity was given to the less experienced and younger ringers.

A feature of the ringing was a touch of Bob Minor by a youthful all ladies' band, and several commented on the capable handling of the 14½ cwt. tenor by a 16-year-old girl for this touch.

An excellent tea was provided by the local company in the Church Institute.

Welcoming the ringers, the Rector (the Rev. J. Redrobe, M.A.) expressed pride in his bells, and appreciation of the ringers' services, and a vote of thanks to him and the local company was proposed by Mr. T. C. Ryder.

The next meeting is to be held at Bradford in June, by special request of the Vicar.

FRENCH BELLS FOR BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Boston Symphony Orchestra have ordered two bells of the French firm of Blanche et Compagnie, of Bagnolet, near Paris. These bells have been ordered specially for the playing of the 'Symphonie Fantastique' of the French composer, Hector Berlioz. One bell weighs 75 kilogrammes and the other 31 kilogrammes (165 lb. and 68 lb.), with diameters of 20 and 15½ inches.

Steel tubes are generally used in orchestras for the bells, but the Boston Symphony Orchestra, in a desire for exactitude, ordered the two bells in question.

DEDICATIONS

BISHOP'S NYMPTON, DEVON.

'This is the peal which we had been hoping to get at Bishop's Nympton for many years,' was the comment of Mr. W. Warren (tower captain) and his band of ringers on April 29th, when the bells of St. Mary the Virgin were rededicated after being returned and rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

A crowded congregation was present at the afternoon service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. Rufus Price, B.A., assisted by the Very Rev. Dean Garfield Williams.

The ceremony of dedication was performed by the Right Rev. R. G. Mortimer, D.D., Lord Bishop of Exeter, and in his address he paid tribute to all bellringers for the great work they did in calling people to God's house for worship and prayer at all seasons of the year. During the singing of the last hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' a collection was made by four of the local ringers and amounted to £32. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were represented at the dedication by Mr. Don Bradford, who extended an invitation to the Bishop's Nympton ringers to visit the foundry at Croydon.

After the service a good tea was provided in the Parish Hall by ladies of the Parochial Church Council and wives of the ringers.

An invitation by the local band of ringers to neighbouring towers of the deanery to the dedication was fully accepted. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m. and continued until 9.30 p.m. As for comments on the new ring by local and visiting teams, nothing could be better: everyone thought the tone and 'go' perfect and expressed complete satisfaction.

The day's proceedings ended with a concert given by the Uمبرleigh British Legion.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.

The tiny church of Durlleigh, the dedication of which is unknown, was filled to overflowing on the evening of May 4th, when the Bishop of Bath and Wells dedicated the restored and augmented ring of bells. The Vicar of Bridgewater, Preb. E. H. Hughes-Davies, conducted the service, and the Preb. A. J. Hook, Master of the Bath and Wells Association, acted as Bishop's chaplain.

A loudspeaker was used to relay the service to a large number outside the church, and the proceedings were thus heard about a half-mile away.

The old four bells, which had not been rung for over 10 years, have been rehung and two new trebles added by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who were represented by Mr. J. Fidler. A good effort in a short while by the 200 inhabitants of Durlleigh and friends has raised £250, but almost £100 is still needed. The hon. treasurer, Mr. H. C. Turner, of Bergholt, 56, Durlleigh Road, Bridgewater, would be pleased to acknowledge subscriptions from anyone wishing to help complete this amount.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows: Treble.—Note E. John Taylor, Loughborough, 1950. weight 3 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

2nd.—D. John Taylor, Loughborough, 1950. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

3rd.—C. No founder's mark. Sancta—Ora Pro Nobis. (Probably from an old Exeter foundry, said to be the oldest bell in Somerset.) 4 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

4th.—B. T. Wroth. Cast in 1739. I. and R. Woodlands, Churchwardens. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

5th.—A. Roger Semson, Aish Priors, C 1550. Ave Maria Gracia. Roger Walrond. Gentleman. (Bears the ornamental stop of the Fleur-de-Lis.) 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Tenor.—C. Richard Purdue, Bristol. Anno Domini 1631. P.H., W.H., R.P. 10 cwt. 4 lb.

GROBY, LEICS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. E. Gardner 1, W. E. Geary 2, E. Geary 3, V. Geary 4, D. Dodson 5, S. R. Gardner (cond.) 6. For the 21st birthday of S. R. Gardner.

NOTICES

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

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

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

BIRTH

SYMONDS.—On May 11th, 1950, at Ongar Nursing Home, Essex, to Martha, wife of Dennis Arthur Symonds, a son. 7052

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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MEETINGS

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Dedication by Bishop of Buckingham on Saturday, May 20th, 6 p.m., of Parish Church bells, rehung and augmented to ten.—W. Birmingham. 6959

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, East Hagbourne, May 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 6962

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Littleton (6), Saturday, May 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 and business meeting. Names to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham. 7002

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Eacrick, May 20th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7000

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting will be held at Aylestone, Leicester (8), on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names for tea to Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. No. 23 bus from Bowling Green Street every five minutes. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 6995

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Bugbrooke, May 20th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 6994

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Lynton (8), May 20th. Bells 2.30. Tea. Meeting. Lyndhurst (8) in evening.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 7036

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.—You are invited to the fete on Saturday, May 20th, to help in raising the £1,000 required for the restoration of the bells. Good bus service from Dorchester. 6993

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Hanbury (2.30) and Hoar Cross, Saturday, May 20th. Service at Hoar Cross 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Few seats available on special bus. Apply early to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 7020

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual conference at Ely Cathedral of C.E.M.S., Saturday, May 20th. St. Mary's bells (8) available until 2.45 p.m.—C. Gilbert, Sutton, Ely. 7005

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting, May 20th, Compton Martin. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names essential for tea. Ubley and East Harptree bells available after tea.—F. J. Chivers, The Retreat, Chilcompton, Bath. 7003

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Smarden, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Names (tea) to Mr. P. Reeves, 5, The Oaks, Smarden. 7004

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Newdigate, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 5. Tea at Village Club. Numbers to Mr. Vine, Village Club, Newdigate, Dorking. 7024

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice, Petworth, May 20th, 3.30 to 4.30; Fittleworth, 6 to 8. Names for tea (at Petworth) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 7014

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Saints', Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 27th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to Mr. H. G. Hart, Woodside, Uxbridge Road, by previous Wednesday (Tel. Grimsdyke 609).—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7006

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD (Crewe Branch).—Joint meeting, Market Drayton (8 bells), May 27th. Tea provided only if you notify Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton, by May 24th. 7018

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge and Ipswich Districts.—Joint meeting for practice, Grundisburgh, May 27th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Bring own food. 7015

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Benington, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford. 6997

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Saturday, May 27th (Whit Saturday), no meeting. Meeting at Alcester next month, when large attendance will be required. Please await further notice in 'R.W.'—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 7027

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 7028

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Spaldwick, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea and cakes available at 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7033

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 27th, Christ Church, Aughton. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. Lunham, 3, Primrose Cottages, Liverpool Road, Aughton, near Ormskirk, by Wednesday, May 24th.—J. Burns. 7029

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Battle (8), May 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 5. Names to undersigned by 24th. Central Council delegates and friends welcome.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 7030

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, May 27th, Ellesborough (6) 3. Monks Risborough (6) 6.30. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7034

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Toddington (6), May 27th, 3 p.m. Train from Cheltenham, St. James', 2.30. Return trains 5.58, 7.39, 8.39. First Association meeting at Toddington. Learners especially welcome. Notify for tea by 22nd.—Charles Rouse, 52, St. George's Drive, Cheltenham. 7038

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Abridge Deanery.—Ringers' service, Winscombe, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Church Room. Bells to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol. 7039

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Saturday, May 27th. Open practice will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All welcome.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7040

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Duffield, May 27th. 2.30. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—J. F. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. 7042

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Totternhoe on May 27th. Bells (6) at 3. Cups of tea.—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 7043

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Arksey, May 27th, 3 p.m. Tea only for those who send names to Mrs. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey. 7048

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival and meeting at Hereford on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: Cathedral (10), All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6), available 11.30.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Hon. Sec., Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 6966

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A., Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 2s. 6d., non-resident members and non-members 3s. 6d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 to 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Applications for lunch and tea tickets to the hon. general secretary not later than May 23rd to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, near Saffron Walden, Essex. 6991

DEVON GUILD.—Annual at Ottery St. Mary, Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in Parish Church at 12 noon; preacher, Rev. W. H. Smale, Rector of Petrockstowe. Luncheon at 12.50 p.m. in the Church Institute; price per head 4s. 6d. Please let me know numbers by May 22nd and state times your

band would like to ring at Ottery. Business meeting follows the luncheon. Towers open are Sidmouth (8), Sidbury (8) and Honiton (6 and 8).—Fredk. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 6886

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wicken on Whit Monday, May 29th. Committee meeting in the Schools 2.30. Guild service with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough 3.15. Tea on Vicarage lawn (schools if wet) 4.30. Names for tea to Guild Secretary not later than Monday, May 22nd. No name no tea; this is definite. Bells available: Newport Pagnell (8) 10.30 to 12 noon; Stony Stratford (8), Towcester (6), 11 to 1; Buckingham (8), Passenham (5), 1 to 2.45; Wicken, 1 o'clock onwards; Cosgrove (6), Paulerspury (6), Olney (8) and Hanslope (8) after meeting.—R. C. Noon, Guild Sec., 3, Denton Road, Brafield, Northants. 7022

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7032

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—Rededication of the rehung ring of eight at the Parish Church, tenor 1½ cwt., by Lord Bishop of Lewes, Wednesday, May 31st, 7 p.m., followed by ringing. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 6903

DUDLEY GUILD.—Meeting at Kinver, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers, please, by May 30th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 7031

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Hernhill, Saturday, June 3rd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 9d. per head. Names for tea, with cost enclosed, must reach me Wednesday, May 31st.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7035

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, June 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 7050

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by May 29th. Other towers available in the evening, Chicheley (6), Great Linford (6).—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7037

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Benenden (8) on June 3rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than May 31st to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 7044

LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Bottesford, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. C. H. Yallands, Bottesford, Notts, by June 1st latest.—J. H. Cook and W. Thornley. 7046

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Sible Hedingham (8), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Castle Hedingham (6) bells available in the evening.—H. A. Pratt, District Sec. 7049

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of the S.W. Division.—Meeting at South Benfleet (6), June 3rd, 3.30 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners, rounds upwards. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to C. L. Matson, Elm Tree Cottage, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet. 7051

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and six bell prize contest, June 24th, at Lindley. For teas please notify Mr. G. Gee, 92, Wellington Street, Oakes, Huddersfield, by June 10th. Entrance fee (10s.) to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughton, Mossley, Manchester, by June 10th if possible. 7047

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—The 327th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Details later.—L. E. Pitstow. 7045

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