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RINGING A WORTHWHILE TRADITION

By the Provost of Guildford (the Very Rev. W. Boulton)
In an address to the Guildford Diocesan Guild
on April 11th, 1953

AS one who used to ring in his undergraduate days and had a love of ringing and bells, I am always glad to meet those engaged in your art.

On the occasion of your Festival it is a time to sit back and try and consider what we are trying to do by this ministry of ours. It is a very humbling thought to stand in the old churches and to think one is part of the long shadow of the generations that have gone before who have done that same ministry. A long, long chain representing many generations and to think that in another 400 years your successor will be carrying on the tradition. That is civilisation. It means belonging to a great worthwhile tradition and standing in that tradition as a humble member.

Most of the things we do in these days are not civilisation; they are ways of filling in time or ways of earning a little money; they have no sense of an age-long community of which we are a part. In this art of bell-ringing the true person is doing his job, and it can, perhaps, be the greatest or the most truly Christian of all forms of ministry.

In the first place, you see you are doing it to the glory of God. You are not merely doing it as a hobby like collecting stamps or bird-watching and not even for the community's sake, because as the bells peal out from a tower you cannot help being transported, if you have imagination, above the personal level of things into a realm of beauty which is eternal. You feel that you are there as an instrument expressing something eternal and feel you are a minister of the eternal God.

Secondly, you are doing a ministry for the Church. There are so many people nowadays who only feel the ministry of the Church through church bells. They never get any nearer. There must be a vast number who are just kept in touch with God by the sound of the church bells. It brings up memories of the old village and the old home, and the bells have an uncanny habit of calling up memories. There are many people who are coming back to the Church; this tide of faith is beginning to flow back and this ministry is not the least in helping that flow.

Bell-ringing cannot be done for your own glory. Most other things you can do are for your own glory. This particular art can only be done as a team. A person who regards himself as an outstanding performer is a menace; he is not doing it to the glory of God but for himself. He is a complete menace to the team and however much he tries, he cannot vaunt his skill very far because those in the street below cannot know that it is John Brown who is ringing the tenor. His reputation is very limited. In other words, you have a chance of learning what a true Christian ministry is, and I want you always to realise as you ring that you are offering up your service to God for His glory.

Personally, I do not think there is anything more necessary in this modern age, as the average person to-day has absolutely lost the joy of serving a great cause. In war time we can do it, but in peace time we disintegrate into a lot of individuals each for his own affairs. It is a pathetic kind of life; it is not a civilised life as I see it. The tradition you represent is the spirit we desperately need in this age.

Finally, as week by week you exercise your art and minister it in spirit to God, do it as regularly, as faithfully and as humbly as you can. Above all, do it with a good spirit and friendliness which makes all the difference to any team job.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. Treble	THOMAS C. LARKEY .. 7
*GEORGE H. HESKETH .. 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. 8
JACK N. BROWN .. 3	ERNEST F. BENNETT .. 9
†THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 10
JOHN E. SPICE .. 5	PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. 11
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE .. 6	*FREDERICK S. ALMOND .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Cinques. The first peal on the bells since recasting and rehangng. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

A compliment to Miss Joyce E. Cave, daughter of the conductor, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. William H. Cawdron, which took place at Huyton Parish Church on April 4th.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Being 2,160 of Belgrave and 2,880 of Yorkshire with 30 changes of method. Tenor 39½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	HARRY POYNER .. 7
*WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	*ALFRED BALLARD .. 9
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 4	E. ALAN JACOES .. 10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 11
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 6	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus. First Surprise peal on the bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*JEAN M. HARRIS .. Treble	*DAVID R. REED .. 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 2	FRANK A. PENN .. 8
GILBERT H. HARDING .. 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 9
*BRIAN BLADON .. 4	REGINALD W. REX .. 10
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 5	*RONALD N. MARLOW .. 11
*FRANK L. HARRIS .. 6	*JOHN HARTLESS .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Cinques.
In memoriam the Rev. H. W. Moule, a much respected member of the Salisbury Guild, and Ernest Parker, a ringer at this tower for many years.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., April 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 6
*CLIVE M. SMITH .. 2	HENRY E. GREEN .. 7
MAURICE G. TURNER .. 3	AUBREY M. PICKERING .. 8
EDGAR T. SMITH .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. 9
SAMUEL BIRCH .. 5	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWELL. Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

* First peal of Caters.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt.

C. KENNETH LEWIS .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
HENRY O. BAKER .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 9
WALTER ALLMAN .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER ALLMAN .. Treble	HENRY PARKER .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 2	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. 6
*ALLAN DUGDALE .. 3	DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. 7
*FREDERICK JACKSON .. 4	JOHN SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method.

PETERSTONE-WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*RONALD C. LUCAS .. Treble	THOMAS YEOMANS .. 5
*A. RYAN PRICE .. 2	ROBERT E. COLES .. 6
†JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. 7
DONALD G. CLARKE .. 4	†JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. The first peal in the method on the bells.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	FREDERICK A. FINCH .. 5
ROBERT G. LAY .. 2	RICHARD E. PRICE .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE .. 7
JANET S. BAILEY .. 4	TONY PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. J. Oldham to Miss O. M. Green, the bride being an esteemed member of the local band and choir and of the Royal Choral Society.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
*MURIEL REAY .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
*HENRY H. FEARN .. 3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* 100th peal together.



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**EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ARTHUR W. DAVIS Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS 2	F. ERIC ROBERTS 6
MICHAEL P. MORETON 3	WILFRID F. MORETON 7
JOHN D. ROCK 4	LESLIE EVANS Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal on the bells, recently installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.
Rung in honour of the Easter Festival.

**LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of EMMANUEL,*

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. Treble	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 5
GEORGE H. HESKETH 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
THOMAS C. LARKEY 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH 7
THOMAS R. BUTLER 4	*CYRIL HENSHAW Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.
* First peal. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. William W. Larkey (father of the ringer of the 3rd), who is still an active Sunday service ringer at this church.

**WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Paul,*

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
STEPHEN WALTON Treble	ALBERT GREENHALGH 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 6
PETER CROOK, SEN. 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY 7
EVEREST FORD 4	HENRY PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Annie Potter, a member of St. Paul's band, to William McDermott (deputy organist). Both are choristers.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS 5
WILLIAM R. MANSER 2	PETER C. WRIGHT 6
*GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT 7
LUTHER J. HONESS 4	*REGINALD L. SILLS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* 25th peal together.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Edna M. Sills and Mr. A. J. Kansy, married at Wrotham the previous Saturday.

**OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MICHAEL N. BLAND .. Treble	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 5
*MARION GRAIN 2	JOHN G. GIPSON 6
GEORGE E. CRISP 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by H. DAINIS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal of Double Norwich away from the treble.

**CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

*On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.*

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	ERNEST A. THORPE 7
ALFRED SMITH 4	*JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method and 200th peal for the Association.

**LURGAN, CO. ARMAGH.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
At Christ Church,*

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN SAVAGE Treble	*WILLIAM HALL 5
JEAN STEWART 2	JOHN J. FIELDING 6
WILLIAM PRATT 3	FRED E. DUKES 7
JOHN T. DUNWOODY 4	HARRY BROWN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 4th.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., April 8, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Cross,*

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
*ROBERT E. COLES .. Treble	J. ARTHUR HOARE 5
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	†DAVID J. KING 6
TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS 7
*A. RYAN PRICE 4	JACK R. WORRALL Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' The first peal of Surprise on the bells. The ringer of the 3rd has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

**LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., April 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,*

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.
CYRIL A. HURST .. Treble	*ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5
G. HENRY DUNNINGTON .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS 6
GEORGE E. CRISP 3	JOHN G. GIPSON 7
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* 200th peal.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., April 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,*

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*LESLIE EVANS .. Treble	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5
*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 2	*REV. E. G. BENSON 6
*F. ERIC ROBERTS 3	*JACK R. WORRALL 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Bristol.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., April 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,*

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
FRANK WALKER .. Treble	JOHN E. CANNELL 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	RALPH BIRD 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 7
*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.
Rung as a coming-of-age peal for Miss Barbara A. Mitchell.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., April 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,*

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.	Tenor 16 cwt.
*TREVOR A. CROSS .. Treble	HENRY SPRINGATE 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	VICTOR A. JARRETT 6
*LEONARD C. WELLS 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
*PETER F. BORER 4	GERALD A. POWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal of Stedman.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	<i>Treble</i> 1	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .	5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .	6
*MRS. D. E. BEAMISH .. .	3	†JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. .	7
*†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 4		WILFRID F. MORETON .. .	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 100th peal. † 50th peal together.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HILDA M. SNOWDEN .. .	<i>Treble</i> 1	*TERRY EARLE .. .	5
*JOHN LEEMING .. .	2	*ALAN SYDER .. .	6
HENRY PRATT .. .	3	STANLEY BONES .. .	7
*JUNE STARLING .. .	4	RONALD SUCKLING .. .	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

C.C.C. No. 22 (Six-part).

Tenor 12½ cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .	<i>Treble</i> 1	DAVID BEACHAM .. .	5
*SUSAN JACKSON .. .	2	ALLEN MORGAN .. .	6
*GERALD BOWEN .. .	3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. .	7
GEORGE E. LARGE .. .	4	FREDERICK G. YATES .. .	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HARVEY REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal in the method. A compliment to the tenor ringer on his 65th birthday.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

*R. JOHN SCOTT .. .	<i>Treble</i> 1	*JOHN W. V. SINFIELD .. .	5
*JAMES G. NEWMAN .. .	2	*DENNIS KNOX .. .	6
*FREDERICK J. PLUMMER .. .	3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN .. .	7
*†ROBERT PIRON .. .	4	HARRY PARKES .. .	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. Believed to be the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS .. .	<i>Treble</i> 1	EDWIN J. LINDLEY .. .	5
JILL BRITAIN .. .	2	ALBERT J. ADAMS .. .	6
*JANET M. BESANT .. .	3	JOHN HILL .. .	7
JOHN WHITEHORN .. .	4	†GEORGE W. HILL .. .	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN HILL.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to John Whitehorn, who is joining H.M. Forces.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. .	<i>Treble</i> 1	JAMES BENNETT .. .	5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. .	2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 6	
*RODERICK W. PIPE .. .	3	CECIL W. PIPE .. .	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING .. .	4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method, age 12 years.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. .	<i>Treble</i> 1	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5	
SAMUEL BIRCH .. .	2	*R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN .. .	6
*C. FREDK. JUKES .. .	3	†MAURICE G. TURNER .. .	7
WILLIAM DAVIES .. .	4	HOWARD HOWELL .. .	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal in the method. † 175th peal for the Society. 150th peal as conductor.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MARGARET H. BAKER .. .	<i>Treble</i> 1	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. .	5
*JOHN R. COOPER .. .	2	LUTHER J. HONESS .. .	6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. .	7
FREDERICK S. MACEY .. .	4	PETER C. WRIGHT .. .	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINES. Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal of Major. First in the method by all except the ringers of 4th and 6th.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*MARY FULLER .. .	<i>Treble</i> 1	*JOHN E. CANNELL .. .	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. .	2	RALPH BIRD .. .	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. .	3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .	4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method. Arranged as a coming-of-age peal for Miss B. A. Mitchell and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

CECIL C. BISHOP .. .	<i>Treble</i> 1	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL .. .	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .	2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .	6
VICTOR A. JARRETT .. .	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .	7
HENRY SPRINGATE .. .	4	PETER F. BORER .. .	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by PETER F. BORER.
First peal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. K. Sturart (a former curate and ringer at this church) upon his Induction to the benefice of Wilmington this day. Also a compliment to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, popular treasurer of the Kent County Association, upon 25 years' service in that capacity.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .	<i>Treble</i> 1	*RAYMOND JOHNSON .. .	5
*ALAN PENDLEBURY .. .	2	ROGER LEIGH .. .	6
*GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .	3	†JACK CLEGG .. .	7
CHARLES CLEGG .. .	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. .	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by OBADIAH LANG. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal for Lancashire Association.

PUTNEY, LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK R. L. BLEWER .. .	<i>Treble</i> 1	LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. .	5
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH .. .	2	SQUIRE CROFT .. .	6
SHEILA BOOTH .. .	3	JAMES BULLOCK .. .	7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. .	4	FREDERICK W. WICKS .. .	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. William T. Elson, ringer and chorister at this church, and as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. H. C. Kemp.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 of Morris's and 40 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GORDON C. NOROGROVE .. Treble	LESLIE EVANS .. 4
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 5
WILFRED T. NOROGROVE .. 3	DENNIS J. BOWEN .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN HOPE .. Treble	MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. 4
†ARTHUR W. WILLIAMS .. 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 5
JOHN NEWMAN .. 3	RICHARD SQUIRES .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

A compliment to Rev. J. W. Kearns on his 90th birthday.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's of Morris's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RICHARD SQUIRES .. Treble	JOHN NEWMAN .. 4
†JOHN HOPE .. 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 5
ARTHUR W. WILLIAMS .. 3	‡JOHN HUGHES .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

* First peal away from a covering bell. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. E. Norton.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILFRED T. NOROGROVE .. Treble	A. BRYAN ELSMORE .. 4
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. 2	*JOHN NEWMAN .. 5
LESLIE EVANS .. 3	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

* First peal of Minor.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD W. MOORE .. Treble	PETER L. WOOD .. 4
JUNE S. STARLING .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER .. 5
MRS. H. W. MOORE .. 3	TERRY EARLE .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

First peal in more than one method by all the band, except the ringer of the 4th.

Rung in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*CYRIL LONGLAND .. Treble	ROLAND JONES .. 4
*RICHARD BROCKWELL .. 2	PHILIP JONES .. 5
*ANTONY BROCKWELL .. 3	GEORGE CARE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung half-muffled.



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LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*NORA BATES	Treble	*ERIC BIRKETT	4
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	FRANK BIRKETT	5
*RONALD POOLE	3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ..	Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. C. Dunning, who is retiring after 23 years as Vicar.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being a 2,160 each of Kent and Oxford and 720 of Oxford.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT CATTERWELL ..	Treble	ERNEST BROWN	4
JACK BRETT	2	REG RIPPINGALE	5
WILLIAM CUTMORE	3	THOMAS BIRD	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BIRD.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

JOHN H. BLUFF	Treble	*LOUIS WILLDRS	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK	5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Plain Bob.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingstone and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. E. CHANDLER	Treble	LESLIE EVANS	4
MICHAEL P. MORETON	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
F. ERIC ROBERTS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being one 720 Kent Treble Bob, two 720's Single Oxford Bob and four 720's Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. approx.

BRIAN R. KENNEY	Treble	BRIAN HARRIS	4
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	2	ROGER B. MORRIS	5
*CAROL FORSTER JONES ..	3	R. GORDON CORBY	Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

* First peal in more than one method.

Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Hughes.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) College and Wavertree, (2) Double Court and Single Court, (3) Hereward and Oxford Bob, (4) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (7) Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD BARKER	Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON	4
JOHN E. FOX	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	5
STANLEY G. ELSEY	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob, (3) Plain Double, Reverse Canterbury and Fulbeck, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK A. JAINE	Treble	*BRIAN G. WARWICK	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ..	5
F. ERIC ROBERTS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in 14 methods. The first peal in 14 methods on the bells.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

*HILDA M. SNOWDEN	Treble	*TERRY EARLE	4
*JOHN R. LEEMING	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5
*ALAN R. SYDER	3	WALTER ARNOLD	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector, Rev. G. A. Binnie, and Mrs. Binnie.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	Treble	HOWARD SCOTT	4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	JAMES MCCLUSKEY	5
*MARY SCOTT	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal.

OGBOURNE ST. GEORGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob, 10 of Stedman, 12 of Grandsire and four of St. Simon's.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

*CYRIL SAVAGE	Treble	BRIAN BLADON	3
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS ..	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ..	4
PETER ANGER			Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN BLADEN.

* First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods as conductor. First peal on the bells.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., April 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight methods, viz.: Four different extents each of (1) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (2) Little Aston, (3) Clifford Pleasure, (4) All Saints', (5) Rushall, (6) Newborough, (7) Plain Bob, and ten different extents, and one each of Pitman's and Morris's 240's of (8) Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

F. TREVOR WARRINGTON ..	Treble	BRYAN E. CARSON	4
MICHAEL W. FAIREY	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
*ANN BARR	3	DAVID W. BARR	Tenor

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

* First peal in more than one method 'inside.' First peal in eight methods by all the band and on the bells, and the first peal of Doubles in eight methods for the Society.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent of Stedman, five Bob Doubles, 12 six-scores of Grandsire, nine 240's Morris's and three 240's Pitman's arrangements.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

F. ERIC ROBERTS	Treble	*PAULINE BENNETT	4
MOLLIE TILBURY	2	REGINALD T. JONES	5
*EDWIN J. C. DAVIS	3	*JOSEPHINE GREEN	Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., April 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extant each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

LEWIS J. LAST Treble	JAMES BENNETT, SEN. .. . 4
R. ROGER SAVORY 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. . 5
GEORGE WATERMAN 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

200th peal by the conductor.

RAYNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

HAROLD W. MOORE .. Treble	JUNE S. STARLING .. . 4
*MRS. E. C. JARVIS .. . 2	TERRY EARLE .. . 5
MRS. H. W. MOORE .. . 3	ALAN R. SYDER .. . Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.

* First peal since 1939.

BROADWAY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EADBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT .. . 4
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. . 2	CYRIL TANSELL .. . 5
JOHN THOMAS 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HANDBELL PEALS

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., March 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,
A PEAL OF 5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN .. . 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES .. . 5-6
PETER BORDER .. . 3-4	THOMAS F. VARNEY .. . 7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT 34, LEONARD AVENUE, SHERWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ALFRED MOULD .. . 1-2	JACK BAILEY .. . 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN .. . 3-4	*MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. . 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal on handbells.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 8 in C.

*HOWARD SCOTT .. . 1-2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. . 5-6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. . 7-8

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 12, 1953, in 2 Hours,
IN ST. JAMES' BELFREY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor size 12 in F.	
BRIAN H. WOOD .. . 1-2	ROGER LEIGH .. . 3-4
CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. . 5-6	

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

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THE NEW QUARTER

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Mr. Urban W. Wildney has scored his 200th peal but not without its adventures.

Three extents of this peal of Minor in seven methods were rung in nearly total darkness through the cleaner switching off the belfry light. A small glimmer of light from the church penetrated the top of the belfry. Somebody obligingly came and switched on the belfry light in time for the last 720. Mr. Wildney has rung his peals in 54 towers with 172 ringers. He has conducted 80.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at East-ridington on March 24th was 2 hours and 47 minutes and not as printed on page 212.

Members of the Ladies' Guild will note the quarter peal at Cople, which is believed to be the first quarter rung by an all-ladies' band of the Bedfordshire Association.

By ringing the fourth to a peal of Doubles at Aldridge, Staffs, Mr. Bryan E. Carson achieved his ambition of ringing a peal on the bell on which he was taught to handle. He is shortly leaving the district and the band of his home tower, Little Aston, take this opportunity of wishing him Godspeed in his new vocation.

May we warmly commend to readers 'St. Martin's Youths,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, as an attractive booklet dealing with old Birmingham ringers. It is one of those handy volumes which should find a place on every ringer's bookshelf. (Price 1s. 6d. from the author, 2 Willey Avenue, Solihull.)

Mrs. Mary Scott, of Adwick-le-Street, Yorks, has often acted as hostess to ringers, providing meals to all-comers at all times, and warming rooms for handbell peals. On April 9th some of her guests said 'Thank you' by piloting her through her first peal at the first attempt. Her husband gave full support on the bell next to hers. Congratulations, Mrs. Scott!

BELFRY GOSSIP

The congratulations and admiration of all the band were earned by 14-year-old Hilda M. Snowden in the peal rung at Stisted for the farewell of the Rector. The treble rope came untucked halfway through the third 720, but Hilda hung on with grim determination through the rest of the peal and rang with a single rope.

Mr. John Hill has joined the short list of sons who have called their fathers' first peal.

Good progress is being made by the band at All Souls', Halifax, with quarter peals of Stedman and Cambridge. Three girls who were taught to handle a bell just over six months ago have rung their first quarter of Plain Bob.

Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Miss Margaret E. L. Beamish each scored their 100th peal in the same peal—at Gilmorton, Leics. Miss Winifred M. Burton also reached the century mark with the same peal.

Mr. John A. Acres is keeping handbell ringing alive in East Anglia. He conducted the six peals rung for the Suffolk Guild in 1952 and has now rung one for the Ely Diocesan Guild, who had a blank as far as handbell peals were concerned last year.

Not many six-bell towers would be able to provide four towards a band for a peal of London Surprise Major. Mr. Arthur Richards, the leader of the ringers at West Wickham, Kent, has trained a band of young ringers since the war with great success, and he and three of his pupils stood in a peal of London Surprise Major for the coming-of-age of one of them, Miss Barbara Mitchell, at Lewisham on April 11th. Also in the pull was Mr. Ralph Bird, who rings a great deal with the West Wickham ringers and has joined them, often as conductor, in many six-bell peals in up to 14 methods.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Secretary Reports a 'Very Comfortable Year'

THE annual general business meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Gloucester on Easter Monday in the School Room of St. Mary-de-Crypt, 86 members having signed the attendance book, presided over by the Master, Mr. John G. Jefferies.

The Rev. W. A. Peel, Tortworth, opened the meeting with prayer. Apologies for absence were read from the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, P. C. Williams and W. Dyer (vice-presidents); also from W. Newman, Cheltenham; and E. F. Hancock, Bristol.

The minutes of the last annual general meeting at Berkeley, 1952, were read and confirmed, also the minutes of the special meeting held at Stow-on-the-Wold, July 5th, 1952. This meeting was arranged to see if the Branch at Stow-on-the-Wold could be restarted, no returns having been received from them since 1947. Despite the action taken by the committee, and a very good meeting having been held, nothing had since been heard from Stow and no replies had been received to the secretary's correspondence. It was proposed that the matter lie on the table, by Mr. C. R. Harding, Bristol, seconded by Mr. T. Borcham, Cheltenham.

POINTS FROM REPORTS

The Master's annual report stated that the affairs of the Association were in a very flourishing state. Actual membership had dropped slightly chiefly due to the usual reaction after the war. Some people who joined directly after the war found that for one or another reason ringing was not for them and they had dropped out; they had managed to keep the right people for the job and there were very evident signs of enthusiasm all round. The Cirencester Branch were doing very good work and opening up fresh towers. The band of young people at Tetbury had been on the 'air' and a new band was being formed at Shipton Moyne. Membership was still over 1,000.

Peal ringing showed a decline, only 71 having been rung against 90 last year.

The hon. secretary reported a 'very comfortable year.' Two applications for grants from the Belfry Repair Fund had been dealt with by the Executive.

Deaths during the year were those of Mr. Herbert P. Marsh (Chippenham), Major Lewis J. Roper (Cheltenham), Rev. A. E. Davis (Wanborough, Wilts), Mr. F. Glastonbury (Littledean), Mr. F. Cole (Painswick), Mr. W. H. Seers (Mangotsfield) and Mr. George Wilks (Ruardan).

The General Management Fund showed a balance of £107 5s. 4½d. against £83 16s. 11d. There was also £25 in the Reserve Fund, £124 5s. 8½d. in the Belfry Repair Fund (which had received £15 0s. 5d. from the Bristol United Ringing Guild at the winding-up of that body) and £8 0s. 9d. in the Peal Book Fund.

The reports and balance sheet and statement of accounts were adopted.

Mr. C. Rouse (Cheltenham) commented on the certificate issued by the Bristol School of Ringing and said the Association's thanks should be conveyed to Mr. E. J. Brown, Bristol, who had designed the certificate, which was given to all successful pupils passing through the school, at no expense to the Association.

The Master then asked those present to stand as a token of respect to the eleven members lost during 1952.

ELECTIONS FOR 1953

Vice-presidents: Mr. W. Bishop (Swindon) and Mr. F. W. Scudamore (Bristol Rural) were added to the list and all present vice-presidents were re-elected.

Master: For this election Mr. S. E. Romans, senior vice-president, took the chair and asked for nominations. Mr. A. L. Barry (Gloucester) was proposed by Mr. C. C. Larnar and seconded by Mr. S. T. Price, and Mr. C. R. Harding (Bristol Rural) proposed by Mr. A. Prince and seconded by Mr. J. Ferris. On being put to the vote Mr. Barry was elected. Time being limited, owing to having to attend Evensong at the Cathedral at 4 p.m., all other officers were re-elected 'en bloc' on the proposition of Mr. W. Bishop, seconded by Mr. C. Rouse.

This only left one election to the Management Committee caused by the election of Mr. W. Bishop as vice-president. Mr. J. Stallard (Bristol) was proposed by Mr. F. Skidmore and seconded by Mr. F. C. Mogford and duly elected.

Tower Affiliation Fee: This to be raised from 2s. 6d. to 5s. per annum as from 1954. Proposed by Mr. C. C. Larnar and seconded by Mr. J. Ferris.

Annual meetings: Several members spoke on this matter as to whether it should be altered from Easter Monday to a Saturday and whether there should be two or one annually. It was decided that it should be one only, to be held on the Saturday in Easter week.

GRANT TO BERKELEY

Application had been received from Berkeley for a grant towards their Restoration Fund, which included repairs to the roof of the tower and painting the bell frame. This called for special consideration as it did not come within the scope of the Belfry Repair Fund, and always bearing in mind that the Association's War Memorial for World War I, two treble bells, was housed in the tower.

Several members expressed various views, it being generally agreed that no grant could be made from the Belfry Repair Fund, but in the special circumstances, on the proposition of Mr. W. A. Trueman, seconded by Mr. A. Price, it was decided to vote £5 5s. towards the Berkeley Restoration Fund from the General Fund.

It was decided to hold the next annual business meeting in Bristol City Branch on Saturday, April 24th, 1954. Proposed by Mr. F. C. Mogford and seconded by Mr. R. G. Hooper.

Coronation Ringing: It was generally agreed that the ringing arrangements for Coronation Day should fall in with local programmes and the time of the service, etc.

Association Coronation Peal: It was proposed by Mr. R. G. Hooper and seconded by Mr. S. G. Riches that the Master arrange a Coronation peal to be as representative as possible, at Painswick on a Saturday near the Coronation.

SECRET BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF MASTER

Under any other business, disapproval was expressed as to the manner in which the election of Master had been carried out, remarking that it should have been by secret ballot.

The Rev. W. A. Peel proposed and Mr. A. Prince seconded, that in future the election of Master should be by ballot. This was carried.

Mr. W. A. Trueman proposed that nominations for Master should be sent to the secretary 28 days before the annual meeting, in writing. This was seconded by Mr. F. C. Mogford, and carried.

This concluded the business for the meeting and those present made their way to the Cathedral for Evensong, which was held in the choir and was very impressive.

Tea was partaken of at the Saracen's Head Hotel, after which the usual votes of thanks were made. Mr. Romans thanked the Dean and Chapter for allowing the use of the bells and for the splendid service, and to all the

incumbents who had made their bells available on that day, and to the local secretary and Ringing Master for making the arrangements.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston thanked the retiring Master for his services during the past two years, and Mr. Riches and Mr. Skidmore for their work on behalf of the Association.

Mr. Jefferies suitably replied. Mr. Riches thanked Mr. Kynaston and made special mention of the wonderful privilege experienced in attending Evensong at the Cathedral, the singing by the choir being most impressive, which would remain a lasting memory.

Mr. Skidmore also acknowledged the expression of thanks and remarked that he had to thank his wife for her willing co-operation, especially in preparing the annual report for the printer.

This concluded the meeting and the Bristol ringers went on to Painswick and Stroud on their way home; others went for further ringing to St. Mary-de-Crypt. Thus ended another very pleasant and enjoyable day.

FIRST PEAL ON NEW TWELVE AT LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH

On Easter Monday the first peal was rung—at the first attempt—on the new bells of the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Liverpool. All the band are regular service ringers at this church, and considering that most of them had had little or no twelve-bell practice in the 11 years between the May blitz of 1941 (when the old bells were removed) and the opening of the new twelve last October, the performance was a praiseworthy one.

Credit is especially due to the conductor, Mr. P. W. Cave, without whose constant efforts and encouragement the band would certainly not yet have reached peal ringing standard in Stedman Cinques. There was some good ringing during the middle two hours of the peal, but the beat was lost in the turning course and never recovered. Thus, the ringing during the last few courses of the peal was not of the best. However, there were no serious trips at any time.

The last peal of Stedman Cinques on the old bells was on Boxing Day, 1938, and was also conducted by Percy Cave. Three others of the present band took part, namely, Messrs. Horridge, Bennett and Birkett. After this there were only two other peals on the old twelve. Stedman Caters (conducted by P. W. Cave) was rung on June 17th, 1939, having been specially arranged to mark the sailing of the 'Mauretania' from Liverpool on her maiden voyage, and Bob Maximus (conducted by the late J. C. E. Simpson) was rung by a touring band on August 21st, 1939. The latter peal was notable in that it was the first of Bob Maximus for no less than seven of the band, including such stalwarts as Messrs. G. R. Newton, G. Williams and G. Lindoff.

Subsequent to the Bob Maximus peal, there were also two handbell peals at the church. Stedman Caters was rung in the tower on October 13th, 1940, conducted by P. W. Cave (first handbell peal of Stedman ever rung in Liverpool), and Bob Major in the vestries on September 19th, 1946, conducted by J. E. Spice.

A PROMISING REVIVAL IN RUTLAND BRANCH

A most successful meeting was held at Oakham on April 11th and the 50-odd ringers from about 15 towers in the district had a most enjoyable time. There was a service in the church followed by tea and the business meeting. Among the various methods rung were Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Grandshire Triples and Grandshire Doubles. It was evident from the number of ringers there that there is a genuine revival of ringing in the Rutland Branch.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Scope of Benevolent Fund Extended

GUILDFORD Diocesan Guild held their annual service this year in the historic Church of St. Mary on April 11th. There was a large and representative attendance. The Provost of Guildford (the Very Rev. Walter Boulton) conducted the service taken from the Guild's new form of service and gave the address. His remarks are incorporated in the editorial on page 1 of this issue.

Ringling took place previous to the service at the three Guildford churches and also after the meeting. A company of 85 sat down to tea in S. Nicolas' Hall, the very substantial meal having been prepared by Mrs. Grover, Miss W. Oliver, Mr. A. C. Hazelden and other helpers. Farnham ringers, who had been detained on account of ringing for a wedding, arrived in time for the business meeting.

Mr. T. W. White was voted to the chair for the business meeting and he was supported by the Master (Mr. A. Harman), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. L. Grover) and other officers.

Nominations for officers for 1953 resulted in the election of the following: Master, Mr. A. Harman; hon. treasurer and secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; assistant hon. secretary, Miss W. Oliver; hon. auditor, Mr. L. C. W. Hunter; peal recorder, Major E. J. Bragg; librarian, Mr. A. C. Hazelden; badge secretary, Mr. G. S. Joyce.

RECORD MEMBERSHIP

The report of the Executive Committee stated that the membership of the Guild was 486 ringing and 121 honorary. There had been a substantial increase in the total membership and so far as could be traced the total appeared to be a record figure.

Rehanging at East Molesey and Hersham had now been completed.

The meeting stood while the names of the following members who had died since the last report were read out by the chairman: Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham), Mr. J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold), Mr. F. Tullett (Capel), Mr. J. H. White (Dorking), Mr. C. Edwards (formerly of Farnham), Mr. A. E. Smith (Farnham), Mr. W. Mills (Hersham), Mr. W. Dimes (Crandall), Mrs. Alfred Chuter (hon. member, of Frensham) and Mr. W. Herridge (hon. member, Aldershot).

CORONATION RINGING

The committee reminded all members that it would be the duty of ringers to ensure that there is ringing on Coronation Day at all diocesan towers, and it was suggested that towers which had a surplus of ringers should make arrangements to assist their less fortunate neighbours. In any event it was stressed that any ringing on the day should be the very best it was possible to provide and that nothing in the nature of a practice for all and sundry should be attempted.

Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master, Farnham District) said arrangements had been made for ringing in all the towers in his district. The towers had been circularised and it was suggested that ringing should take place for one of the early communion services and, if this was not possible, during the day. If any tower was short of ringers they would endeavour to send one or two to help.

The Chairman said as regards Guildford Borough a maroon was being sounded at 8.30 a.m. and that would be followed by ringing at Holy Trinity Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church. There would be ringing at the Cathedral after the procession had passed and in the evening at S. Nicolas'.

Twenty-five peals were rung in 1952 as against 19 in 1951. One of these was rung outside the diocese, but the others were spread around 19 diocesan towers. There were 10 first peals, a welcome increase over the two of the previous year.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £42 1s. 5d., against £59 8s. 9d. brought forward. The Benevolent Fund had a balance of £118 16s. 2d. and the New Cathedral Bell Fund £66 3s. 4d.

The librarian reported on the use of the Guild library and mentioned new books that had been added. Rarely a week passed without its use. Among the books added was a copy of 'Church Bells of Essex,' which had been obtained through the initiative of Mr. G. Peters, of Leatherhead, for 30s. They had made a start on the library catalogue and hoped to provide a copy for every ringing band in union with the Guild.

The Badge Secretary announced that 52 badges or brooches had been sold during the past year and the total profit on sales of badges amounted to £3 10s.

Miss Mary Hirst, of Shalford, was elected a ringing member and Mrs. Warner an honorary member.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND

A discussion ensued on the use of the Benevolent Fund, and it was decided to extend the scope of the fund to dependants of living or deceased members as well as to members suffering ill-health or adversity as at present.

Mr. C. W. Denyer appealed for better support to the fund. Last year only eight towers out of nearly 60 contributed.

It was agreed to hold the Guild dinner on October 17th at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. A loss of 9s. was reported on the last dinner. Mr. W. Simmonds promised that the Chertsey District would provide the entertainment.

Congratulations were extended by the chairman to Mr. R. Whittington on his 85th birthday. The sympathy of the meeting was expressed to Mrs. Hagley in her serious illness and wishes extended for her speedy recovery.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Provost for taking the service, Mrs. Gray, the organist, and the ladies who had prepared the tea.

Among the visitors was Mr. Brian Austin, of Rothwell, Northants, who is undergoing his military training at Cove.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

Although the ringers were somewhat fewer than usual, everyone enjoyed themselves (as is usual) at the quarterly meeting at New Alresford on April 11th.

Unfortunately, Mr. R. Smith, the Ringing Master, was unable to be present, but Mr. H. Newnham, the local captain, proved a very able deputy. The methods rung were of the standard variety, most of them coming round when they should have done.

The service was taken in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. J. Pearson), who also acted as the organist. An excellent tea was served in the Horse and Groom Inn, followed by the business part of the meeting under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. F. C. Brinkworth, district chairman. He gave a special welcome to the visitors from neighbouring districts and to Miss M. Shearmur, from Woodford, who is now serving as a member of the W.R.N.S.

During the meeting four new ringing members were elected, viz., Mr. P. Dickinson, of Cheriton (the first ringing member from Cheriton for several years), Miss J. and Master L. Street, of Kingsworthy, and Mr. N. West, of Sparsholt.

It was decided that the next two practice meetings would be held at Micheldever and Cheriton.

Members then returned to the tower, where an extra-ordinary business meeting was held. At this meeting, Mrs. F. M. Humber, of Ropley, was elected a ringing member.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER RING 100th PEAL TOGETHER

Mrs. D. E. Beamish, of Chilvers Coton, and her 17½-year-old daughter, Miss Margaret E. L. Beamish, both rang their 100th peal on April 10th.

Mrs. Beamish's peals have been rung for seven Guilds or Associations in 27 towers. All her peals are on tower bells. Details are appended:—

Minor.—Plain Bob 1, three methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 8, Stedman 11.

Major.—Plain Bob 16, Little Bob 1, Little Canterbury Pleasure 1, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich 1. Surprise: Cambridge 16, New Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1, Superlative 1, London 8, Bristol 5, Belgrave 1, Hinton 1, Painswick 1, Rutland 1, two methods spliced 1, four methods spliced 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 3, Double Norwich Court Bob 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1. Surprise: Cambridge 4, Yorkshire 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Grand total.—100.

MISS M. E. L. BEAMISH

Miss Margaret E. L. Beamish's list includes tower and handbell peals. These have been rung in seven counties in 24 towers for eight Guilds or Associations with 20 conductors and 134 ringers. Her list is as follows:—

TOWER BELLS

Minor.—Plain Bob 3 (conducted 2), Cambridge Surprise 1, four methods 4.

Triples.—Grandsire 6, Stedman 3.

Major.—Plain Bob 6 (2), Kent Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich 3. Surprise: Cambridge 11, New Cambridge 3, Yorkshire 4, Superlative 2, London 5, Bristol 6, Rutland 1, Peterborough 1, two methods spliced 1, four methods spliced 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 4.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 3.

Cinques.—Stedman 3.

Maximus.—Cambridge 1.

Total on tower bells 77 (4).

HANDBELLS

Triples.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 4.

Major.—Plain Bob 5 (1), Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Spliced Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob 1, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Caters.—Stedman 3.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 1.

Total on handbells.—23 (1).

Grand total.—100 (5).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The first quarterly meeting of the year of the South-West Division of the Essex Association was held at Stanford-le-Hope on April 11th, when 45 members and visitors enjoyed ringing on this tuneful and melodious eight.

The ringing varied from rounds to London Surprise, and a pleasing feature was the large number of learners and young people present.

Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. A. Hammond, to whom the thanks of the Division are due.

Miss Pauline Nice is the eighth pupil at Bures, Suffolk, to achieve a quarter peal since the company started in 1950. Ten members of the local company have rung peals, two have conducted peals and four called a quarter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOMENCLATURE OF LONDON EXTENSIONS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Y. Bramble's diagrams and article in April 10th issue, I would like to make the following comments.

Firstly, before Mr. Poole rang the Maximus, which was sent to him as the true extension of Metropolitan Royal by its author, he submitted the figures to the Methods Committee, which unanimously rejected it as such, and other well-known ringers who happened to see them agreed with us. That is why the Maximus was given another name.

Secondly, to avoid misleading your readers, I would like to correct the way in which Mr. Bramble makes his sweeping assertions. From this and the majority of his articles, he writes as if what he says is an accomplished fact and accepted by the Exercise at large. For instance, he says 'By 1948, the nearest obtainable to the natural form, and therefore claimed as the Proximate, appeared as London Royal U.A.' Actually, of course, nobody but the author has suggested that the U.A. version is the nearest possible. Similarly, he suggests that it is generally accepted that a 'basic' stage may be other than the 'parent' stage. That, again, is most certainly not the case. The second paragraph in the article must also be translated to make it the author's personal point of view and not the view of the Exercise at large.

If, when reading Mr. Y. Bramble's articles, your readers would remember this point, i.e., to read 'It has been found . . . ' etc., as 'In my opinion . . . ' etc., I am sure they will avoid being misled.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD,
Convener, Methods Committee.

A PREGNANT TENOR

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent's article on Coughton Church in Warwickshire contains an interesting misprint. I have not actually seen the tenor bell but I remember being considerably amused a year or two ago by its inscription which was, I think, recorded on a board in the ringing chamber. This surely should read 'Campana Gravida peperit filias,' i.e., 'This pregnant bell brought forth daughters.' Both the adjective qualifying the noun and the verb are words used in reference to child-bearing, and the inference is, as both noun and verb are singular, that the tenor bell alone was the one used to make the ring up from three to six, when the ring was recast and augmented in 1686.

But perhaps there is a little licence here, for it would have to be a very large bell to provide metal for two more bells comparable with the rest of the ring. I see that the bells were rehung in 1893. My last experience of them on a ringing outing was that they again need attention, for one of the inside bells, possibly the third or the fourth, was like a kicking mule, and no one could keep it up. But the ring is an interesting one for all that.—Yours faithfully,

LEONARD J. BIRCH.

Hanbury Rectory,
Bromsgrove.

ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. D. V. Moreton's letter, the variation of All Saints' Doubles mentioned by Mr. Wratten was rung by the Wembdon ringers in February, 1952.

On February 4th, 1952, two of the Wembdon ringers were guests at a dinner given by the Ashcott ringers. The All Saints' method was discussed and the plain course was taken back to Wembdon. Instead of using the All Saints' Bob, they used the plain lead of Plain Bob and have always rung it this way, thinking it to be correct.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. CAVILL.

Ashcott, Bridgwater.

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE CHERRY

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see the reference to Lord Chief Justice Cherry in the account of the Irish Association's meeting at Limerick and it seemed to me that more might have been said about him.

It was only about 40 years ago he was appointed Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, and not 50 or 60 as was stated. He was a Liberal in politics and for many years represented one of the Liverpool Boroughs in Parliament.

In 1906, when the Liberals were returned to power, he became Solicitor-General for Ireland in Campbell Bannerman's Government and was knighted soon afterwards. He was again returned at the 1910 election and became Attorney-General for Ireland in Asquith's Government until some two, perhaps three years later, when he was appointed Lord Chief Justice.

At the Easter rising in 1916 he signed the document proclaiming martial law in Dublin and resigned his position soon afterwards for reasons of health.

As far as I can remember, he never received a peerage. He was regular in his attendance at St. Patrick's Cathedral and gave the two trebles there to make them a ring of twelve. If memory serves, he took part in the first peal on the augmented ring.—Yours,
Crayford, Kent. E. BARNETT.

'HAMPSHIRE CHURCH BELLS'

Dear Sir,—I was rather mystified by Mr. Shepherd saying that Hampshire had no 'reference book' on its bells in your leading article recently and especially so when he mentions his friend, the Rev. W. E. Colchester. I have before me at the moment the book 'Hampshire Church Bells' by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, published in 1920, and although the author, in the preface, says 'It has been necessary to finish my task in a specified time, and therefore the record will be found to be incomplete in places,' it has never yet failed me when I have required any information in respect of my work on the Diocesan Advisory Committee. As far as I can see, little more is required to bring the book up to date.—Yours sincerely,
K. W. H. FELSTEAD.
Southampton.

THREE QUARTER PEALS ON EASTER DAY

Dear Sir,—On Easter Sunday last three quarter peals were rung at Ashcott, Somerset, the first being for 7 a.m. Communion, the second for 10 a.m. Communion and the last after evening service.

I should be very interested to hear if this has been achieved before on Easter Day, as I have never heard of it.—Yours,
K. PRIME.
Ashcott, Bridgwater.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The meeting at Acton of the Sudbury District proved a very successful venture, 37 attending, representing 13 towers. An excellent tea was provided free of charge as part of the very warm welcome extended by Acton parishioners.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Lambert) conducted a short service and prior to the business meeting gave a welcome to all the visitors and said it must surely be a record attendance for a five-bell tower, and thanked everyone for the fine example of fellowship.

Five new members were elected, namely, P. Symonds, A. Symonds (Lavenham), G. Haynes, T. Diggins (Sudbury) and D. Coote (Haverhill). Acton was welcomed into the Guild as a compound tower.

Final arrangements were made for ringing on June 2nd, so now all towers in the District will have their bells rung on Coronation Day.

The service touch was well rung by a band of young ladies.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'
April 25th, 1913

EYE, SUFFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, April 16, 1913, in 3 hours and 17 minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
5,088 CHANGES

Tenor 21 cwt.

William Rose	Treble
Edward Youngs	2
William Clover	3
Frederick Day	4
George E. Day	5
Ernest F. Poppy	6
Thomas A. Turner	7
Frederick Watling	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Frederick Watling.

This was the first attempt for a peal on eight bells by the ringer of the 2nd, who has rung upwards of a hundred peals on six bells, and with the exception of two or three, has rung the 2nd bell to all.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Easter Eve at Woburn

The mellow bell music from the tower on the edge of the park, cream-coloured against the dark conifer groves and the daffodil-spangled lawns in the bright sun, seemed to proclaim that the dark days of winter and the solemn days of Lent were past and that the world and its Maker were alive again.

Meanwhile, within, the pleasing 24-cwt. octave had attracted 50 or so ringers of all ages and experience from as far afield as Colchester and Cambridge to be welcomed by the veteran tower master, Mr. H. Douglas Harris.

After a large and jovial repast at nearby tea rooms a different kind of music, the swelling organ, called the ringers to higher things, and they assembled for choral evensong in the impressive nave, the lessons being read by the president of the Bedfordshire Association, Miss Evelyn Steel. The Rector conducted the service.

The bells were afterwards kept going till 9 p.m., some good ringing being enjoyed. Methods varied from rounds to Spiced Surprise Major, and courses of London, Bristol and Rutland were rung. The thanks of all concerned are extended to the Rector and churchwardens for this very seasonable opportunity to usher in the Festival, and to Mr. Harris for the trouble taken in preparing the bells and arranging tea. D. P. J.

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Quarter Peals.—Brightwell-cum-Sotwell 3s., Aldington 1s. 6d., Newport 2s., Gratton Regis 2s. 6d., Swanage 3s., Marlow 2s., Aldgate 4s., Halifax 6s., Heene 4s. 6d., Dunster 2s., Swindon 2s. 6d., Nottingham 1s. 6d., Cotgrave 1s. 6d., Ashcott 2s. 6d., Benhilton 1s. 6d., Chichester 3s., Hertford 3s., West Hill 2s., Ottery St. Mary 2s. 6d., Scorton 3s. 6d., Keymer 2s., Godshill 2s. 6d., Norwich 2s., Leighton Buzzard 2s. 6d., Dalton-in-Furness 2s., Hartlepool 2s. 6d., Ticknall 2s., Paulerspury 5s., Wells 4s., Roydon 2s., Keswick 2s. 6d., Ditchat 2s. 6d., Burford 2s. 6d.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Enniskillen

The Northern District annual meeting was held in Enniskillen on Easter Monday. The first arrival at the tower of St. Macartan's, Enniskillen, which houses a very fine ring of ten, was a special bus which had left Bangor at 7 a.m. and had picked up en route ringers from Holywood, St. Thomas' and St. Donard's, Belfast, and arrived at 10.30 a.m. Other ringers from Hillsborough and Rostrevor arrived by car shortly afterwards, and then the Londonderry party, by train. A very welcome cup of tea with sandwiches and pastry, provided by the local ringers, was awaiting the visitors on arrival.

The untimely death of one of the local ringers, A. J. Davies, cast a shadow over the activities and, as a tribute, the bells were rung half-muffled during the day.

The competition for the Cunningham Cup was rung off before lunch and six teams competed. Travelling difficulties due to the fact that Enniskillen is very remote from the other towers prevented others from competing. Of the competing towers only one (Londonderry) rang changes. The judges were the Rev. J. Barry and Mr. F. E. Dukes, and the marking was on the Dukes system. The competition was keen with the standard improving each year. There is no doubt that the competition has been a great factor in the improvement of the striking in this District. The result was as follows:—

1 St. Donard's, Belfast, 70 faults; 2 St. Thomas', Belfast, 141; 3 St. Malachi's, Hillsborough, 162; 4 St. Comgall's, Bangor, 318; 5 Kilbroney, Rostrevor, and St. Columb's, Londonderry, 350.

After the competition a company of approximately 80 sat down to a sumptuous four-course lunch. Special guests were the Rev. Mr. Clements, M.A. (Rector of St. Macartan's), Mr. T. G. Nelson, M.P., and Mr. and Mrs. Duker and family.

Special touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung prior to the funeral of Mr. Davies, which was attended by the local ringers and the president and general secretary of the Association and the District Office bearers. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by Messrs. W. Pratt 1-2, H. Brown 3-4, John T. Dunwoody 5-6, F. E. Dukes 7-8. During this period the bells could be heard in the distance being put to good use by the other visitors. After the funeral was over the annual meeting of the District was held with the Rev. J. Barry in the chair: A message of greeting from Mr. G. Bingham, the Southern District secretary, was read, and Mrs. Dukes, the Eastern District secretary, expressed her District's best wishes to the Northern District. It was reported to the meeting that the District was in a very flourishing state, that all towers were affiliated and new members were coming in steadily. Thirty-one new members were elected at the meeting, and the total for the District now stands at over 170. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Chairman of the District and Association vice-president, Rev. John Barry; District secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody; assistant secretary, Miss Jean Stewart; District treasurer, Mr. John Campbell; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Brown; hon. auditors, Mr. W. Young and Mr. D. Barbour; representatives to the Central Executive Committee, Miss J. Stewart, Mr. H. Brown and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody; trustees of the Bell Repair Fund, Messrs. R. W. Adamson, W. Pratt and R. Nelson.

Rostrevor was chosen as the venue for the next year's annual meeting on Easter Monday. The Cunningham Cup was then presented amid loud applause to Mr. Frank King, Ringing Master of St. Donard's tower, by the Rev. J. Barry. St. Donard's team was as follows:—Miss Jean Stewart 1, Miss Wilma Holy 2, Forde Patterson 3, Bertie Walkington 4, Ronnie King 5, Billy Hall 6, Frank King (conductor) 7, Ann Mercer tenor. J. T. D.

WESTON, BATH, HAS NOW AN OCTAVE

On March 28th a large congregation of local residents and ringers and visitors, numbering in all about 300, attended a service in the ancient Parish Church of All Saints, Weston, the rededication of the bells after restoration.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Rowe, assisted by the minister of the Free Church in Bath, the Rev. J. H. Chester. The actual dedication ceremony was performed by the Archdeacon of Bath, Ven. E. A. Cook, who also gave the address. After blessing the old Thomas Bilbie ring of six the Archdeacon dedicated the two new treble bells in memory of William and Susannah Jane Carr and Francis Arthur Bromley, Priest.

Following the handing over of the bells to the Vicar, the bells were rung for the first time by an all-Weston band as follows:—S. S. Woodburn 1, Miss S. Drake 2, Miss E. Bond 3, E. King 4, J. P. Targett 5, G. Brewer 6, T. J. Hayward 7, H. Ellis 8.

Those present included the Member for Bath, the Hon. I. J. Pitman, M.P., Miss J. Dorman (representing the Lord Chancellor) and Mr. J. P. Fidler (representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough).

After the service some 120 people took tea in the Church Rooms, before returning to the tower to try out the bells. The first touch on the bells was 336 Stedman Triples by S. S. Woodburn 1, J. P. Fidler 2, J. F. Smallwood (conductor) 3, W. J. Prescott 4, R. G. Beck 5, H. J. Sanger 6, R. O. Fry 7, H. Ellis 8.

The bells are now a fine octave, the tenor being just over 12 cwt. in F sharp and they go perfectly. The whole tower has been cleaned and the ringing chamber refitted. An oak tablet commemorates the fact that the restoration was largely due to the zeal and initiative of Mr. Sealy Woodburn, the tower master, who played a great part in raising the £1,100 required to meet the cost. Weston people may now be truly proud of their ring of bells which makes a welcome addition in an area which has a preponderance of rings of six.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

About 80 ringers attended the annual meeting of the East Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held at Sidbury on Easter Monday. A service was held in the Parish Church, which was conducted by the Rev. H. Taylor, Vicar and Branch chairman, and tea was afterwards served in the Village Hall by wives of the local ringers.

At the business meeting the chairman expressed regret that ill-health prevented Mr. M. Denner, the former captain of the Sidbury band, from attending.

Certificates were presented by the president, Preb. E. V. Cox, to seven members of the Branch, and one new member was elected.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for September 12th at Payhembury, subject to the Vicar's consent, and the next annual meeting for Seaton, as usual on Easter Monday.

Branch officers elected were:—Mr. H. Taylor, chairman; Mr. G. C. Woodley, vice-chairman; Mr. J. Arbury, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. C. Turner, Ringing Master; representatives on Guild Committee, Messrs. P. Davis, F. Parr and C. J. Turner.

Giving his report for 1952, Mr. J. Arbury said the Branch was not quite as strong as in 1951. That year there were 125 performing members, four life, one unattached and two honorary, making a total of 132, a record for the Branch which should stand for a number of years. In the year under review there were 118 performing members, four life, two unattached and one honorary, a total of 125.

The balance in the bank had been increased by £5 17s. 11d. and now stood at £29 7s. 11d., in addition to a balance of £7 7s. 6d. in the Instruction Fund, making a total of £36 15s. 5d.

THE SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Annual Meeting and Dinner

The seventh annual meeting was held at Selby Abbey on April 11th. Methods rung during the afternoon, on the ring of ten bells, included Plain Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples. A short service was held in the chancel at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. J. A. P. Kent (Vicar of Selby), who gave a very instructive address. Mr. W. Hartley officiated at the organ.

The general meeting was held in the vestry when the following officers were elected:—President, the Rev. B. A. Ramsker (Vicar of Snaith and Carlton); chairman, Mr. H. S. Morley (Selby Abbey); Ringing Master, Mr. Fred Terry (Hemingbrough); committee, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Taylor (Goole); secretary and treasurer, Mr. Leslie M. Woodhead.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were accepted, a slight increase in funds being shown over the previous year. Mr. Fred Terry (Hemingbrough) proposed and Mr. S. H. Steel (York) seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Selby for use of the bells and to the local company for arrangements.

It was decided that, in view of the forthcoming Coronation celebrations, no outing be held on Whit Monday this year, but that a ringers' excursion be held on August Bank Holiday instead.

Members and friends then adjourned to the Londesborough Arms Hotel, Selby, where upwards of 40 persons participated in the annual dinner and social evening. The president, along with the Rev. J. A. P. Kent and Mrs. Kent, Mr. W. Hartley (organist, Selby Abbey) and Mr.

and Mrs. H. Morley (Selby) occupying the head table.

After an excellent dinner and the loyal toast honoured, the president (the Rev. B. A. Ramsker), in his presidential address, said that bell-ringing was the one branch of the Church in which two or more dioceses could meet at any one gathering, e.g., that night York and Sheffield were represented. He trusted that the Society would move from strength to strength.

Mr. T. H. Foster (Selby) ably proposed the toast 'The Church,' saying that it should be emphasised that the Church did not mean bricks, stone and timber, but a living body of people.

The Rev. J. A. P. Kent, in responding, said that the forthcoming Coronation was a very special time for the Church and gave a short history of the connection of the Church and Crown in olden days.

The toast 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. H. S. Norley (Selby), who gave details of ringers' societies and associations in the area from 1913 onwards. Mr. C. Hill (Goole) responded and called for continued good support at meetings to be held during the coming year.

Mr. C. W. King (Goole) submitted the toast 'The Visitors' and Mr. G. A. Morley (Selby) replied.

During the evening Mr. S. H. Steel (York) was the vocalist accompanied by his son, and Messrs. Billy Steel (ventriloquist) and Bill Clark (magician) also provided entertainment.

It can be recorded that the function was an outstanding success. L. M. W.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valeric Mepham 1, Mary W. Brown (first as cond.), B. K. Turnbull 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, E. E. Truster 6. Rung by the local band as a compliment to Mary W. Brown and Bryan K. Turnbull on their engagement.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, H. G. Summers 2, C. H. Webb 3, J. W. Taylor 4, W. A. Stote (cond.) 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, D. A. Carpenter 8.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Maurice Bagg 1, K. Prime 2, G. Bird 3, F. Sandy 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, J. Cavill (first quarter) 6. Also 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Mervyn Bagg 1, Maurice Bagg (first 'inside') 2, C. Norton 3, K. Prime 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6. Rung for Holy Communion at 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. Also after Evenson, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Mervyn Bagg 1, F. Sandy 2, K. Prime 3, C. Norton 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, Maurice Bagg 6.

BARROW-ON-SOAZ, LEICS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: K. Graham 1, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 2, J. Chambers 3, R. Wilmore 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, P. Soars 6. Rung for the wedding of June Soars and Kenneth Clapton. Also on April 5th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: K. Graham 1, R. G. W. Soars 2, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 3, J. Chambers 4, K. E. Lovett 5, P. Soars 6.

BEACONSFIELD BUCKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingo (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, D. Lamb 4, J. Harrison 5, R. Buckland 6, A. Bridges 7, W. Edwards 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On April 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor behind): J. Clarke 1, C. Blundell (first quarter 'inside') 2, W. Parrott 3, P. Richardson 4, P. Leech 5, E. Gosden (cond.) 6, E. Goldsmith 7. First quarter of Minor for all except conductor. Rung for the diamond wedding service of Mr. and Mrs. Peckham.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: J. Holloway 1, F. Castell 2, R. Willis 3, A. Jarvis 4, J. Berry (cond.) 5, E. Bucknell (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Oakshott and Mr. Morrell.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. G. Hartley (first of Major) 1, E. R. M. Cansdale (first quarter) 2, S. T. Hume 3, L. D. Mills 4, C. Bower 5, Mrs. L. Mills 6, D. L. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 8. Also on April 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. A. Nice (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, S. T. Hume 3, L. D. Mills 4, C. Bower 5, D. L. Mills 6, A. W. Cansdale (first as cond.) 7, E. C. Hynard 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Low Sunday, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Pauline M. Saxton (first quarter) 1, J. T. Finney 2, E. Winifred Keys 3, J. A. H. Betts (first quarter) 4, W. G. Challen 5, P. R. Blackman 6, R. G. Blackman (cond.) 7, R. A. Hartley 8.

COPLE, BEDS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Dear 1, Miriam Pettitt 2, Mary Stephens 3, Daphne Hare 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, Susan Osborn 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the fifth and tenor.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. W. Hoodless 1, Joan E. Hoodless 2, A. E. Hoodless 3, A. W. Hoodless 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, W. Nicholls 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joan E. Hoodless.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Mrs. H. W. Lloyd (first quarter) 1, H. Arscott 2, H. W. Lloyd 3, J. Haydon 4, H. G. Maidment 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, A. R. Jones 7, R. J. Herrod 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to G. Stacey, who died the previous day.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss E. Pearson 1, Miss B. Frazer 2, J. C. Ford 3, W. Wall 4, C. H. Ford 5, R. Suart 6, V. Forshaw 7, H. Wilson 8, N. M. Newby (cond.) 9, T. Metcalfe 10. First quarter of Royal for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8. All are service ringers except No. 8.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: D. Thorne 1, C. Denness 2, S. Hollis 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, E. Westmore 5, C. Morris 6. Also 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: C. Mason 1, E. Thorne 2, Shirley Westmore 3, C. Denness (cond.) 4, C. Callaway 5, F. Rowson 6.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (first as cond.) 5. First quarter by 3 and 4. A welcome to Canon Guy Marshall, who was inducted by the Bishop of Peterborough on March 31st.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandshire): T. A. Wickens 1, G. E. Ruck 2, Miss J. Wells (cond.) 3, J. Penfold 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, Mrs. C. Court 6. For the Easter Sunday service. Also after the announcement of the engagement of the ringers of the 5th and 3rd.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,440 Netherseale and Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Orme 1, P. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, W. Todd 4, D. Jones 5, F. Croft 6. Also on April 5th, 1,440 Annable's London and Norwich Surprise Minor: M. Orme 1, G. Cherry 2, P. Croft 3, D. Jones 4, W. Croft 5, F. Croft 6.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary-de-Crypt, on April 1st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss M. Smith 1, S. Harrison 2, Miss J. Bussey 3, W. T. Cox 4, J. Whiting 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, H. Newman 7, C. Lerner 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Newman, wife of T. Newman, who was well known to the Cumberland Youth.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Lord (15) 1, Miss M. V. Copping (15) 2, Miss S. Taylor 3, J. F. Bryant (15) 4, G. F. Bryant 5, R. Beaumont 6, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 7, R. E. Moulds 8. All under 21, average age 17½. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Sweeney 1, J. F. Bryant 2, J. H. Fielden 3, K. Palmer 4, R. E. Moulds 5, R. Beaumont 6, G. F. Bryant (cond.) 7, R. Mann 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by all the band. On Easter Tuesday members of this company visited Oxenhope and rang 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Palmer 1, J. F. Bryant 2, C. Sweeney 3, J. H. Fielden 4, R. Beaumont 5, G. F. Bryant 6, R. E. Moulds 7, V. Bottomley (first in method as cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise by all except 4 and 8.

HERTFORD.—On April 12th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: J. Thorne 1, S. Carter (cond.) 2, R. Dore 3, A. Wright 4, C. Springham 5, J. Kemp 6, G. H. Dutton 7, P. W. Saunders 8. A birthday compliment to P. W. Saunders.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—At Crosthwaite Parish Church, on Easter Sunday, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth Barron (first quarter) 1, Mary H. Hogarth 2, T. Wilson 3, T. Hogarth 4, R. F. Grisdale 5, F. Barnes 6, J. W. Brownrigg 7, H. S. Grisdale (first in the method as cond.) 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: A. S. Hill (first quarter) 1, C. D. Linington 2, P. Hollingdale 3, J. Backshall, sen. 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,400 Little Bob Royal: J. Conquest 1, J. E. Arnold (cond.) 2, J. Newman 3, H. Bunton 4, H. B. Whitney 5, R. Piron 6, V. Conquest 7, E. Conquest 8, E. Belsey 9, A. Rushton 10. First quarter of Little Bob Royal by all. Farewell to F. J. Plummer.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Monday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. Morgan 1, Miss J. S. Evans 2, Miss D. A. Atwell 3, B. J. Parry 4, J. R. Worrall 5, D. J. King 6, D. G. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. L. Fitzgerald 8. Rung to the Glory of God.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's (front six), on April 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Henson 1, P. P. Simpson 2, Joan E. Hoodless 3, A. Simpson, A. E. Hoodless 5, W. Nicholls (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of 3rd ringer's 21st birthday.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate, on April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. E. Heighton (first quarter) 1, A. S. Brothers 2, A. G. Bason 3, C. Curson 4, D. Heighton (cond.) 5, F. C. Goodman 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. L. P. Palmer, who was recently inducted as Vicar.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: P. G. J. Arbury 1, P. G. C. J. Turner 2, Bro. E. Marks 3, Bro. C. C. Turner (cond.) 4, P. G. T. J. Bartlett 5, Bro. W. Burrows 6, P. G. J. Lilley 7, Bro. A. Down 8. Rung by members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows for their annual service held in the Parish Church that evening.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On April 8th, 1,240 Bob Doubles: Miss M. Kingston 1, Miss N. Tomlin 2, J. Booth 3, C. Marsingham 4, P. W. Foster (cond.) 5, G. Johnson 6.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: K. Lawson 1, R. Webster 2, Mrs. K. Lawson 3, Miss M. Coulson 4, W. Maughan 5, A. A. Watson 6, L. Greenhouse (cond.) 7, H. Nielsen 8.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Ruth Morgan (first quarter) 1, R. F. Price (cond.) 2, W. Brown 3, F. Huckle 4, J. Sutton 5, F. Haysom 6, M. Butler 7, K. Orchard 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Huckle.

TICKNOLL, DERBYS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court, 540 St. Clement's): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, L. Warren 2, W. G. Soar 3, T. J. Marriott 4, P. Marriott 5, A. J. Marriott (cond.) 6.

WEST HILL, WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On April 12th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, K. Ellis 4, S. Dearden 5, C. Watts 6, T. Setter 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On April 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nunn (first quarter of Minor) 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, W. Kerrison 3, C. J. Gibson 4, D. Woodward 5, J. Blythe (cond.) 6.

IN MEMORIAM TO QUEEN MARY

Rung Half-Muffled

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,277 Grandshire Caters: R. Holmes 1, E. Drewrite 2, F. White 3, R. White 4, F. Messenger 5, R. Absolom 6, H. C. White 7, G. Hollifield (cond.) 8, F. A. White 9, F. White 10.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: S. H. Greenwood 1, Mrs. R. Hasler 2, Mrs. L. Wells 3, J. Upton 4, L. Wells 5, W. Linksted 6, E. S. J. Hatcher (cond.) 7, A. Green 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Hilda M. Snowden 1, Mrs. E. Jarvis 2, June Starling 3, J. Leeming 4, A. Syder 5, T. Earle 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, Hilda G. Snowden 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major for: ringers 1, 4, 5 and 6.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (being four methods of Grandshire, Bob April Day and Canterbury Pleasure): F. Foster 1, C. W. Nutt (cond.) 2, J. Ward 3, H. Goodchap 4, K. Hill 5, F. J. Foster 6. First quarter 3 and 4.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Mar. 29th, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: D. Smith 1, F. G. Leaker 2, R. J. Bowden 3, F. C. Mogford 4, J. Thomas 5, P. Hansford 6, W. Parker 7, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 8, I. H. Trueman 9, A. M. Tyler 10.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss J. M. Hitchcock 1, M. C. F. Collett (cond.) 2, Miss E. M. Bridges 3, T. J. V. Search 4, J. J. Westmacott 5, B. W. Hall 6, W. J. Dixon 7, L. Jewell 8.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Hilda M. Snowden 1, June Starling 2, Maude Moore 3, F. Claydon 4, C. Scowden 5, A. Syder 6, T. Earle (first of Major as cond.) 7, Hilda G. Snowden 8.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: J. Ashdown 1, P. Craig 2, R. Wilson 3, J. Clements 4, H. Weaver 5, R. Worsfold (first in method) 6, R. P. Wood (cond.) 7, R. Black 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Charman 1, J. Clements 2, C. Chappell 3, R. Wilson 4, H. Weaver 5, R. P. Wood (cond.) 6, B. Cowper 7, R. Black 8. First in method by 3 and 7. All local ringers.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Ann Johnston (first quarter) 1, Nancy Marklew 2, Rosamary Stratford (first on 8) 3, E. S. Soman 4, A. Ballard (cond.) 5, B. Ridgway 6, E. Vallance 7, F. Mellor 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: F. Botsford 1, L. Lee 2, W. Morris 3, H. B. Whitney 4, V. Conquest (cond.) 5, E. Conquest 6, R. Piron 7, J. Conquest 8.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandshire and 480 Plain Bob): F. Millier 1, S. White 2, D. Cox (first quarter) 3, Rosemary Hutchings 4, Muriel Legg (first as cond.) 5, D. Millier 6.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: E. Silvey 1, H. Buckingham 2, M. Spracklin 3, Miss S. Hazelby 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, E. D. Poole 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, C. C. Bishop 2, F. J. Cheal 3, J. Hale 4, G. Kenward 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, T. A. Cross tenor cover.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, R. H. Hofton 2, A. Day 3, B. Cornell 4, R. F. Ewer 5, A. Hatton 6, W. J. Arnold 7, W. Nicolls 8.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: J. Close (first in method) 1, Dorothy Schofield (first in method 'inside') 2, J. Woods 3, R. F. Eccles 4, S. Anderton 5, J. Metcalfe 6, F. Postlethwaite (cond.) 7, R. Davies 8.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Minor: A. Cooke 1, F. Blagrove (cond.) 2-3, K. Frith 4, S. Saban 5, R. Lay 6. Also on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Cooke 1, F. Blagrove (cond.) 2-3, K. Frith 4, R. A. Smith 5, S. Saban 6.

STIESTED, ESSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Saunders 1, Hilda M. Snowden (first 'inside') 2, June Starling 3, T. Earle 4, Hilda G. Snowden 5, A. Syder (cond.) 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Mar. 31st, at Christ Church, 1,296 Grandshire Caters: W. W. T. Daniell 1, R. G. Townsend 2, Miss P. Manning 3, G. W. Townsend 4, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 5, C. J. Gardner 6, T. Townsend 7, W. B. Kynaston 8, A. G. Wells 9, E. Vincent 10.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Pascoe (first in method) 1, C. B. Skinner 2, Marian Skinner 3, F. F. Brookes 4, B. W. Farhall 5, B. J. Luff (first as cond.) 6.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Smith 1, J. Doggar (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. McTear 3, G. Lancaster 4, J. R. Mossop (cond.) 5, T. Wilson 6. First quarter peal of Minor for all.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE STACEY

The West Country has lost an outstanding personality by the death of Mr. George Stacey, of Minehead, on March 28th, in his 91st year.

For 50 years he was secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association and he only relinquished the office last December when the appreciation of his friends was expressed by the presentation to him of a typewriter.

Born at Wiveliscombe, Mr. Stacey was in business at Minehead as a watchmaker and jeweller. He started ringing at Dulverton, where he became Ringing Master before going to Minehead. He took part in the first peal on Minehead bells, which was conducted by Mr. J. Pugsley, and a peal looked back on with affection was one at Twerton for the relief of Mafeking. In his 83rd year he conducted a peal at Minehead for V.E. Day. His work for the Dunster Deanery was outstanding and his enthusiasm made the Branch one of the most efficient in the Association. On completing 35 years as secretary he was presented with a silver plate in the form of a bell inscribed that it was presented by all the towers of the Deanery in grateful thanks for 35 years' unselfish service.

The funeral service at St. Michael's Parish Church, Minehead, was largely attended and preceded cremation at Bristol. Half-muffled touches were rung before the service, which was taken by the Rev. E. C. Mortimer (Vicar of Minehead), assisted by the Rev. J. B. Court.

Honorary and ringing members of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Diocesan Association present were the Rev. T. S. Dawson (Carhampton), president, Preb. G. D. Dunlop, R.D. (Dunster), the Rev. D. V. Yonge (Old Cleeve), Lord St. Audries (Stogursey), Major H. J. Cann (Kilve), Mr. F. J. Cassley (Wiveliscombe), Mr. C. Lock, Miss A. Duddridge and Mr. L. Richards (Crowcombe), Messrs. R. Eaton, J. Grattan and N. Churly (Old Cleeve), J. Watts, J. Farmer and E. Parker (Carhampton), F. A. Bond and F. J. Norman (Timberscombe), H. L. R. and L. Arscott (Selworthy), J. Huish (Porlock), A. Bellamy, J. Maidment, H. Lloyd, H. Arscott and A. Jones (Dunster), S. J. Webber (also representing Mr. W. H. Webber) and F. E. Webber (Cutcombe), J. Pugsley, C. Strawbridge, W. C. Thorne, F. Mullis, J. Parsons, F. Morris and R. W. Tudball and the Misses M. Armstrong and B. Howard (Minehead).

The hon. secretary of the Branch, Mr. A. R. Tudball (Dunster), was unable to be present owing to having had an accident.

MEMORIAL MEETING

The Dunster Deanery meeting at Old Cleeve on April 11th took the form of a memorial service to Mr. Stacey. The large attendance included representatives from the following towers:—Old Cleeve, Carhampton, Chipstable, Crowcombe, Dulverton, Dunster, Minehead, Monksilver, Sampford, Brett, Selworthy, Stogursey, Timberscombe, Wootton Courtenay, Wiveliscombe, Milverton, Ashbrittle, East Quantockhead and Wembdon.

Prefaced by the use of the bells, half-muffled, the service did not follow the usual form for these occasions but was designed to venerate the memory of one who had given unprecedented service to the Branch. Among the congregation was Mrs. G. H. Hawkins (a niece of the late Mr. Stacey) and Mrs. E. Townsend, Mrs. J. Pugsley and Mrs. L. Ortensia. Vice-presidents of the Branch present were Canon S. E. Swan, Preb. G. D. Dunlop and Dr. R. G. L. Beazeley.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. B. Yonge, and the Branch's president, the Rev. T. S. Dawson, Vicar of Carhampton, read the lesson and he also gave the address, in which he commended the example Mr. Stacey had set in his long career of service and paid tribute to his devotion to duty.

After tea in the fine Lysaght Village Hall the Rev. T. S. Dawson presided over the business meeting which followed and the company stood in silence to the memory of the late honorary secretary. Apologies for being unable to attend were received from Preb. A. J. Hook, the Rev. J. A. Court and the Rev. R. A. Newman.

A letter was read by the hon. secretary from Mrs. G. H. Hawkins acknowledging on behalf of herself and relatives the ringers' tributes expressed in their bereavement.

It was with regret the meeting accepted the resignation of Mr. J. Farmer, of Carhampton, as correspondent to 'The Ringing World,' and more so because of the reason—on account of ill-health. Two new members were elected. The next meeting, subject to permission, will be held at Exton on June 15th.

The meeting's thanks for the church service and use of the bells were extended to the Rector by Canon Swan; Preb. Dunlop spoke gratefully of the services of the organist at the service, the tower-keeper and all who had helped with the tea and made arrangements for it.

The Rev. G. V. Yonge referred in suitable terms to the president's good offices in various ways. More ringing followed on open bells under the able management of the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Pugsley. G. D.

MR. W. J. ELDRER

The Norwich Diocesan Association and in particular the West Norfolk Branch has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. William J. Eldred, secretary for 25 years. His passing came suddenly on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Mr. Eldred had many talents, being a ringer at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, and also a chorister for an even longer period; his bass voice taking the solos in Handel's 'Messiah' was a real joy.

At the funeral service the choir led the singing to a full church, and at the graveside handbells were rung. Wreaths were sent from St. Margaret's and Gaywood ringers and from the West Norfolk Branch members.

The bells at St. Margaret's Church were rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral and a full half-muffled peal at Gaywood Church on Saturday, April 11th, occupying 2 hours and 20 minutes, by members of the Branch as a tribute to his memory.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Pilton, Saturday, April 25th. Service 4. Tea and meeting.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 2445

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Mottram, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 2441

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Sandiacre (6) on April 25th at 3 p.m. (Note the change of venue.) Names for tea to Mr. D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley, Derbyshire. 2455

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m. Farewell meeting to our president (The Vicar).—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2466

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, April 25th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 2442

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Weston, April 25th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Graveley after tea. Special methods: All Saints' Doubles and Single Oxford.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2425

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Linton (8), on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2451

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting, Meopham, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. 2426

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting, Hughenden, Saturday, April 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. High Wycombe 7 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2413

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — Annual meeting at Faringdon on April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 2399

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting Huntingfield (5), April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped to have ringing at Hevingham (5) also, after tea.—R. S. Payne, Hon. Sec. 2446

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Wootton St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Isle of Wight District. — Quarterly meeting, Arretton, April 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2452

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. — Meeting at Elland (8), Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for all, at moderate cost, 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow and bells until 9 p.m. 2485

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgewater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Spaxton, May 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please. — R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 2479

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Deacry. — Meeting at Horsington, May 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 2471

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crew Branch. — Wyburnbury, May 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by April 29th. — W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 2488

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch. — Spring meeting, Handley (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by April 29th. — Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 2501

DEVON GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — Meeting, Tedburn St. Mary, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. (juniors half price). Names by April 19th. — F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 2481

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Sunderland Parish Church, Saturday, May 2nd, 2.30. Names for tea, by April 30th, to Mr. W. Jones, 3, James William Street, Sunderland. 2484

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Division. — Crusader meeting on May 2nd. Woodford (8) 2.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Service, Wanstead, 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to B. Petty, 13, High Street, Wanstead, E.11. 2463

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Meeting, Longley, (8) May 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (1s. 6d. per head). Names required by April 27th certain. — Lerner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Glos. 2478

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Braughing (8 bells). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. 2444

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Langlebury (6), Saturday, May 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names, please. — R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 2478

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — Meeting at Appledore, May 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2444

LADIES' GUILD. — South Wales Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Cowbridge, May 2nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, by April 28th, to Mrs. R. E. Coles, 2, The Causeway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge, Glam. — Jacqueline Evans, Hon. Sec. 2457

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — Meeting, Holy Trinity, Burnley, May 2nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2472

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Emmanuel Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 2nd. Names for tea to Miss D. Dutton, 1, Cockle Dicks Lane, Southport. — W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 2502

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), St. Mary's (8) 2.30-4.15 p.m. Service at St. George's 4.30. Tea 5 in Dover Street Rooms. 2475

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Winterton, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 29th, to R. E. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton, Great Yarmouth. — P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 2439

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch. — Spring meeting, Saxlingham Nethergate, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Prince of Wales. Also Shotesham bells (5) after tea. Names for tea, by Tuesday, April 28th, to Mr. T. Simmons, Home Cottage Farm, Saxlingham, Norwich. — A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 2490

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Welford, May 2nd. Names for tea, before April 29th, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. Note: No name, no tea. 2495

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting at Staveley on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, near Chesterfield. 2476

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Meeting at Kingston-on-Soar (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Barton buses leave Granby Street, Nottingham. 2.28 and 3.28. Take sandwiches; cups of tea and cakes provided free. All ringers welcome. 2467

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Shredfield, May 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names, by April 28th, to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton. — John H. Hunt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2487

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 2nd. Ringing from 2.30, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas'; Good Shepherd after meeting. Service St. Peter's 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. (under 16 1s. 3d.). Usual allowances. Individual names for tea before April 29th. — B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 2430

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Selby on Saturday, May 2nd. The Abbey bells (10) available 2-4.15 p.m. and after the meeting till 9 p.m. Auditors meet 11 a.m., Hawdon Institute. Service 4.15 p.m. in chancel. Tea (4s. per head) served at 5 p.m. at the Coronna Cafe, Ousegate. Names by April 30th to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. Meeting same room immediately afterwards. Reports will be available and subscriptions are now due. — L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 2462

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Donnar House, May 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. 1953 tour: July 6th-16th, North Yorks, cost £3. Non-members also welcome. Please inform secretary by May 1st. 2475

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, May 9th, Liverpool. Train, Euston 8.30. Meet 8. Lunch on train. Ringing at Parish Church, Pier Head (new ring of 12 bells), 1 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9. Business meeting in Library 3.45 p.m. Tea in Refectory 4.15 p.m. Members will be the guests of the St. Nicholas' ringers. Names for tea by May 3rd, please, to A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 2500

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Notts District). — Joint meeting, Clowne (6), Saturday, May 9th. Good attendance requested. Tea for those who send names to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 2482

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE. — A Ringing Day will be held on May 9th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Names for tea to L. Evans, The Broach, Eardisland, Leominster. 2150

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Meeting at Belchamp St. Paul (6), Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea by Wednesday the 6th. Wickham St. Paul (5) available after 7 p.m. — H. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree. 2493

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Cock at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 2473

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Meeting at Redbourn (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent, by May 6th, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn. — P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2491

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Pudsey, Leeds, May 9th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Also cafe nearby. — A. D. Kelly, Dis. Sec. 2499

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Northern Branch, Lincoln District) and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Joint meeting at Basingham (6) on May 9th. Tea for those who notify, by the Wednesday previous, Mr. J. Woodsall, Basingham. — C. Brown and P. White, Hon. Secs. 2483

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — The annual Ringing Guild meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3.30 to 4.30. All ringers welcome. — J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxford. 2448

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Pangbourne (6) and Whitechurch (6) May 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service, Pangbourne, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Lantern Cafe, 5 p.m. Names, by May 4th, to Nancie Swann, 49, Whitenights Road, Reading. 2498

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Benson on Saturday, May 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea afterwards for those who notify me by May 4th. — H. Badger, Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 2494

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Flore, Saturday, May 9th. Names for tea to me by Saturday, May 2nd. — F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoby, Rugby. 2496

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival, Calne, Saturday, May 9th. Annual meeting, Town Hall, 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. High tea, Town Hall, 5 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d., obtained before May 5th, from Mr. F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. Towers available: Wootton Bassett, Calne, Melksham, Bishop's Cannings, Devizes (St. John's), Bradford (Christ Church), Brimhill, Broad Hinton, Hilmarton, Lyncham, Heddington and Yatesbury (from 12-2.15 and 6-8.30). — W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham. 2492

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at Great Holland, May 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Rectory for those only who notify me by May 12th.— J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley 2469

LADIES' GUILD—Western District.—Preliminary Notice. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Bridport on June 13th. Other towers available. Coach running from Bath-Bristol district. Names, as soon as possible, to Miss M. Taylor, Upcott, Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol. 2497

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