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**ARCHAEOLOGY.**

For the men who may be numbered among its devotees the archæology of bells is a most fascinating study. It is one of those things which are specially valuable because they offer no other reward than themselves to the man who undertakes them. A study of composition and the theory of change ringing is another of these things, and the history of the Exercise yet another. No one would take the slightest interest in them for what he hoped to get out of them. They are their own reward or else they are nothing. Bell archæology as a study is necessarily for the few and for those men who have a definite temperament and mental equipment. Such men were much commoner in the second half of the last century than they are to-day; and as the result of scholarly, painstaking and thorough work, we have a series of books dealing with the bells in the larger part of the country. Then it rather seemed as if interest in the subject was exhausted. H. B. Walters remained as a somewhat belated survival to finish and publish the work others had begun, but he appeared to be the end of the series. It was not so really. The conditions under which the older men worked had indeed largely gone and the chances of discovering some ancient bell by a rare founder had become very small, but there were still parts of the country where a systematic survey had not yet been made and men of the right sort were still to be found to undertake it. In one case a whole branch of the archæology of the belfry was discovered which had been completely neglected by the earlier men.

The steeples of our village churches contain not only examples of English founders' work of the Middle Ages, but also many examples of the craftsmanship of carpenters, joiners, and smiths, showing how they faced the problems of designing and making a structure which could resist the many and varying strains set up by a ringing peal of bells. Like the bells they held, these frames were gradually disappearing and the evidence they afforded of the work and skill of the old English tradesman would soon have been lost.

Mr. George P. Elphick, of Lewes, made a close study of these bell frames so far as the county of Sussex is concerned, and has made careful drawing of them and of the bell wheels which in some cases they contain. His description of the frames appeared in the pages of 'The Ringing World' as far back as the year 1941; the bell wheels were dealt with in an article last year.

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The subject is of interest to more people than bell-ringers, and the Sussex Archæological Society has now issued a little book of fifty-nine pages containing Mr. Elphick's descriptions and drawings of the Sussex bell frames. This book is likely to be highly valued in the future, for it is the only one which deals authoritatively with the subject and the number of copies printed is necessarily small.

Mr. Elphick is not the only man at present engaged in archæological research; another part—the ninth—of Mr. Frederick Sharpe's 'Church Bells of Berkshire' is now on sale. This brings the survey to Reading, and there are still important bells to be dealt with, but publication is necessarily slow. When the work is finished it will take its place among the best of the county histories of bells. Mr. Sharpe has also in hand a survey of the church bells of Radnorshire and the appearance of the first part may be expected in the near future.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL.**

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 33 cwt.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HOWARD HOWELL ... <i>Treble</i> | ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7        |
| FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 2        | *ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 8       |
| RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 3         | GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 9         |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4      | ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 10          |
| HERBERT KNIGHT ... 5            | HARRY BOSWELL ... 11           |
| HAROLD SMITH ... 6              | ALFRED J. MOY ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* 100th peal.

**TEN BELL PEAL.**

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, RANMOOR,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| MRS. DORICE E. KELLY <i>Treble</i> | ARNOLD HILL ... 6                  |
| JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 2           | ARTHUR FIRTH ... 7                 |
| WILLIAM BARTON ... 3               | *NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 8             |
| F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4           | *HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 9         |
| J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5              | *ERNEST A. THORPE ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                     |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... <i>Treble</i> | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5          |
| FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2               | HENRY H. FEARN ... 6             |
| DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3              | JOHN PINFOLD ... 7               |
| G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4          | GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

|                                |                                    |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| EVEREST FORD ... <i>Treble</i> | EDWARD IDDON ... 5                 |
| JOHN R. LUNHAM ... 2           | PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6            |
| PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 3        | ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7             |
| *FREDERICK BROWNLOW ... 4      | *ERNEST FARNWORTH ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method.

BOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELENA AND ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| STANLEY E. DARMON ... <i>Treble</i> | CHARLES COOK ... 5                  |
| MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2           | T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 6            |
| RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 3           | HARRY MARTIN ... 7                  |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4            | REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by MISS MARIE R. CROSS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... <i>Treble</i> | GEORGE BENNETT ... 5               |
| *WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDON ... 2          | LESLIE G. BRETT ... 6              |
| FRANK RUFFLES ... 3                   | T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7              |
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4              | ALBERT E. WHITING ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| JOSIAH MORRIS ... <i>Treble</i> | FREDERICK ROE ... 5              |
| RONALD H. DOVE ... 2            | *ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 6         |
| *ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3         | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7              |
| BURLEY MORRIS ... 4             | HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes, AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

|                     |                                       |                                      |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| DEXTER'S VARIATION. | WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... <i>Treble</i> | HAROLD A. MAY ... 5                  |
|                     | ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2               | H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6             |
|                     | C. ERNEST SMITH ... 3                 | WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7              |
|                     | NORMAN V. HARDING ... 4               | RONALD C. J. HAGLEY ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| HARRY HOVERD ... <i>Treble</i> | GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5          |
| *W. NORMAN PARK ... 2          | HERBERT E. AUNDSLEY ... 6         |
| EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3         | PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7             |
| JAMES E. BAILEY ... 4          | FREDK. J. CULLUM ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal in the method.



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**STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,*

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

|                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... <i>Treble</i> | JAMES W. JENNINGS ... 5            |
| *LESLIE FOSTER ... 2              | ROBERT J. STEED ... 6              |
| KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3           | SIDNEY W. ARBON ... 7              |
| HARRY D. LISTER ... 4             | OLIVER G. BARNARD ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.  
\* First peal of Kent Major.

**LISCARD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.*

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

|                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| *ALEX J. WEBSTER ... <i>Treble</i> | *DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 5          |
| *LESTER L. GRAY ... 2              | *GEOERGE LEDSHAM ... 6               |
| FRANK VARTY ... 3                  | *JOHN E. SPICE ... 7                 |
| *ERIC J. GILBERT ... 4             | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.  
\* First peal in the method.

**SWANAGE, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

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

|                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. |                                   |
| *REGINALD F. W. KING <i>Treble</i>  | G. FRANK HAYSON ... 5             |
| FREDERICK PRECEY ... 2              | *R. FRANK PRICE ... 6             |
| LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... 3              | WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 7            |
| LIONEL H. PINK ... 4                | *HAROLD E. WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

**GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.  
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*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

|  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt. |                                   |
| JOHN A. BROWN ... <i>Treble</i>        | CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ... 5         |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 2                | ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 6         |
| MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 3             | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 7         |
| DENIS A. BAYLES ... 4                  | SAMUEL C. WALKER ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

**BOCKING, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tenor 18½ cwt.                   |                                |
| CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... <i>Treble</i> | FRANK CLAYDON ... 5            |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 2            | ALBERT WIFFEN ... 6            |
| FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3         | MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 7    |
| RONALD SUCKLING ... 4            | WALTER ARNOLD ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.  
First peal in the method as conductor.

**FRINDSBURY, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

|                                      |                                    |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tenor 16 cwt.                        |                                    |
| EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... <i>Treble</i> | *FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 5            |
| HARRY SPRINGATE ... 2                | CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 6         |
| FREDK. RICHARDSON ... 3              | WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7         |
| GEORGE KENWARD ... 4                 | BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

**BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

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

|                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tenor 16 cwt.                    |                                 |
| WALTER ALLWOOD ... <i>Treble</i> | HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 5         |
| LESLIE W. BACON ... 2            | WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 6         |
| GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 3          | WILLIAM SWAIN ... 7             |
| ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 4           | JOHN E. TURLEY ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. E. TURLEY.

**CALNE, WILTS.**

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

|                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. |                                 |
| HERBERT BURRY ... <i>Treble</i>     | FREDERICK W. HALE ... 5         |
| WILLIAM A. HACKER ... 2             | SIDNEY G. GRANT ... 6           |
| *FREDERICK WALKER ... 3             | EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7          |
| HARRY S. PARSONS ... 4              | WILLIAM HAINES ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal of Triples away from the treble.

**PORTSMOUTH.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

|                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tenor 17½ cwt.                     |                                      |
| JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... <i>Treble</i> | TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5                |
| C. ERNEST SMITH ... 2              | WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6              |
| *ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3          | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7            |
| REGINALD A. REED ... 4             | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by FREDK. DARCH. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung for Mr. George Williams' 89th birthday.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

|                                     |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt. |                                       |
| *JAMES W. WILSON ... <i>Treble</i>  | *MISS JUNE H. EAST ... 5              |
| MRS. C. J. HIBBERT ... 2            | WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 6                 |
| MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 3           | CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 7                |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 4             | *FREDERICK J. CARTER ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by C. J. HIBBERT.

\* First peal. In memoriam R. T. Hibbert and W. Hibbert.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

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

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Tenor 12½ cwt.                   |                               |
| *ERIC A. DENCH ... <i>Treble</i> | *THOMAS E. SONE ... 5         |
| *ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 2          | PHILIP A. CORBY ... 6         |
| FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 3        | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7      |
| *GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4        | HARRY HOVERD ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.  
\* First peal in the method.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**WESTON, BATH.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

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

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tenor 14½ cwt.               |                                |
| KEN MEDWAY ... <i>Treble</i> | TREVOR HAYWARD ... 4           |
| MISS N. LYE ... 2            | SEALY S. WOODBURN ... 5        |
| G. H. CROSS ... 3            | ALBERT HIGHAM ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

**COTTON, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

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

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| One 720 of St. Clement's, two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. |                                     |
| THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD <i>Treble</i>  | SIDNEY W. ARBON ... 4               |
| BERT CHILVERS ... 2   | W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 5                |
| LESLIE FOSTER ... 3   | VICTOR C. LOCKWOOD ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by W. ARCHIE LOCK.

**SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM.**

*On Wed., May 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 2       | JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 4        |
| G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... .. 3 | EDWARD T. LLOYD ... .. 5     |
| EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 3    | GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

**GAMSTON, NOTTS.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| OSWY STREET ... .. 2         | MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. 4 |
| MISS G. BURCHNALL ... .. 2   | JOHN NEWBERT ... .. 5      |
| MISS JOSEPHINE SALT ... .. 3 | HAROLD DENMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

**THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.**

*On Wed., May 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.*

IN THE ORANGERY, AT BARTON SEAGRAVE HALL HOTEL,

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

|                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| REV. E. G. BENSON ... .. 1-2 | REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... .. 5-6    |
| REV. H. G. BENSON ... .. 3-4 | REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE ... .. 7-8 |

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by REV. M. C. MELVILLE.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., May 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes.*

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| LUCILE HUBBERT ... .. 1-2 | ERIC A. DENCH ... .. 5-6      |
| MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7-8 |

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by E. A. DENCH.

LEICESTER.

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., May 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JILL POOLE ... .. 1-2        | G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 7-8 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3-4   | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 9-10    |
| PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 5-6 | JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 11-12   |

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., May 3, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT 7, VERNON STREET,*

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

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| JOCELYN B. GARDNER ... .. 1-2 | JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 3-4 |
| C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 5-6   |                          |

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINGS.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT TRENTWOOD,*

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6     |
| FRANK LORD ... .. 3-4   | PHILIP BARNES ... .. 7-8 |

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., May 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT SWAN STREET,*

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

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| THOMAS BIRD ... .. 1-2       | RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5-6     |
| ALBERT CATTERWELL ... .. 3-4 | REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... .. 7-8 |

Arranged by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., May 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT SWAN STREET,*

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

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## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Worcester and Districts Association was held at Worcester on Easter Monday and attracted a large gathering, over 150 members and friends being present. Service in All Saints' Church was conducted by the Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Bishop Lasbeey.

The business meeting was held in College Hall, with the Dean, who is president of the association, in the chair. In his report, Mr. J. D. Johnson, the hon. secretary, stated that 47 peals had been rung during the year, two of them on handbells. Fourteen of the tower bell peals were conducted by Mr. G. E. Large. The number ringing their first peal was not so large in proportion as in last year. Among the peals calling for note were Bob toya, at Worcester, with seven 'firsts' of Bob Royal; Pudsey Surprise Major, at Claines, six 'firsts' in the method; Kent Treble Bob Major, at Hinton, one 'first' of Treble Bob and three 'firsts' on eight bells; Bob Royal, at Bromsgrove, eight 'firsts' of Royal; and London Surprise Major, at Dodderhill, four 'firsts' in the method.

Both of the handbell peals were rung at Sedgeberrow—one Kent Treble Bob Major, and the other the first peal of Stedman Triples, rung in hand by the association.

The balance sheet showed that the funds now stand at the record figure of £186 7s. 11d., an increase of some £22 over last year.

The committee recommended that the annual dinner should be again held on the last Saturday in September, and stated that a grant of £5 had been made towards the rehauling of the bells at Elmley Castle. The librarian reported that only one application had been made for books during the year, and members were reminded of the facilities provided for borrowing books. A proposal to form a fourth branch of the association—the Eastern—was discussed, and it was decided to defer the matter for another 12 months.

Worcester was again selected for the next annual meeting, and the arrangements for the annual peal were left to the Master, Mr. S. T. Holt, with the hope that it would be rung on the Cathedral bells.

The Dean of Worcester was re-elected president, and the clerical and lay vice-presidents, treasurer and auditors were all re-elected. Messrs. S. T. Holt and J. D. Johnson were re-elected Master and lay secretary, and an invitation was given to the Rev. H. Hartley, of Malvern Link, to accept the office of clerical secretary, vacant by the removal to Blackburn Cathedral of the Rev. A. C. F. Davies. The Rev. F. C. Champion, of Hinton-on-the-Green, was elected to the Central Committee in place of the Rev. J. F. Hastings.

A party of 125 sat down to lunch.

During the afternoon and evening there was ringing on the twelve bells at the Cathedral, the tens at All Saints' and Claines, the eight at St. John's, and the six at St. Swithin's.

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at Warwick on April 27th, and eighty members and friends attended from Allesley, Bedworth, Chilvers Coton, Keresley, Leamington, Meriden, Nuneaton, Stratford, Stoke, Rugby, Wolvey and the local band.

Service in St. Mary's Church was conducted by the Rev. E. B. Brooks, and the new service forms were used. Tea at the Warwick Restaurant was followed by the business meeting in the vestry.

The reports of the general hon. secretary and the district secretaries were presented, and the balance sheet (showing a balance in hand of £36 8s. 9d. with £20 in Defence Bonds) was adopted.

The election of officers resulted in the following: President, the Rev. R. T. Murray; vice-presidents, the Rev. O. M. Jones, the Rev. J. H. Dingley, the Rev. F. S. Herbert and Mr. J. H. W. White (formerly Master of the Guild); Master, Mr. F. E. Pervin; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; hon. district secretaries, Mr. H. Summers (Coventry and Rugby), Mr. L. Trevor (Nuneaton) and Mr. D. Stanley (Warwick and Stratford); hon. auditor, Mr. A. H. Beamish.

Salford Priors was chosen as the place of the July quarterly meeting, and the new members elected were P. Wright, Nuneaton, and D. Duffin, Brinklow. The election of Miss M. R. Cross, Oxford, was ratified.

A sub-committee was formed, consisting of the president, the Master, the hon. secretary and Mr. F. W. Perrins, to consider applications for assistance from the belfry repair fund.

## DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held a meeting at Kingsteinton, Newton Abbot, on May 4th, when visitors came from Sidmouth, Exeter, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Kingskerswell, Paignton, Collaton St. Mary, Dartmouth, Buckfastleigh, Plympton, Plympton and Liskeard. The methods rung included Grandwire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. V. Parker, and Mr. C. R. Walker was at the organ.

At the business meeting the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman) presided. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Collaton St. Mary on August 10th, with a visit to Berry Pomeroy in the evening.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. MEETING AT WOOTTON.

At the annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Wootton, near Woodstock, on Saturday, May 11th, 37 members and visitors were present from Aston, Cassington, Eynsham, Kidlington, Wootton, Standlake, Northmoor, Witney, Soudern, Oxford, Deddington, Lower Heyford and Chearsley.

Service was conducted by the Vicar of Wootton, and tea was in the Village Hall.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, the Rev. H. Pickles (Woodstock); vice-chairman, the Rev. G. Bateman (Bampton); secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. C. Farmer (Standlake); representatives on General Committee, Messrs. T. W. Bond, H. Floyd and A. Cornish. The accounts showed a balance of £15 11s. 3d.

Thirteen new members were elected, and five members from Yarn-ton after a lapse of several years were re-elected.

## EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the East Derby and Notts Association, held at North Wingfield on Easter Monday, members were present from Ault, Hucknell, Backwell, Clay Cross, Heath, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Silston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Tibshelf and the local tower, with visitors from Sheffield.

The officers elected were: President, Mr. J. Hobbs; vice-presidents, Mr. J. H. Engiand and Mr. H. Dobb; Ringing Master, Miss M. E. B. Hudson; treasurer, Mr. C. Heathcote; secretary, Mr. J. W. Price; C.C. representative, Mr. C. Evans; auditors, Messrs. J. Machin and H. Doughty.

A resolution was passed that at meetings no touch shall exceed 360 changes.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

At a general meeting of the Oxford University Society, held on April 30th, in Somerville College, 30 members were present, the chair being taken by Dr. L. E. Sutton, vice-president.

The report of the previous term's activities showed steady progress by the beginners, although only two peals had been scored, both on handbells.

The following officers were elected: Master, Miss B. Spice; secretaries, Miss F. A. Edgar and Mr. J. V. Lonsbrough; treasurer, Mr. J. J. Bredin.

## DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. MEETING AT FISHLAKE.

At a meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, held at Fishlake on April 27th, 23 members were present. The methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall, Thelwall, Cambridge Surprise and Original Minor.

## QUARTER PEALS

LEIGH.—At St. Mary's on Sunday, April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Card 1, G. D. Whitehead 2, R. A. Whitehead 3, D. J. Pankhurst 4, B. W. Pankhurst (conductor) 5, A. Stubbings 6.

CANTERBURY.—On April 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Brett 1, Miss B. Philpott 2, J. W. Unwin 3, S. Walter 4, F. J. Wells 5, F. R. Welier (conductor) 6, R. French 7, B. J. Luck 8.

BYTHORNE, KENT.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sage 1, E. T. Ellender 2, C. Turner (conductor) 3, E. J. Walker 4, W. A. Terry 5.

MILLS, SOMERSET.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Norris 1, R. G. Beck 2, E. J. Targett 3, J. Moore 4, E. H. Nash 5, G. H. Harding 6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7, E. F. Knapton 8.

SOUTH WILLISBOROUGH.—On May 2nd, 1,440 Hereward Bob Minor: Richard J. Lancefield 1, Thomas Cullingworth 2, Frederick G. Huckstepp 3, William A. Oldfield 4, Henry G. Keeley 5, Mark S. Lane-field (conductor) 6.

OTTERSHAW.—On May 4th, 1,290 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 810 Grandsire): D. Sleet 1, W. Goldstone 2, H. J. Chaffey 3, A. Andrews 4, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 5, W. Horn 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Cox 1, W. Lee 2, R. Blaby 3, J. W. Wilkins 4, A. Heywood 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, R. P. Newton 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Newman 1, A. Smith 2, A. Rushton 3, A. Davis 4, H. Wood 5, R. Kew-dall 6, I. Goodenough (conductor) 7, J. Wing 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, F. D. Boreham 2, J. W. Wilkins 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, G. R. Goodship 5, S. T. Goodchild 6, C. A. Smith 7, E. Croxford 8.

WATFORD.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Philbrick 1, R. G. Bell (conductor) 2, Dr. F. S. Poole 3, H. Timms 4, S. H. Hoare 5, E. J. Charman 6, F. H. Crook 7, A. W. Dix 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 5th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, L. P. Cook 2, F. W. Burnett 3, C. Philpotts 4, S. E. Cook 5, W. Tate 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. A. Nobes 8.

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#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Representatives of affiliated societies should inquire of  
their Secretary or Treasurer as to whether the affiliation  
fees for 1946 (due January 1st, 1946) have been paid, in  
order that they may be permitted to speak and vote at  
the Council Meeting. Eighteen Societies have not yet  
forwarded their fees.

**Peal Ringing.**—Members desirous of attempting peals  
during the Whitsun week-end should communicate with  
Mr. F. Nolan Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich,  
who has sole charge of the peal arrangements. The  
towers available are situated outside the City.

#### VICTORY RINGING.

The Standing Committee of the Central Council wish  
to remind all ringers that on the occasion of the Victory  
celebrations on Whit Saturday, June 8th, every care  
should be taken to ensure that whatever ringing is ar-  
ranged should be of the highest possible standard. The  
occasion should not be treated as an additional practice.  
Many bands, to ensure this, will be compelled to ring  
rounds only. May we therefore ask all expert bands  
to unite with them by prefacing any change ringing with  
a short period of well-struck rounds.

Mr. George Williams thanks those who sent him congratulations on  
his 89th birthday.

The handbell peal of Treble Bob Royal at Coventry in April was  
conducted by Mr. F. W. Perrons.

The Cambridge Surprise Major at Helmingham on May 6th was  
Mr. L. C. Wightman's 450th peal.

#### THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIFS.

May 14th, 1924. At Whitley Bay, the first peal of Spiced Surprise  
Major—Cambridge and Superlative.

May 15th, 1837. At All Saints', Fulham, 12,096 Grandsire Caters.  
1894. At All Saints', Loughborough, 8,800 Superlative Surprise  
Major, then the longest length in the method.

May 17th, 1735. At St. Lawrence Jewry in the City of London,  
5,040 Court Bob Major.

May 18th, 1846. At St. Martin's, Birmingham, Thurstans' four-part  
peal of Stedman Triples, rung for the first time.

1883. At Mottram-in-Longdendale, 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The second session of the nineteenth Council (49th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 11th, 1946, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Norwich (by kind permission of the Lord Mayor) at 11 a.m. precisely.

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

### AGENDA.

- Report of the hon. secretary as to representation of societies and as to subscriptions.  
Apologies for absence.  
Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 11).
1. Election of hon. auditor. (A vacancy occurs by the death of Mr. C. T. Coles.)
  2. Election of honorary members. There are four vacancies.
  3. Loss of members through death.
  4. Minutes of last meeting.
  5. Report of the hon. librarian.
  6. Statement of the General Accounts.
  7. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.  
Trustees—Messrs. E. A. Young and A. A. Hughes.
  8. To receive, discuss and if thought fit to adopt the reports of the following committees.  
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.  
To alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable.
    - (a) Standing Committee.
    - (b) Peal Collection.
    - (c) Methods.
    - (d) Peal Analysis.
    - (e) Records.
    - (f) Towers and Belfries.
    - (g) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.
    - (h) Peal Boards.
    - (i) Biographies.
    - (k) 'Ringing World.'

### MOTIONS.

9. Alteration of Rules.  
Notice of motion was given at the last meeting by Mr. C. T. Coles.  
Owing to his death no formal motion is before the Council.
10. That in future all publications issued by the Central Council have the compositions in them printed correctly, i.e., with the notation in front of the resulting course end.  
Proposed by Charles J. Sedgley.  
Seconded by F. Nolan Golden.
11. That for some time past the contents of 'The Ringing World' have not been conducive to the fostering of our art, especially among the younger generation of ringers. In their interest it is suggested that more space be made available for current affairs by the exclusion of irrelevant matter, by setting the leader in smaller type; also the notice of officials of the paper could be condensed or only inserted in alternate weeks.  
Proposed by George W. Steere.  
Seconded by George H. Cross.
12. To fix the place of the next meeting.
12. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### MEETING AT GREAT BARDFIELD.

A meeting of the Northern District of the Essex Association was held at Great Bardfield on April 27th, at which members and friends were present from Earls Colne, Braintree, Kelvedon, Feering, Black Notley, Halstead, Springfield, Maldon, Bocking, Dunmow, Finchingfield, Epsom, Chevington, Shimpling, Oxhey, Baldock, Sudbury, Long Melford, Meibourn and the local belfry. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. — Cartright.

At the business meeting, over which the Master (Mr. L. W. Wiffen) presided, Mr. Bailey, of Earls Colne, Mr. Roper, of Finchingfield, and Mr. W. Piper, of Great Bardfield, were elected members, and Kelvedon was selected for the next meeting on June 15th. The proposal to hold the annual meeting at Easter instead of Whitsun was discussed, as well as the suggested W. J. Nevard memorial. Towers were asked to subscribe if they had not already done so. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Superlative Surprise Major.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### RETIREMENT OF MR. G. W. CARTMEL.

At the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association, held at St. Albans on April 27th, Mr. G. W. Cartmel retired from the office of secretary, which he had held since 1904. In his final report he referred with natural and justified pride to his long association with the society. 'I joined the Cathedral Society,' he said, 'on its formation on January 1st, 1884, and this association on January 5th, 1885, which was formed on October 29th, 1884, so the original members' names of the Cathedral Society appear in the association's first annual report. I was appointed assistant secretary in 1890, and when Mr. Percy Debenham resigned his position as secretary in 1904, I was appointed his successor,' and he spoke of the success and good feeling which had attended his work. 'During my term of office there have been differences of opinion with a few members, but time and patience have always removed any misunderstandings and no friendships have been lost. The society has always stood solidly with me.'

The President (Mr. H. G. Cashmore) said Mr. Cartmel had achieved a record in the office of secretary which would never be touched in the association. 'The time has come when Mr. Cartmel feels he should lay down this work. I feel I should be lacking in my duties as president if I did not offer him our very sincere and grateful thanks. The association, Mr. Cartmel,' he added, 'will not be the same without you at the helm. I hope you will be spared for many years to come to give us your advice and help.'

Mr. G. E. Debenham spoke of Mr. Cartmel as one who had worked hard and faithfully for the association, and on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, who was appointed to fill the vacant office, Mr. Cartmel was made a life member of the association.

In his reply, Mr. Cartmel said that he had been very happy in carrying out the work. 'I took it up as a work for God and His Church.'

The annual report stated that the association had well maintained its strength and usefulness. Many meetings had been held and Sunday service ringing had been well maintained. Twenty-one peals had been rung on tower bells and 15 on handbells. There were nine conductors, and the tower bell peals were rung in 14 different churches.

Miss Sharp and Mr. H. J. Loe were elected hon. life members and the following officers were appointed: President, Mr. A. Lawrence, Hatfield; secretary, Mr. W. Ayre; treasurer, Mr. G. E. Debenham; librarian, Mrs. Fergusson; auditors, Messrs. Mercer and Hole.

Before the meeting the members attended evensong in the Abbey, where an address was given by the Rev. Guy Beech. Ringing was at the Abbey, St. Peter's and St. Michael's, and tea was at the Water End Barn.

During the meeting a question was asked about the book which some time ago disappeared from the library, but no information could be given. This book was referred to as the 'Tintinnalogia,' but that was a mistake. The missing volume is a copy of Fabian Stedman's 'Campanologia,' published in 1677. We are not sure whether the title page is not missing, but the book can be identified by certain 'London peals by F.S.' and certain 'Cambridge peals by Mr. S.S.' which are printed towards the end.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

### MEETING AT WOLLASTON.

The quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Wollaston on May 4th, and members were present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Finedon, Higham Ferrers, Mears Ashby, Stanwick, Bozeat, Great Doddington, Earls Barton, Easton Maudit, Yardley Hastings, Ecton, Whiston and Wollaston, with visitors from Bedford, Raunds, Biddenham and Warkton.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, and the collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 8s.

About 70 were present at tea, and the Rev. E. S. Powell, Master, presided over the business meeting which followed, supported by the branch secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Bigley (Irthlingborough).

One new member, Mr. C. H. Dunkley, Higham Ferrers, was admitted, and Yardley Hastings was chosen for the next quarterly meeting.

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

### MEETING AT SOUTH PETHERTON.

At a meeting of the Ichester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at South Petherton on May 4th, members were present from Yeovil, Martock, South Petherton, Shepton Beauchamp, West Coker, Hardington Mandeville, Drayton, Long Sutton and Burlescombe.

The Vicar, the Rev. P. A. Allan, conducted the service and gave an address. Tea was at the Vicarage, and the president, Preb. G. W. Saunders, presided at the meeting. Of twelve new members elected, ten were from the South Petherton tower. The secretary, Mr. F. Farrant, reported that it was decided at the annual general meeting recently held at Minchhead to raise the annual subscription to 1s. 6d. The Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Poole, thought the activities of this branch should be given more publicity. Meetings were regularly held and well attended and peals had been rung.

## 'THE CHURCH BELLS OF BERKSHIRE.'

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### DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

(Continued from page 185.)

A full table of the false leads acting against a Tittum plain course and a Handstroke Home plain course is given below. It was worked out by transposition from the ordinary plain course table of false leads.

TABLE B.

TITTIMS.

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 23456878 | 27869453 | 25394867 | 26748395 | 29583746 | 24637589 | 28975634 |
| 79253864 | 54267398 | 68295743 | 93246587 | 47289635 | 85234976 | 36278459 |
| 69253847 | 94267385 | 48295736 | 83246579 | 37289654 | 75234968 | 56278493 |
| 69852347 | 94362785 | 48792536 | 83542679 | 37682964 | 75932468 | 56472893 |
| 68792543 | 93542687 | 47682935 | 85932476 | 36472959 | 79852364 | 54362798 |
| 69752384 | 94562738 | 48692573 | 83942657 | 37482965 | 75832496 | 56372849 |
| 46752389 | 89662734 | 34692578 | 78942653 | 53482967 | 67832495 | 95372846 |
| 46867329 | 89365724 | 34796528 | 78542623 | 53684927 | 67938425 | 95473826 |
| 39524768 | 74628593 | 58923647 | 63427985 | 97825436 | 45326879 | 86729354 |
| 32564798 | 72689543 | 52943687 | 62487935 | 92835476 | 42376859 | 82759364 |
| 32549687 | 72684935 | 52938476 | 62473859 | 92857364 | 42365798 | 82796543 |
| 32645798 | 72986543 | 52439687 | 62874935 | 9258476  | 42763859 | 82597364 |
| 52647398 | 62985743 | 92436587 | 42879635 | 82354976 | 32768459 | 72593864 |

HANDSTROKE HOME.

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 23456879 | 27968453 | 25384967 | 26749385 | 28593746 | 24637598 | 29875634 |
| 78253964 | 54267389 | 69285743 | 83246597 | 47298635 | 95234876 | 36279458 |
| 68253947 | 84267395 | 49285736 | 93246578 | 37298654 | 75234869 | 56279483 |
| 68852347 | 84362795 | 49782536 | 93542678 | 37692854 | 75832469 | 56472983 |
| 69782543 | 83542697 | 47692835 | 95832476 | 36472958 | 78952364 | 54362789 |
| 68752394 | 84562739 | 49682573 | 93842657 | 37492865 | 75932486 | 56372948 |
| 46752398 | 98562734 | 34682579 | 79842653 | 53492967 | 67932485 | 85372946 |
| 46957328 | 98365724 | 34786529 | 79548623 | 53694827 | 67839425 | 85473926 |
| 38524769 | 74629683 | 58923647 | 63427895 | 97925436 | 45326978 | 96728354 |
| 32564789 | 72689543 | 52843697 | 62497835 | 92935476 | 42376958 | 92758364 |
| 32549697 | 72694835 | 52839476 | 62473958 | 92957364 | 42365789 | 92786543 |
| 32645789 | 72896543 | 52439697 | 62974835 | 92359476 | 42763958 | 92587364 |
| 52647389 | 62895743 | 82436597 | 42978635 | 92354876 | 32769458 | 72583964 |

The first table shows the seven leads of a Tittum plain course, giving every position into which 789 are thrown throughout the course. Under each lead are the leads false against that lead. Careful examination of this table will reveal that nowhere among the false leads does any Tittum position of 789 occur. Here is final proof of the fact referred to before; a block of Tittum rows is true in itself if all the leads of the treble are true.

The second table does the same thing for the Handstroke Home position. Examination of the table will establish the same rule as applies to the Tittum position: a block of Handstroke Home rows is true in itself if all the leads of the treble are true.

Comparison of one table with another, however, immediately reveals dangers. Tittum positions of 789 appear in the Handstroke Home Table, and Handstroke Home positions of 789 appear in the Tittum table.

For instance, the Tittum row 54267389 will be found in the column under the lead 27968453, and the Handstroke Home row 48295736 occurs among the false leads under the column headed 25394867. Two Tittum positions of 789 are free from false leads. These are 00708090 and 08970000; likewise two positions of 789 in the Handstroke Home, 00709080 and 09870000, are the only ones free from false leads.

A full examination and tabulation of the positions will lead to the following table of Tittum rows false against

Handstroke Home rows and Handstroke Home rows false against Tittum rows.

TABLE C.

| Tittum Row. | False against H. Home row. |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 45326978    | 24637598                   |
| 67839425    | 24637598                   |
| 53492867    | 28593746                   |
| 53694827    | 28593746                   |
| 69285743    | 25384967                   |
| 49285736    | 25384967                   |
| 52647389    | 23456879                   |
| 54267389    | 27968453                   |

TABLE D.

| H. Home row. | False against Tittum row. |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| 45326879     | 24637589                  |
| 67938425     | 24637589                  |
| 53482967     | 29583746                  |
| 53684927     | 29583746                  |
| 68295743     | 25394867                  |
| 48295736     | 25394867                  |
| 52647398     | 23456978                  |
| 54267398     | 27869453                  |

In proving a block of rows in the Tittums, therefore, take each position of 789 (except 00708090 and 08970000), transpose it by its false leads and so obtain the Handstroke Home row that produces the repetition. This Handstroke Home row must never occur. For instance, it can be seen from the above table that if 45326978 is used then the Handstroke Home row 24637598 must never be used. Similarly, 42356978 has a false row, 54637298, which must never occur if 42356978 is used. This false row was obtained by treating 42356978 just as 45326978 was treated.

So every row of the Tittums (except the two types that are free from false leads) must have its false leads worked out, and the utmost care must be taken that these false leads are not used in the Handstroke Home portion of the touch or peal.

In the tables given above it should be noted that three of the positions of 789 have two false leads each, and that in these cases two transpositions will have to be made. Take the 00007089 position, for example. 52647389 has a false lead 23456879, and 54267389 has a false lead 27968453. Any lead in the 00007089 position, then, must be transposed twice, once in the way that 23456879 is produced from 52647389, and once in the way that 27968453 is produced from 54267389.

If a block of Tittum rows has been proved against the Handstroke Home rows it may be stated that the Tittum portion has no rows that appear in the Handstroke Home block. It is therefore unnecessary to check the Handstroke Home rows against the Tittum block. Such a proceeding, nevertheless, provides a very valuable check on the work already done, and may be the means of revealing some unseen slip in the proof.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association, which took place at Leeds on May 4th in glorious weather, was attended by considerably more than 100 members and friends. Service, with the choir in attendance, was in the Parish Church. Almost 90 sat down to tea, and at the business meeting the chair was taken by Canon C. C. Marshall, supported by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris; the hon. treasurer, Mr. S. P. Palmer; the hon. peal secretary, Mr. W. Barton; and Messrs. A. H. Fox, D. Smith and P. J. Johnson, vice-presidents.

Presenting the annual report, Canon Marshall said that membership had been maintained and there had been a nett gain of 84 during the year. One hundred and six new members had joined, nine had lapsed and 13 had passed away. The number of unpaid subscriptions was, as last year, almost negligible. Reports from the districts showed that progress had been maintained except in the Northern District, where towers were widely separated and transport facilities difficult. The committee hoped to revive interest in this district, and called for the help of all members resident there.

The peal secretaries' report showed that 90 peals had been rung on tower bells and one on handbells during the year: 35 members had rung their first peal. October 30th was the association's 70th birthday, and eight members of the General Committee rang at Ilkley on the following Saturday a peal of Superlative Surprise Major. The balance sheet showed a gain of £23 10s. 9d. for the year, and that the total funds of the association now stood at £417 9s. 4d.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Ripon on September 21st. Mr. S. F. Palmer was re-elected hon. treasurer for three years.

Mr. W. Barton was re-elected peal secretary, and to mark appreciation of the service he had rendered during the 25 years he had held the office, and especially for his work in proving the compositions of all the peals rung by the association since its foundation in 1875, the members presented him with a portable typewriter. Mrs. Barton was presented with a handbag.

It was decided 'that the names of hon. members who were elected under special war-time rule be deleted from the lists after the current report, but in the event of subsequently rejoining the association as ringing members, they be credited with any peals rung during their previous membership,' and 'that the association shall pay third class railway fares and expenses up to £2 per head in respect of its delegates attending Central Council meetings.'

The following new members were elected: D. Marshall, of Queensbury; W. Whittaker, of Kildwick, and W. H. Barker, of Scarborough; and as out-county members, Miss Eileen H. Bastow, of Moorside, Oldham, and J. Hodson, of Lincoln.

A suggestion by Mr. H. Lofthouse that the peal by officers rung at Ilkley to mark the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the association should be recorded by a tablet in the belfry erected at the cost of the association was referred to the general committee for consideration.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln on April 27th. Service in St. Mary Magdalene Church was conducted by the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell, Dean of Lincoln and president of the Guild. Tea was in St. Giles' Parish Hall and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Dean presided.

The officers were re-elected, namely: President, the Dean of Lincoln; Master, Mr. Rupert Richardson; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. W. Stokes. Mr. John Freeman was nominated to act as the Guild's representative on the Diocesan Advisory Committee in the place of Mr. Richardson, who expressed a wish to resign in favour of a younger man. The Guild report for the years 1940 to 1945 inclusive was presented. It records 88 peals rung (including 36 on handbells) and a 'roll of honour' containing the names of six members of the Guild who lost their lives in the war. At the invitation of the president, the members stood in silence in memory of these and of other members of the Guild who had passed away during the war years.

During the evening there was ringing at the Cathedral, St. Giles' and St. Peter-at-Gowts.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****MEETING AT FELTHAM.**

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association, held on April 27th at Feltham, was attended by about 20 members and friends from Bishopsgate, Ealing (St. Stephen's), Feltham, Gospel Oak, Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's), Osterley, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Twickenham and Walton-on-Thames.

The methods rung included Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Superlative and London Surprise Major.

A discussion took place regarding the holding of meetings at towers where difficulties had been encountered in the past.

It was stated that owing to the efforts of Mr. A. R. Price, Feltham bells are shortly to be renovated. Mr. Price also announced his intention of holding regular instructional classes at Feltham in the near future, with especial attention to improvement in striking and handling of ropes.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****ANNUAL MEETING.**

At the annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, held at Leicester on May 4th, 230 ringers and friends were present from no less than 43 towers in the diocese, with visitors from Cheltenham, Taunton, Rugby, Lincoln and Ockbrook.

All the bells in the city—two peals of twelve, one ten, two eights and one six—were rung during the afternoon.

Service in the Cathedral was conducted by Canon H. Winter and was well attended.

Arrangements for tea at Lancaster Hall were made by Mrs. H. J. Poole, assisted by ringers' wives and friends.

In his address, Mr. H. J. Poole, the president, said he was very proud of the success which had been achieved in so short a time. Five hundred and seventy-five members of the Midland Counties Association resident in the diocese had become members of the new Guild, and 111 ringers, who were not members of the Midland Counties Association, had joined since January 1st. Six districts had been formed and each had had its monthly meeting with an average attendance of 46. Meetings had been held in outlying districts, which it would have been impossible under the old system to visit. One of the results was that the Guild had members in 20 towers which formerly were not represented in the M.C.A. This success had not been achieved without a great effort, and he paid tribute to the hon. general secretary, Mr. H. W. Perkins, who had shown unbounded enthusiasm. Thanks were also due to Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer, for his efforts, and to the district officials, particularly the district secretaries. It was quite easy to form new districts, but it would be of no use without people able and so willing to carry on the work. The president thanked the ringers for the support they had given to the new venture and said that the meeting—the largest ever held in Leicester—provided ample proof of the justification of forming a separate guild for the diocese.

The election of general officers at the foundation meeting was confirmed: President, Mr. Harold J. Poole; hon. general secretary, Mr. H. W. Perkins; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley; vice-president and peal secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris.

New rules—based mainly on the old M.C.A. rules with necessary amendments—were adopted.

Messrs. H. J. Poole, A. Ballard, J. P. Fidler and A. E. Rowley were elected to serve on the Central Council.

The elections of 111 new members at the district meetings were confirmed, and, in addition, 15 new members were elected.

It was agreed that a special copy of 'The Ringing World' should be purchased each week for the Guild with a view to having it bound for record purposes.

Mr. E. Morris reported that he had not completed enquiries respecting the suggested badges and certificates, and the matter was deferred pending a further report from him.

The following resolutions were passed and are of interest to many ringers outside the Leicester Diocese:—

'That all members of the Midland Counties Association not resident in the Leicester Diocese and not in arrears with subscriptions on December 31st, 1945, become life members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild by automatic transfer.'

'That non-resident life members of the Midland Counties Association on December 31st, 1945, may become life members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild without payment upon application to the hon. general secretary' (Mr. H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester).

A social evening was spent at Lancaster Hall. Comedy was provided by P. C. Paul Wightman, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson, Sidney Harrison and others provided tune ringing on handbells, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on handbells by Jill Poole, Wilfred Williams, Harold J. Poole and Alfred Ballard.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****MEETING AT SYDLING.**

A meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Sydling on May 4th, at which there were over 40 members present from Bere Regis, Bradford Peverell, Dorchester, Frampton, Maiden Newton, Stratton, Sydling, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis, as well as a number of visitors from the Wimborne area. The service was conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, and the address was given by the Rev. J. Wynn Werninck, of Sydling. Tea was in the Parish Hall, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. Werninck was congratulated on his recent recovery from a serious illness at the great age of 93, and satisfaction was expressed that it had been possible for him to give the address that day.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING.**

Forty-two ringers were present at the annual meeting of the Scottish Association, held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on April 27th. Six were present of the 23 members who had served with H.M. Forces. The service was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. I. St. Clair Ramsey, and tea was in the Halls.

It was decided to hold four meetings yearly instead of two as at present. Mr. W. H. Pickett was re-elected Ringing Master and Sgt. C. R. Raine hon. secretary, with Mr. E. A. Stafford deputy hon. secretary.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — Hornchurch, May 18th, 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

**LINCOLN GUILD.** — Eastern Branch and Lincoln District. — Horncastle, Saturday, May 18th (not May 11th), 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m.

**LADIES' GUILD.** — London District. — Meeting, Dagenham, May 18th, 3 p.m. Will members make special effort to attend? Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Western Division.—Epping (8), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern District.—Norton Malton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells recently augmented to 8.—Edward Hudson.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—W. Division.—Practice, Walberton (6), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — Hawkhurst, May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Election of officers.—J. G. Powell, 18, Wellington Cottages, Hawkhurst, Kent.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Annual, Salisbury, Saturday, May 18th. Business in British Legion Hall 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral 3.30. Tea (1s.) in Hall 4.45. Four city towers and bells of surrounding villages available.

**COVENTRY GUILD.**—Warwick Branch. — Sherbourne (6), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Refreshments and business in Schoolroom.—D. Stanley.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North Midland District.—Annual, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, Saturday, May 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mr. E. W. Vessey, 13, Main Street, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts.—A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual, Faringdon (8), Saturday, May 18th, 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

**COVENTRY GUILD.**—Coventry District. — Kenilworth, May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. — H. G. Summers.

**HERTFORD ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Kimpton (6), May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea at the cafe 5 p.m. — R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Branch. — Annual, Burford, Saturday, May 18th.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxford.

**EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSN.**—Ashover (8), May 18th, 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d.) for those who send names to J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, by May 14th.

**MIDDLESEX ASSN.**—South and West District. — Ruislip, Wednesday, May 22nd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13.

**ALWINGTON, NORTH DEVON.** — Dedication of bells after restoration, Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m.

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—Chart Sutton (6), Saturday, May 25th, 2 to 4.45 p.m. Tea at King's Head, Sutton Valence, 5 p.m. East Sutton (6), 6 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to F. S. Macey, Bram Lea, Sutton Valence, by May 23rd. From Maidstone, bus service No. 12 to Sutton Valence. Chart Sutton Church  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from bus stop.—C. H. Sone.

**NORWICH ASSN.**—North Branch.—Northrepps (6), Saturday, May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Cromer (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by May 21st. — H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham.

**CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.** — Brentwood (8), May 25th, 3.30 p.m. Competent band attends solely to help any who want progress, from rounds up. Only ringing. Tea shops handy. Come and ask. — J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Barton-under-Needwood, Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided 4.45 p.m. Bring food.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

**CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.**—Saturday, May 25th. Dedication of new bell to make a light ring of 8, 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea at Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. Ringing in evening. Names for tea to D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon, by May 21st.

**GUILDFORD GUILD.** — Leatherhead District. — Newdigate, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Village Club. Names to Mr. E. Vine, Village Club, Newdigate, Dorking, by May 21st.

**BRISTOL RURAL.** — Mangotsfield (8), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Card for tea by May 20th to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Bedford District.—Turvey (8), May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. H. Bowler.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Northampton Branch. — Meeting at Little Houghton, Saturday, May 25th. Usual arrangements.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.** — Kettering Branch. — Stoke Albany (6), Saturday, May 25th. Tea, if names are sent to H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Annual, Tilehurst (8), Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) and meeting 5 p.m. Names by May 22nd. — E. G. Foster, 401, London Road, Reading.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Otley, Leeds, Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided. Business in tower.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.** — Eastern Division. — Practice, Ticehurst, Saturday, May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Duke of York 5 p.m. Names to Mr. A. H. Pattenden May 22nd.—John Downing.

**LEICESTER GUILD.** — Loughborough District.—Hugglescote, Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—H. Myatt, 1, Beveridge St., Barrow-on-Soar.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Higham and Stoke Golding, May 25th, 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Business and cups of tea at Higham 5 p.m. Bring food.—W. A. Wood.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual, St. James', Grimsby, Saturday, May 25th. Service 4 p.m. Tea, Tudor Cafe, 4.30. Business in Church House 5.45 p.m. Notify Mr. H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, by May 22nd. St. James' bells 2 to 4 p.m. Waltham during evening.—J. Bray.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries. — Gosberton (6), May 25th, 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and business meeting 4.15. Names by May 21st.—Wm. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Lancaster Branch. — St. Margaret's, Hornby, Saturday, May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Notify Mrs. Leary, Royal Oak Hotel, Hornby, near Lancaster.—H. Parkinson.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Harston (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Pemberton Arms.—H. L. Martin, 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Tickhill (8), May 25th, 2.30 p.m.—W. E. Critchley, 61, Church Road, Stainforth, near Doncaster.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Leicester District.—Humberstone (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by May 22nd to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Horton, Saturday, May 25th, 3.32 p.m. Names for tea by May 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Practice, Stoke-by-Clare (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea only. Probably Clare (8) in evening.—A. Fitton.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Preston and Blackburn Branches.—Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, May 25th, 2.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—F. Rigby, C. Blakey.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division. — Widford (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 21st to G. Radley, 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, near Hoddesden, Herts.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Darley Dale (8), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Business 5.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—H. L. Warburton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Gloucester Branch.—Norton (8), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Card for tea by May 23rd to W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Wirksworth (8), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Wm. Lancaster.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery. — Berrow (6), Saturday, May 25th, 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Pool Farm, Sandford, Bristol.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Chatteris (6), Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Bingham (8), Saturday, June 1st, 2.30 p.m. Meat tea, 5 p.m., for those who notify me by May 27th. — T. Groombridge, jun., 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood, Nottingham.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Staveley (8), June 1st, 3 p.m. Cards to A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, by May 30th, for tea at Hodson's Cafe. — H. O. Chaddock.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual, Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 1st, 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 27th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, Bucks.

KENT ASSN. — Tonbridge District.—Benenden, Saturday, June 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 c'clock. Names to Mr. A. Stevenson, 2, Corner Cottages, Benenden, by Wednesday, May 29th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. members attending.—T. Saunders.

HEREFORD GUILD. — Annual, Bridgnorth, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service at St. Mary's 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Squirrel and King's Head 4.20. Business, Old Grammar School, 5 p.m. Bells of St. Leonard's (8) and St. Mary's (8) 11.30 a.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 1s. 6d. to members notifying Mr. H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop, before June 6th.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Annual, Northampton, Whit Monday. Committee 2.45 in Holy Sepulchre Church Rooms. Service, Holy Sepulchre Church, 3.30. Tea by ticket only. Names to Guild secretary by June 1st. Bells, 11 to 1, St. Edmund's and All Saints'; 1 to 3, St. Giles' and St. Peter's; 2 to 3.30, Holy Sepulchre; after the meeting all the above, also Kingsthorpe.—R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSN.—Annual, Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, June 10th. Details next week.—L. J. Clark.

BARNESLEY SOCIETY. — Annual Shield Contest, Wentworth, near Rotherham, June 15th. All entries and names for tea by June 8th to D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

KENT ASSN.—The Victory Meeting at Canterbury is now expected to be held on June 22nd (not in July as originally arranged). Definite plans later.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — Ringing Day, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. (12 bells). Book date. — Leonard E. Pitstow.

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