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RINGERS AND RAILWAY TRAVEL.

At intervals during the past thirty or forty years efforts have been made to induce the railway companies to offer cheap facilities to ringers travelling for bell ringing purposes, but without result until now. At long last, however, some concession has been obtained and we are happy to be able to say that the result, limited though it is, has been achieved largely through the efforts of the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and the Traffic Manager's Office of the Southern Railway. The subject had become dormant when an opportunity for reopening it occurred, and negotiations were at once entered into. The outcome is a concession to parties of not less than four travelling for the purpose of bell ringing, be it meetings, peals, or any other bell ringing occasion.

Many years ago members of the Sussex County Association were able to travel at a cheap rate when going by rail to a meeting or for a peal, but when the Central Council, in its early days, endeavoured to get these facilities extended to ringers in all parts of the country, the Railway Clearing House refused the application, and, as a result, the existing concessions were abolished. Time and again the Council and others endeavoured to reopen the question, always with the same result. In view of the facilities which were granted to certain other organised bodies, it has been a little inexplicable why ringers could not enjoy what one might term 'most favoured treatment.' There was probably more than one cause. First, perhaps, there was failure on the part of the railway companies to appreciate the amount of travelling done by ringers and, formerly, the indifference created by monopoly. Modern competition in transport, however, has caused the companies to make a much wider bid for traffic and, having been satisfied that ringers really do quite a considerable amount of travelling in the aggregate, they have now thought it worth while to try to induce more of this traffic to take the railway route.

In the case which was put before the companies, cheap facilities for individual ringers was sought. That end has not yet been fully attained, but it is something gained that at last ringers' claims to special treatment have been recognised. We doubt very much, however, whether the concessions now granted will bring any considerable new access of ringers to the railway. Ringers seldom travel as many as four together from one place, although they may meet in one centre anything from half a dozen to a hundred or more strong. The real way to draw ringers back to railway travel would be to extend the facilities to individuals, with the necessary safeguard to the companies as to the bona-fides of the traveller and

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his purpose. We believe that if these facilities were granted, not only would many ringers who now go by road avail themselves of the concession, but many others, who now hesitate to attend meetings because of the expense in travelling, would be induced to make journeys which they do not at present undertake—and would make them by rail because of the cheap rates.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET Treble	JOHN F. TILLET 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 8
GEORGE FLEMING 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
HOBART E. SMITH 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 10
HARRY R. ROPER 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

First peal of Rochester Surprise Maximus ever rung. First peal of Surprise Maximus on the lengthening lead plan, also with the above number of changes. The tenor ringer has now 'circled' this steeple.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST J. KING Treble	DONALD G. BARNARD 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 7
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 3	LEONARD BAYBUT 8
E. RALPH MACKRILL 4	HARRY MANCE 9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 5	FRANK R. L. BLEWER ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5163 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON 6
HAROLD DYSON 2	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
ARTHUR WALKER 3	THOMAS HOLDER 8
HARRY BROWN 4	HORACE S. MORLEY 9
FRED NEWTON 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in Pontefract. Only three of that band survive, and Mr. A. Walker, the ringer of the 3rd, is the only active ringer.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
JOHN BASS 3	THOMAS HEMMING 8
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	HECTOR G. BIRD 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Yorkshire Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the association. Rung as the annual peal for the association, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Hemming.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT W. BISHOP Treble	SIDNEY PALMER 6
CHARLES J. GARDINER 2	HENRY W. L. WELLS 7
JOHN W. JONES 3	ERNEST BISHOP 8
JOHN AUSTIN 4	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 9
E. JOHN BERRY 5	WILLIAM A. BOLLOCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Bishop.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 6
MRS. H. BAKER 2	LOTHER J. HONESS 7
CHARLES H. SONE 3	FREDERICK S. MACEY 8
HARRY BAKER 4	WILLIAM BUTON 9
WILLIAM SPICE 5	GEORGE KENWARD Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

This peal was specially arranged at the request of Mr. E. H. Newman, of Wellington, New Zealand, and rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Frederick G. Newman. The method chosen was to commemorate the first peal for the association, 44 years ago, which Mr. F. G. Newman conducted. This was Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker's 200th peal together and is believed to be a record for husband and wife.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS Treble	*GEORGE E. FEARN 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 2	JOSEPH T. PACK 6
*CHARLES ALLSOP 3	JOHN SADDINGTON 7
DAVID S. COLLINS 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebb,

A PEAL OF SPICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
RONALD H. DOVE 2	*JOHN P. PELLOE 6
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	GEORGE HORWOOD 7
RICHARD A. POST 4	*FRANCIS E. MAY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	FREDERICK G. BIGGS 5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

A birthday peal for W. E. Taylor, born 1871.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Holt's TEN-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*ALFRED J. NICHOLAS Treble	FREDERICK J. NICHOLAS 5
ERNEST H. EVEREST 2	LEONARD A. TIDY 6
†WILLIAM COSGROVE, JUN. 3	HENRY SELBY 7
JOHN O. WELLER 4	*WILLIAM COSGROVE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. EVEREST.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Selby and the conductor.

OLDHAM, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, January 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS MARIE SYKES Treble	VERNON SYKES 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	HARRY MELLOR 6
IVAN KAY 3	ROBERT GREENWOOD 7
ARTHUR TAYLOR 4	HERBERT BARLOW Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT GREENWOOD

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the curate at the above church, who has accepted a living at Nasdale, Cumberland. It was also a birthday peal to Miss M. Sykes and a welcome peal to the new curate (the Rev. H. Fletcher).

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN LEE Treble	*JOHN W. EUSTON 5
*MISS E. E. HARDCASTLE 2	FRANK JENNINGS 6
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
*EDWARD G. TALBOT 4	DANIEL D. COOPER Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
*HARRY HOSKINS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
JOSEPH WAGHORN 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in four methods. This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ROBERT THOMAS Treble	GEORGE W. SLACK 5
G. WILFRED SLACK 2	PERCY J. JOHNSON 6
FREDERICK G. SHERWOOD 3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 7
WILLIAM O. TALBOT 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. C. F. Tetley, who died on Thursday, January 25th, in his 86th year. The deceased was a former Lord Mayor of Leeds and a great philanthropist. He was also for 53 years Vicar's warden of St. Michael's, Headingley, and a liberal benefactor of the church.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in D.

MISS HELEN W. BILL ... Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 5
* HENRY TOOKE ... 2	WALTER R. FARROW ... 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal in the method 'inside'.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILFRED GRUNDY ... Treble	JOHN DENNER ... 5
MISS ANNIE POTTER ... 2	ALFRED POTTER, JUN. ... 6
BENJAMIN WELSBY ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
ALFRED POTTER, SEN. ... 4	RICHARD WM. MOSELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Master James Bolton, son of J. and R. E. Bolton, of Albany, U.S.A. (two former ringers of Walkden), and grandson of the fourth ringer.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 30, 1934, in Three Hours.

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON. BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN H. CHERRMAN ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIES ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM

This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the latter methods being rung in alternate courses. First 'spliced' peal as conductor.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT ... Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 2	CECIL NICE ... 6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, January 31, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt.

* RONALD ALLSOP ... Treble	JOHN H. PAULSON ... 5
BERNARD ALLSOP ... 2	* WILLIAM ALEXANDER ... 6
WILLIAM E. BLAGSHAW ... 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
† JOHN H. MCGREGOR ... 4	ROBERT ALLSOP ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(WEDNESDAY GUILD).

On Wednesday, January 31, 1934, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES E. SCOTT ... Treble	JOSEPH ROBERTSON ... 5
EDWARD A. HERN ... 2	* WILLIAM ROBSON ... 6
* THOMAS BURNS ... 3	* ARTHUR COOK ... 7
* JACK SCOTT ... 4	WILLIAM SHERATON ... Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by E. A. HERN.

* First peal of Kent Major. First peal rung by the Wednesday Guild.

HODDESDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK E. PERRIN ... Treble	GEORGE GRAY ... 5
CYRIL A. HOUSE ... 2	STANLEY CARTER ... 6
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	* CHARLES DELL ... 7
GEORGE MAXIM ... 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE ... Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 5
CHARLES R. HUGHES ... 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
ERNEST W. PYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRED W. CRIPPS ... Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 2	KEITH HART ... 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... 3	FRED W. ROGERS ... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	JOHN DEARLOVE ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN DEARLOVE.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BRKS & SOUTH BRKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
THOMAS GOODCHILD ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
ROLAND BIGGS ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	EDWARD R. MACKRILL ... 5
PERCY E. JONES ... 2	ARTHUR HARDING ... 6
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
† WALTER D. JOLLEY ... 4	* ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. Birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TEN-PART, Tenor 18½ cwt.	
MISS ANNIE POTTER Treble	MATTHEWS BERRY 5
ALFRED POTTER, SEN. 2	JOHN DENNER 6
BENJAMIN WELSEY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
ALFRED POTTER, JUN. 4	WILFRED GRUNDY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. R. Ryder, warden of the above church, who was buried in the churchyard in the afternoon.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

BEN. THORPE Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	WILFRED MOSS 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
First peal of Surprise Major in the tower. Rung on the Holmes octave. Arranged and rung as a 25th birthday compliment to Miss Ida Wolstencroft, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft, who entertained the band after the peal, for which kindly act appreciation was expressed by members of the company.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART, Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.	
ALFRED ROWLEY Treble	THOMAS CATTELL 5
NORMAN G. LEECH 2	NORMAN H. WILLIAMS ... 6
*REGINALD MORTON 3	CYRIL WINWOOD 7
GEORGE HUGHES 4	† WILLIAM WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WINWOOD.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal. This is the first peal of Stedman rung by the local company. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second and Master Geoffrey Rowley, grandson of the treble ringer.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Treble	*KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 6
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 7
SHELFORD SPARROW 4	HARRY D. LISTER Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' The 400th peal by the conductor, who has now 'completed the circle' in this tower since the restoration of the bells in 1932.

SIX BELL PEALS.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

H. BAYLISS Treble	C. HAYLINGS 4
W. SPRAGG 2	† C. HALLING 5
* J. NIBBLITT 3	J. HILL Tenor

Conducted by C. HAYLINGS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. All are local Sunday service ringers, and this is the first peal ever rung at this church by an entirely local band.

GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN T. BIMSON Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 4
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	JOHN T. MILLER 5
* E. ROGER MARTIN 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 10 cwt.	
ARTHUR C. WILSON Treble	MANSFIELD GINN 4
KITTY WILLERS 2	FRANK HARPER 5
CHARLES W. COOK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

SHIRE NEWTON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.	
* W. C. BRYANT Treble	A. L. JAMES 4
R. G. JAMES 2	J. H. GWILLIAM 5
T. W. MARSH 3	C. W. PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by J. H. GWILLIAM.

* First peal.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Hull Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.	
* WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	* EDWARD J. BRAGG 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven methods.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.	
REGINALD J. SCOTT Treble	JAMES G. NEWMAN 4
FREDERICK VICEERS 2	* EDWARD BELSON 5
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. S. Ward and Miss C. Philpot.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

(1) Double Oxford, Hereward and Oxford Bob; (2) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (3) Double Court and Court Bob; (4) St. Clement's; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.	
DAVID MCKAY Treble	HARRY J. SANGER 4
JOHN E. METCALFE 2	* RONALD G. BECK 5
FREDERICK TARGETT 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* 100th peal for the association.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

ENCOURAGEMENT OF BEGINNERS.

A DISTRICT SECRETARY'S POINTED CRITICISM.

Some plain language was contained in the annual report presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover) to the meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday week. After referring to the numerical strength of the district, which had 162 ringing members and 15 honorary members (a decrease on the year of four and five respectively), Mr. Grover said: The wave of enthusiasm on which the Guild was launched is, I am afraid, now no more than a ripple, and the time has come when we are faced with the problem of how to retain the interest of existing members as well as that of obtaining new ones. We have over 160 ringing members, and I often wonder what percentage of them have not rung a peal of any kind and for what reason. I intend to send a circular letter to all towers in the district asking for information as to how many members have not rung a peal, if any of them would like to ring one and what method is required, and then to bring the matter up for discussion at the next district meeting. I hope that every efficient ringer in the Guild will support this scheme if my circular meets with sufficient response. Perhaps if we can encourage some of our less keen members to take some interest in peal ringing it will be easier to obtain a welcome at towers where peal ringing is either barred or looked upon with disfavour.

SOME OF THE CAUSES.

There are many causes which contribute to the lack of interest in the Guild's activities. In many parishes there are one or two keen ringers who have reached the stage when they are able to ring practically any method after a glance at the diagram, and who are yet forced by the lack of effort on the part of other members to continue ringing Sunday after Sunday the same method. These same ringers often attend practice and service ringing at some inconvenience to themselves, only to find that some other member of the band on whose attendance they were relying has without notice decided that he has another engagement. Can these ringers be blamed for losing heart and interest and either staying away altogether or going outside their own parish for ringing? Often, going further afield regularly is impossible, and gradually keen men are lost to the Exercise.

I do not wish to suggest, however, that lack of desire to make progress is always a home-grown product in every lukewarm ringer. Sometimes perhaps a thoughtless snub by some experienced ringer checks a beginner's keenness at the start. Sometimes I think that perhaps beginners do not always get that tactful encouragement which is necessary to bring out the best in them, especially if they happen to be a little sensitive. I must say that somehow or other the impression has grown on me that very often expert ringers adopt a somewhat intolerant and scornful attitude towards their less able brethren, and although they may have good cause for feeling goaded into this attitude, it is certainly more of a hindrance than a help so far as the work of the Guild is concerned.

ONLY ONE 'FIRST PEAL.'

In endeavouring to build up efficient bands for Sunday service ringing throughout the district we must always bear in mind that but a very small percentage of the ringers can reasonably be expected to become conductors of spliced Surprise Major, and that the best that can be hoped for with most of them is that they will become fairly proficient in one or two of the simpler methods, and, what is more important, keen to perform to the best of their ability and regular in their attendance at practice and service ringing.

You will have heard from the District Ringing Master that 20 peals were rung in this district during last year, and out of all the ringers taking part there was only one who actually rang his first peal. In face of this it would be idle to say in this report that everything in the garden is lovely. I do not for one moment suggest that all our able ringers should spend the whole of their peal ringing time in struggling to get first pealers through elementary methods, but figures are figures, towers are hard to obtain for peals and there must be a remedy.

I appreciate that star performances by experts are as necessary in the Exercise as they are in all other services, hobbies, sport, art and pastimes. They set the standard which all others should strive to attain, and their brilliant performances are the driving force and centre of life of the whole Exercise. Without them change ringing would soon cease to exist, for no moderate or indifferent supporters ever kept a cause on its feet for long, as they are the type who need continually to be stirred, encouraged, led and even pushed by leaders. On the other hand, real experts form only a small part of the membership of the Exercise, and the subscriptions, interest and support of the great army of average ringers and worse-than-that-ringers are essential if the Exercise and change ringing are to survive, and your average man and those who are not up to average do not thrive long on kicks and neglect.

In concluding, may I ask all members in future to construe that object of the Guild which refers to the promotion of ringing for divine service as referring not merely to their own particular tower, but to every tower in the diocese, may I ask those who do not try or trouble to do so in future and those who do not to expect too much.

Mr. Grover also reported that since the last annual meeting the district has lost by death three founder members, namely, Messrs. C.

Burdock, W. Charman and W. Thorne, and one life hon. member (Mr. N. Vincent), and the meeting stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

The report led to some discussion. Mr. A. H. Pulling agreed with the secretary's suggestion, but said it was out of the question to make up a band of beginners and expect to ring a decent peal. It would only be an annoyance to the public.

Major Hesse, the Master, endorsed this view, and said that a lot of harm was done by bad ringing, which ought to be avoided at all costs.

Mr. R. Whittington said it did not follow that because a man had not rung a peal he was a bad striker, and Mr. Grover pointed out that he had not suggested that a band should be made up of a number of beginners.

RECRUITS MUST COME FROM THE CHURCH.

Referring to the problem of maintaining interest in ringing, Mr. Hazelden said it was due partly to the attraction of other things which had made it impossible for ringers to be recruited from the sources from which they had for generations been recruited. The cinemas, football and cricket had absorbed that. If village ringing, in the sense of a sacred art, was going to continue, it had got to be continued by churchpeople. If the congregations wanted ringing they had got to go up among the ringers and help do it. In their own congregation he saw lusty young people who let other people sing the Mass for them and ring the bells for them, and they never thought of taking a turn.

Capt. H. J. Cann believed if towers were opened to let people go up and see what happened they might be interested to help. The clergy could also help. He appealed to some of the Guildford experts to go out into the villages and give them a hand.

The election of district officers resulted as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. W. R. Melville; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; hon. auditor, Mr. C. Hazelden; hon. members' representative on Guild Executive Committee, Mr. S. Marshall; ringing members on Executive Committee, Capt. H. J. Cann and Mr. S. Petter. It was agreed to hold district meetings during the year at Womersley and Bramley (joint), Dunsfold and Hascombe (joint), Godalming, Shere and Pirbright.

The balance sheet showed total receipts of £41 3s., including £15 16s. in members' subscriptions, and a balance in hand of £21 3s. 6d., as compared with a balance brought forward of £22 12s. 6d.—Mr. C. Hazelden, proposing the adoption of the accounts, suggested that with such a credit balance they could give assistance that would enable the district meetings to be more representative.—The matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Ringing Master (Mr. W. Melville) reported that 20 peals had been rung in the district in 1933, of which Mr. A. H. Pulling conducted 16.

FARNHAM DISTRICT.

At the annual meeting of the Farnham District, the retiring officers were re-elected, and the hon. secretary reported that there was a total membership of 144, compared with 155 in the previous year, the falling off in paid-up ringing members being eight and hon. members three. Each of the eleven towers in the district had a satisfactory Guild membership, Aldershot leading the way with 21 and Farnham coming next with 18 members.

In the course of his report, the Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasled) stated that 'Ringing for Sunday services throughout the district has been fairly well maintained during the year, and I would ask members of the towers in this district to endeavour to do their best to keep this up during this year, and try to get enough ringers in attendance to man all the bells every Sunday, when possible to do so; also to pay particular attention to the striking, so as to get the best for service ringing on all occasions. I would also urge upon the captains of towers to try to get learners to take up the art, so as to keep the bands up to full strength. I know from experience that it is difficult to get recruits, but perseverance in this respect generally meets with success.'

A discussion took place regarding a proposed bell restoration fund for the district, to be formed by collections at the district meetings. The suggestion, however, found little favour, and it was agreed not to proceed with the fund.

Meetings in 1934 will be held at Frensham, Bagshot, Farnborough, Yorktown, Bentley and Aldershot, with the annual meeting in 1935 at Farnham.

Mr. G. Bryant (Farnham) and Mrs. Sargeant (Aldershot) were elected ringing members, and Capt. A. H. D. Stedman (Farnham) hon. member.

The meeting, which was attended by over 50 members and friends from 13 towers, concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

1,300 720's.

Mr. F. Warrington, of Over, Cambs, rang more than 130 720's during the year 1933, making a total of 1,300 720's since January 1st, 1925. About 400 have been Cambridge, others include London, Ipswich, York, Wells, Netherseale, Primrose, Annab's, Norwich, Beverley, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, College Exercise, Plain Bob, College Single and Little Bob spliced with various other methods.

PIRBRIGHT BELLS RESTORED.**A SURREY PEAL REHUNG.**

In spite of a series of setbacks, a fitting conclusion to the restoration of the bells at Purbright, Surrey, was marked at the rededication of the peal on Wednesday evening, January 24th.

Owing to an unfortunate accident, already reported in these columns, the respected Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Canon G. F. Coleridge) was prevented from performing the dedication ceremony, and the Archdeacon of Surrey (the Ven. L. E. Blackburne) kindly consented to act as a substitute. Dense fog rendered it impossible for the Archdeacon to get nearer than three miles from the village at the appointed hour, and as the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Kelsey) was confined to bed, a 'third reserve' was found in the Rev. C. E. Sylvester, priest-in-charge at Knaphill.

The congregation was not so large as anticipated, owing to the bad weather, but, nevertheless, over a hundred parishioners and visitors, including ringers from Worplesdon and Aldershot, attended the service.

During the singing of the Magnificat, the crossbearer, officiant, churchwardens, Capt. Cann (secretary for the restoration scheme) and Mr. R. H. Dove (representative of Messrs. Taylor and Co., the bellfounders) proceeded to the tower, where the people's warden (Mr. J. R. Lempiere) handed the ropes to the officiant requesting him to dedicate the restored bells, bell frame and chiming apparatus. After the dedication the ropes were delivered to the Vicar's warden (Mr. W. Thompson) with the customary injunctions as to the use of the bells.

A board recording a peal of Minor on these bells in 1930 under the auspices of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was then dedicated, after which a few rounds were rung by the following ringers: D. Cheeseman 1, J. Avenall 2, F. W. Martin 3, J. Thompson 4, S. Petter 5, F. Cherryman 6. The ringer of the fifth was from Worplesdon and the remainder members of the local band.

The Rev. C. E. Sylvester spoke a few well-chosen words in his address, which might be regarded as a model of brevity, forcefulness and suitability to the occasion.

As the congregation dispersed a short touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the opening band, after which the bells were at the disposal of the visitors, and made good use of in various methods of Doubles and Minor, while many people availed themselves of the opportunity to see the bells in motion.

Through the efforts of Capt. Cann, one of the local ringers, the six bells, which were presented to the church in 1822 by Mr. H. W. H. R. Halsey, have been retuned and equipped with entirely new fittings

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SIXTY-ONE YEARS A COLLEGE YOUTH.

At St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, for evensong on Sunday, Jan. 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a compliment to Mr. Tom Benney on completing 61 years as a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths: J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, H. C. Alford 2, C. J. Choost 3, E. W. Green 4, E. Brett 5, T. Langdon 6, A. C. Darnell 7, W. R. Dennis 8.

TRIBUTE TO ORGANIST.

At the Parish Church, Burbage, Leicestershire, on January 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to the late Miss A. Lord, 48 years organist at the church. The ringers were: W. J. Clough 1, J. E. Clough 2, G. Dudley 3, P. A. Aldham 4, P. C. J. Rawson 5, E. Rivitt 6, F. Measures (conductor) 7, E. Campton 8. First quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt.

VETERAN NORTHAMPTON RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of a veteran Northampton ringer, Mr. John Mackay, who passed away on January 3rd at the age of 77 years. A member of the St. Edmund's band, he had been a regular Sunday service ringer since the bells were hung in 1884 up to the time of his illness. He rang in the first peal on the bells in 1886, conducted by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook. He was a life member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and regularly attended the ringing meetings in town and country.

He was buried on Saturday, January 6th, at Kingsthorpe. The funeral service was held at St. Edmund's Church, conducted by the Rev. N. Husbands, and his ringing friends who attended were Messrs. F. Wilford, F. Harris, F. Hopper, W. Fairey, sen., A. Deacon, G. Parker, W. Parker, J. Dean, W. Ashby, J. J. Taylor, T. Law, T. Tebbutt, A. Robinson, V. York, W. Lane and Mr. A. Maule, an old friend. The bearers were Messrs. J. Metherall, H. England, T. Haynes and W. Gammage, of the St. Edmund's band, and as the cortege left the church the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of deep respect.

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throughout. The old oak frame, which was damaging the walls, has been reinforced by heavy angle plates, and a stout girder and a series of steel corbels have been inserted under the main beams. The chiming apparatus has also been overhauled. The bells are now a sweet-toned peal, and the improvement in tune as well as the smooth running of the bells is an indication that the Loughborough firm has acquitted itself in its usual manner. The weight of the tenor is 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We regret that the great demands upon our space compel us to hold over many reports of meetings, peals, etc., as well as letters to the Editor, the latter including correspondence on the Minor question and Woodbridge bells. We assure our contributors that, as far as possible, their reports and letters will appear in due course.

After a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Shirenewton, Monmouthshire, on Saturday week, the conductor, Mr. J. H. Gwilliam, was presented with a chiming clock in oak case as an appreciation of his kind efforts in teaching change ringing to the band, who are all local men. This was the second 'local' peal. To the regret of all, Mr. Gwilliam is leaving the district.

The first peal of Surprise Major in the famous tower of St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, was rung last Saturday. It was conducted by Mr. E. Jenkins, who has now rung peals of Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus in the tower.

Mr. J. W. Pemberton, a well-known Birmingham ringer, has attained a high position in Freemasonry, having been installed as Worshipful Master of the 'Birchfield' Lodge. Alderman J. S. Pritchett attended in his official capacity of Assistant Provincial Grand Master, and had the pleasure of giving the 'Address to the chair.'

Mr. Pemberton is a master in a Sutton Coldfield Council School, and among those present at the installation banquet was the Mayor of that town, as evidence of the esteem in which he is held in his profession.

The attention of members of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild is called to the notice of the annual meeting to be held at Spalding to-morrow. The notice was inadvertently omitted from our last issue.

ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

THE SIXTH TWELVE-BELL SURPRISE METHOD RUNG AT IPSWICH.

The first peal of Rochester Surprise Maximus, rung at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, on Saturday, February 3rd, makes the sixth Surprise method now rung on twelve bells, the first peal of all of them having been rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Mr. W. P. Garrett taking part in all these 'firsts.' The veteran, Mr. R. Brundle, rang in the five first peals of Surprise Maximus. The methods are Cambridge and New Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and now Rochester.

It is the writer's opinion that Rochester is the most musical Surprise method yet extended to Maximus, the big bells double dodging home just before bobs at M and just after the W's, the composition being arranged with numerous calls in these positions. The method was sent to the conductor by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. G. E. S.

CLAPPER FLIGHTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It was interesting to read what Mr. Bankes James writes in favour of longer clapper flights. I hope some the founders will experiment with these, if they have not already done so, and will let us know the results. But let me suggest to your readers that it will be necessary to be careful in experimenting with old bells, for only this week I have been told of a bell that has been cracked through fitting too long a clapper to it. HERBERT DRAKE.

LONG FLIGHT DOES NOT GIVE BEST RESULT.

Sir,—The chief reason for the use of a long clapper flight was to make the bell clapper up the right side. Secondly, in early days there was a mania for making bells talk as loudly as possible, which is not the best means of getting the best result out of a bell outside the tower. A lighter blow makes the bell sound infinitely better.

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

SHERBORNE'S NEW TENOR.

SCHOOLBOYS HAUL IT TO THE ABBEY.

The new tenor for Sherborne Abbey arrived recently at the old Dorset town, and its conveyance from the railway station to the church was an event of stirring interest. Through streets thronged with townsfolk the bell was hauled on a trolley by ten senior boys from each of the seven houses of Sherborne School, and, on arrival at the Abbey, Major J. H. B. Hesse, who has been instrumental in raising funds from Old Sherbornians for recasting the bell, gave a brief history of the bell, for a news film.

The original bell came from Tournai, in France, and was the gift of Cardinal Wolsey. This bell was broken and in 1637 was recast by Purdue, of Clossworth. This bell was also cracked and in 1865 was again recast by Warners, of London, but in view of the tuning of the other seven of the ring, it could not be made into a satisfactory cover, and a new bell was decided on. The old bell was 45 cwt. 1 qr.; the new bell is 46 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lb.

CHEAP RAILWAY TICKETS FOR RINGERS CONCESSIONS BY THE COMPANIES.

As a result of negotiations begun between the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and the Commercial Department of the Traffic Manager's Office of the Southern Railway Co., concessions to ringers travelling for bell ringing purposes have been secured. What has been gained is not all that had been hoped for, but there is some satisfaction in knowing, after many previous attempts by the Central Council and others have failed, that at last the railway companies have recognised the claims of ringers to special treatment.

It will be seen, from the particulars set out in the letter below, that the facilities offered are only applicable to ringers travelling in parties of four or more, but they relate to all ringing occasions, and fares are quoted for day trips, trips extending from not more than three days before to not more than three days after the event (Sunday not counted), and to single journeys from point to point while on a tour.

The following letter, received by the Editor of 'The Ringing World' from the Traffic Manager's Office of the Southern Railway, sets out the concessions and conditions as far as the Southern Railway is concerned, but exactly similar arrangements apply to all railways coming under the Railway Clearing House:—

Dear Sir,—I have the pleasure to inform you the railway companies are prepared to accord reduced fare facilities, as under, in favour of church bellringers when journeying by rail in parties of not fewer than four persons for the purpose of bellringing, or to attend meetings:—

Availability of tickets.	Basis of fare.
One day.	Ordinary single fare for the double journey, plus fractions of 1d.
3 days before to 3 days after event (Sunday not counted).	Ordinary single fare and one-third for the double journey, plus fractions of 3d.
Period of tour.	Two-thirds the ordinary single fare from point to point.

These facilities will be obtainable upon application being made by the organiser of each party either to the stationmaster at the point from which the journey will be commenced, or to the nearest divisional superintendent, whose offices are in London, Southampton and Exeter.

So far as the journeys of individual ringers are concerned, advantage will, it is hoped, be taken of the extensive programme of advertised cheap day ticket facilities at about the ordinary single fare for the double journey, or of our summer ticket bookings (minimum fare 5s. third class).

As you probably know, the return availability of the summer tickets is one calendar month, which will admit of the use of such tickets for day or week-end journeys, if so desired.

Yours faithfully,

G. H. WHEELER, Commercial Assistant.

All we would add is that we hope as many ringers as possible will take advantage of the facilities offered so that the railway companies may know that their concessions are appreciated.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING.

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent at Market Lavington on Saturday, February 3rd, when the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their first monthly meeting of the year. This excellent peal of six (tenor 14 cwt. in G) was available from 3 p.m., good use being made of them. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Sturton), Miss Eldridge being the organist and Mr. O. D. Heginbotham reading the lesson. Tea followed in the Institute, to which 31 sat down.

The usual short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. The Chairman struck a sad note in referring to the passing of Mr. Harry Harding, of North Bradley, stating he had been a member of the Guild since 1904, and was a staunch supporter. The members stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute to his memory.

The usual routine business having been transacted, the meeting closed with a kindly speech from the Vicar, and with touches of Triples and Caters on handbells. The members then returned to the tower. During the evening Potterne bells were available, a few members calling there on their return journey. Methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise, and representatives attended from the following towers: Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James', Southbroom), Rowde, Melksham, Bradford, Holt, Westbury, Warminster, Bratton, Longbridge, Deverill, Market Lavington. Mr. J. Ralph made the journey from Kington Magna, and, considering the inclement weather, this was no mean effort on his part.

POLICE MEET IN BIRMINGHAM.

NATIONAL GUILD HAS AN ENJOYABLE DAY.

The annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers was held at Birmingham on Saturday, January 27th, when members present included Supt. F. R. Williams (Manchester City, Guild President), Supt. C. P. Hilton (Surrey Constabulary) and Chief Inspector Bottrill (Metropolitan Police). The following forces were also represented: Metropolitan, Manchester City, Bolton Borough, Leicester City, Leicester County, Surrey County, Reigate Borough, Northampton County, Cardiff City, Hertford County and members of the local force.

The visitors arrived in the city about 11 a.m. Several were escorted to the St. Chad's Roman Catholic Cathedral, where the eight bells were soon set in motion to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman, while others were taken to the Cathedral and rang Stedman and Grandsire on the ten bells there.

At 1 o'clock all gathered together in the Social Club Room at the new police headquarters for luncheon. Here the company was honoured by the presence of Sir Charles H. Rafter, K.B.E., Chief Constable of Birmingham, and Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Master of St. Martin's Guild. An excellent luncheon was served by the club staff and everyone appeared to be feeling pleased with himself in the midst of such palatial surroundings.

After the luncheon, the Guild President (Supt. Williams) thanked Sir Charles H. Rafter for his attendance, which, he said, was very much appreciated by the Guild members; also for granting his permission for the visitors to be accommodated at the new headquarters and for placing the social club room at the disposal of the Guild for the day. The President also thanked Alderman J. S. Pritchett for being present on this occasion, and said that the future prospects of the Guild would continue to be bright whilst such distinguished visitors showed sufficient interest to attend the gatherings.

Sir Charles H. Rafter gave the Guild a hearty welcome and was interested to know that members of so many forces met together in connection with a hobby such as bellringing. He made reference to two peals of bells which he said he could hear whilst sitting at home, and it was apparent that, although not a ringer, he understood the qualities of bells. He offered the visitors the opportunity and privilege of inspecting the new headquarters during the day.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett also welcomed the Guild to the city of Birmingham, and said it was some time since he rang a peal, but he hoped to make an attempt for a peal in the very near future.

The business meeting then followed. Supt. F. R. Williams was re-elected president and Chief Inspector W. Bottrill vice-president. Det.-Sgt. H. J. Poole, Leicester City, was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Sgt. H. G. Jenney guild auditor. The members of the committee were re-elected en bloc.

The party were then conveyed by buses to Selly Oak Church, where a ring on the light peal of eight bells was very much enjoyed. The ringing here included Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major. The belfry is of limited capacity, and no little amusement was caused by the dividing of the party into first and second teams. The latter, comprised of youth, included Birmingham's youngster (Mr. James George).

King's Norton was the next church to be visited, and the ringing on these beautiful peal of ten bells included Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A return was then made to Birmingham and a visit made to St. Martin's Church. The famous Bull Ring peal of twelve bells was soon set going to some Stedman Cinques. Here the party was joined by some of the St. Martin's notable ringers, including the Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker. At the conclusion of the ringing a return was made to the Police Social Club Room for the social evening.

A very fine programme had been arranged, and the items included songs by Miss Hilda Conner, accompanied at the piano by her brother, Mr. P. Conner; songs by Mr. Wilfred Birchall, who also sang a duet with ex-Sgt. W. Dowding; songs by P.C. Ireland, Birmingham, with P.C. Baldwin at the piano; a cornet solo by P.C. Cook, the soloist of the Birmingham City Police Band (often heard on the wireless); and tunes on the handbells by the Leicester City Police ringers. P.C. Robinson, of Manchester City, entertained with his variety items, and Mr. Harry Withers played a 'touch' of Double Norwich on the piano. A course of Stedman Cinques was also rung on the handbells.

Sgt. Jenney, of Leicester City, thanked Chief Supt. Bennett, Birmingham City, for the able assistance he had given to ex-Sgt. Dowding in carrying out the arrangements for such a splendid day, and the latter is to be congratulated upon the excellent arrangements.

This opportunity is taken to thank all those who helped in any way to make the meeting such a success.

Will members kindly note that the subscriptions for 1934 are now due.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Sunday, January 28th, at St. Wilfred's Church, Calverley, Yorks, for evening service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,934 changes) was rung: S. Wheatley 1, W. Popplewell (conductor) 2, W. Stanhope 3, F. Scrimshaw 4, S. Keighley 5, G. Thompson 6, G. Scott 7, W. Lee 8. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of F. Scrimshaw. This was the longest length by the ringers of the 4th and 7th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSALS TO CUT DOWN EXPENDITURE.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, January 27th, at Earl Shilton. A large company of members and friends assembled, and the fine ring of eight was in constant demand throughout the afternoon and evening. Recently a great improvement has been made in the ringing chamber, which is a floor half-way up the tower arch. Hitherto a simple rail and curtain sufficed to enclose the room, but now a finely carved oak screen has been erected over the lower portion of the arch to the memory of the late Miss Lane, sister of Mr. 'Dick' Lane, the well-known bellhanger of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. (who was present during the afternoon), while above the ringers worked, and gathered funds to erect, a fine oak partition with carved bosses. This gives extra room in the belfry, while the fine ceiling above has been repainted and varnished, and several other improvements completed.

The committee met at 3.15 p.m. in the schools and deliberated at length on questions of finance and new rules. To lessen the cost of printing the annual report, it was decided to omit the figures of new compositions, which have hitherto been printed at the end of each year's performances. These will be kept by the secretary in a special book. Conductors must send in these figures as before, when rung.

The new president (Mr. Wm. Willson) took the chair at both committee and general meetings in the absence of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who is 'wintering' in a more tropical climate! Both Mr. Willson and the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. E. White) spoke at length on the financial position of the association, and put forward schemes for cutting heavy expenditure, such as rail fares to committeemen, honorariums to local secretaries, peal booking fees, etc.

All were discussed freely, and certain amendments in proposed new rules will cover some of these items.

Mr. Colin Harrison read over the proposed new rules one by one, and various amendments suggested were noted. Full copies are being prepared and will be distributed to each district for discussion and final passing at the annual meeting in Leicester on Easter Monday.

Tea was served in the schools at 5 p.m., and 67 members and friends sat down, which is a very good sign of the Hinckley District's 'liveliness.'

In opening the meeting, Mr. Willson greeted with pleasure such a good assembly, and especially noted the presence of the Rector of Earl Shilton (the Rev. E. Pillifant), the Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) and the Rev. Groome-Merrilees (Theddingworth). Also Mr. 'Sammy' Coe, the famous Leicestershire cricketer, and a member of the local ringers; Mr. 'Dick' Lane, of Loughborough Foundry, also a native of Shilton. The Chairman spoke of the financial position of the association, and remarked that the past year was not a success in that direction. Many members were in arrears, and he called on them to redeem their honour and pay up to date.

The general hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris) read a list of new members proposed since the last meeting, viz., 25 ringing, four re-joined, one life, nine honorary. These were duly elected.

At this juncture the Rector of Earl Shilton spoke of his pleasure in welcoming the association, and trusted all would enjoy the bells and the social intercourse of the gathering. His own ringers, under the leadership of Mr. George Newton, were most keen, and had done much hard work for the church restoration funds. They also possessed a fine handbell band, who were in many ways famous in the district, and had 'broadcasted.'

Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. J. H. Dean were chosen to audit the accounts.

The vice-president proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local committee and the ladies for looking after them so well. This was supported by the Rev. R. P. Farrow.

While the members retired for tower and handbell ringing, the committee again assembled to finish off the question of new rules, and did not 'break-up' until after 7 p.m.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT TO CONTINUE MONTHLY MEETINGS.

A very successful meeting of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Beeston on Saturday, January 20th, when about 25 members and friends turned up. In the absence of Mr. W. E. White (vice-president), Mr. F. S. Price was voted to the chair, and carried out his duties very successfully. The hon. secretary read a letter of thanks from Mrs. H. R. M. Hutt to the Midland Counties Association for their letter of sympathy in the loss of her husband (the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt, of Bingham). A letter was also read from the vice-president saying he was very sorry he was not able to attend, as he had other arrangements made, and also saying there was not sufficient notice given. The members, however, considered that the secretary had given quite sufficient notice, but added that he be advised to notify vice-president and committees by card also.

The retiring officers were duly re-elected, viz.: Mr. W. E. White, vice-president; Mr. F. C. Gobey, hon. secretary; Miss S. B. Thompson and Mr. J. W. Kirton, committee.

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ANOTHER BELL FOR NASH.

NEW TREBLE FOR MONMOUTHSHIRE TOWER.

The Vicar of Nash, near Newport, Mon. (the Rev. R. F. R. Thomas), was able last week to tell those present at a supper, held in the Schoolroom, to which the bellringers were invited, that he hoped by Easter that at last Nash would have its ring of six bells.

One hundred and fifteen years ago five bells were installed in the tower, and until just over a year ago these had developed into a deplorable condition. Messrs. Taylor and Co. were entrusted with the restoration, which included a new frame, with provision for another bell, the recasting of the tenor and retuning of the other bells. The order has now been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to install the additional bell.

The hon. secretary of the Diocesan Guild (Mr. J. W. Jones) was entrusted with the toast of 'The Nash Bellringers,' and mentioned that for the past 40 years he had tried to get the local authorities to make it a ring of six. No practical effort was ever made until the arrival of the present Vicar. The tower had a call change band and would make no progress. Mr. Ken Knowles is now teaching a young band, who are making good progress in change ringing, and with the additional bell well soon, it is believed, make further advance. The Schoolroom was well filled and the proceeds go to the bell fund.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch took place at Christ Church, Swindon, on January 27th, with a fairly good attendance. The ten bells were available during the afternoon, and a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Gilbert).

Tea was kindly provided gratis by the ladies of the parish. Mr. E. Bishop presided at the business meeting, and the officers elected for the ensuing year were: Chairman, Mr. W. Trueman; branch secretary, Mr. W. B. Kynaston.

Good use was made of the bells during the evening, everyone being obliged with methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal. Members and visitors were present from Rodbourne Cheney, Stratton, Blunsdon, Purton, Abingdon, Faringdon, Shrivenham, Wootton Bassett and the two Swindon towers.

MEMORIAL TOUCHES.

Halifax Parish Church ringers rang a half-muffled 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor for the evening service on January 28th in memory of Jean B. Hargreaves, daughter of the 3rd ringer, who died on January 17th, aged 16 years: F. Bullough 1, W. Rushworth 2, L. Hargreaves 3, W. Edwards 4, R. Squires (conductor) 5, C. Sill 6.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth, on Monday evening, January 22nd, a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Frederick Pestell, who was interred in Great Yarmouth Cemetery that day. Mr. Pestell, who passed away on January 18th, was a member of the St. Nicholas' company for about 23 years, but gave up ringing some six or seven years ago. He was 57 years of age. The touch was rung by J. Kenyon 1, A. Moy 2, J. Harwood 3, Wm. Lee 4, A. King 5, R. Topley 6, E. Kett (conductor) 7, H. Jerry 8.

At the Church of St. George, Dunster, Somerset, on Tuesday evening, January 23rd, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the local band as a last token of respect for Mr. W. Thorne, of Ockham, Surrey, who commenced his ringing at Dunster Church, and who was the last surviving member of the band who rang the first peal on the bells 50 years ago. Mr. Thorne was a life member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild: A. R. Tudball 1, W. Hoyle 2, W. G. Dibble 3, H. W. Lloyd 4, T. A. Elliott 5, J. Farmer (conductor) 6, J. J. Hole 7, W. Owen 8.

On Tuesday, January 30th, at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, 1,083 Stedman Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. A. Paddon Smith, who was interred earlier in the day at the Parish Church, West Bromwich, the funeral service having taken place at St. James', Handsworth. St. Martin's Guild was represented by the Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett), the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Walker) and Mr. J. George. The ringers were J. Neal 1, M. Melville 2, S. C. Holloway 3, F. E. Haynes 4, P. C. Tuffery 5, A. Short 6, E. Mansell 7, G. H. Yendall 8, W. Davies 9, A. Walker (conductor) 10.

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A discussion took place as to whether the meetings were to be carried on monthly or quarterly only, and it was decided to continue with the monthly meetings, the February meeting to be held at Bulwell on the 10th if arrangements could be made.

Mr. Moss and Mr. J. Hobbs thanked the officers for their past services, and also urged that more ringers should take 'The Ringing World.' If so they would get more ringers turn up at the meetings than they had that day.

Miss Thompson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. F. S. Price for taking the chair, and this closed the meeting.

The bells were then kept going in various methods until 8.30 p.m.

A FORTHCOMING DORSET CELEBRATION. RINGERS TO MEET AT MILTON ABBEY.

The ringers of Dorset are to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of the foundation of Milton Abbey by a meeting at this beauty spot on June 9th. The Bishop of Salisbury has promised to attend and one of the largest gatherings of its kind is expected. The proposal is the outcome of a suggestion by Mr. G. H. Jennings, hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch, and the other Dorset branches have given the scheme their enthusiastic support.

At the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch on January 20th, Mr. Jennings' scheme was endorsed. The meeting followed service in St. Peter's Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. A. W. Markby) officiated, and tea in St. Peter's Institute.

There were present the branch chairman (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant, Wool), Mr. G. T. White, Dorchester (Ringing Master), Mr. H. A. Runyard (Deputy Ringing Master), Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary and treasurer), the Mayor of Dorchester (Mr. R. N. Dawes), the Rev. A. W. and Mrs. Markby, Miss L. R. Clapcott (Bradford Peverell), the Rev. D. F. Slemeck (Vicar of Charmminster and Rural Dean), the Revs. A. F. Godley (Bradford Peverell), A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey) and C. A. Phillips (Bournemouth), and representatives from the North Dorset and West Dorset branches.

The Chairman expressed sympathy with Mr. Jennings in the recent loss of his wife, and the meeting stood in silence as a tribute.

After welcoming the Preston band, who attended the meeting as members of the branch for the first time, the Chairman gave a short address, in which he referred to bellringing as fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £14 2s. 8d., an increase of £2 over 1932. With invested money the branch has in hand £22. Including £12 16s. brought in from the previous year and more than £10 in ordinary members' fees, receipts totalled £33 15s. Expenditure amounted to £19 12s.

In his annual report the hon. secretary said that during 1933 the members took advantage of the glorious summer, and attendances at the meetings were well maintained. It was a pleasure to report that a new treble had been added to the existing peal of five at Charmminster. There was, however, much restoration work to be done in some of the towers. The membership, which showed an increase of 15, had reached the record total of 160. Change ringing was progressing and special mention was made of the enthusiastic band at Buckland Newton. Mr. Jennings spoke of an unfortunate accident which befell one of the oldest members, Mr. W. Williams, captain of West Lulworth band, who fell down the belfry steps and received injuries from which he would never recover.

Mention was also made of the passing of Mr. T. Page, who greatly assisted the advancement of change ringing in the district. Mr. W. Shute was thanked for his able instruction in change ringing.

It was decided that quarterly meetings should be held at Charmminster, Fordington St. George and Bradford Peverell. The branch will also hold a meeting during the year at Wool in honour of the chairman. Other by-meeting places were left to the secretary.

Mr. Jennings, referring to the proposed Milton Abbey meeting, stated that he had written to the Bishop, who had replied that he would be delighted to attend the gathering. Mr. Jennings hoped that 400 bellringers would be present at the meeting, and, as Milton Abbey House was at present unfurnished, they would be able to obtain the use of the large hall for tea.

The Master said he was very pleased to see how the other branches had received the proposal, and with a little careful management the meeting would be a success. He was sure it would help the Guild and augur well for the prosperity of bellringing.

The Mayor of Dorchester, who is a vice-president of the branch, congratulated the members on the excellent report. In the past he had had his heart in bellringing and had heard every report for 22 or 23 years. The branch was going on splendidly, and, welcoming Preston, he said they wanted all the towers in the district to join the branch. It would be of great advantage to them to do so.

The Master thanked the Rector of St. Peter's for the welcome he had given them, the women of the Church Council who had provided tea, and Mr. J. W. Smith and Mr. J. T. Godwin for local arrangements. Thanks were also extended to the Rev. D. F. Slemeck for the use of the bells at Charmminster and the Rev. R. G. Bartelot for the use of the Fordington bells.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips, a former chairman, replied to a welcome on behalf of himself, and Messrs. Townsend and Davis from East Dorset.

The officials of the branch were re-elected.

PHILIP SADLER AND SAMUEL SLATER. NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK HISTORIANS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was grieved to read in your issue of January 26th that Mr. Philip Sadler had passed away. I thought he was older than you say. He learned to ring at an early age, and rang his first peal at Kenninghall, December 7th, 1880. He also took part in the first peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus rung at St. Peter Mancroft. Also in the first two peals ever rung on the largest eight bells in that tower. In 1888 he visited Ipswich and rang on June 8th a peal of Stedman Cinques, and the next day rang in a peal of Double Norwich at Coddensham. On March 12th, 1891, he appears as a conductor, calling Hubbard's 5,039 Grandsire Caters at Mancroft. He does not appear, however, to have been a great peal ringer. He joined the Norwich Association at its commencement.

His chief delight was in collecting information concerning bygone Norwich ringers, and whatever he found concerning them he sent to the late Samuel Slater, of Glemsford, to copy. This he did, and so wrote up a 'History of Change Ringing in Norfolk,' giving all the peals that had been rung, together with the callings, up to the time of the formation of the Norwich Association. Whatever these two used to find in the old newspapers and books they used to send to one another (and I have seen some large MSS. go to and fro). Samuel Slater used to copy all the information he could get on to foolscap paper, and so wrote up a 'History of Change Ringing in Suffolk.' If Mr. Sadler did so, it is interesting; if not, it is a pity. These two used to reckon that the time they had taken up equalled three days a week for a whole year! After Samuel Slater's death, Mr. Sadler used to write to me, and I have sent him pieces of history.

Samuel Slater used to say he had a record of all peals rung in Norfolk and Suffolk before the Norwich Association was formed, and I have given copies of entries in these MSS. from time to time. I am glad a muffled touch was rung at Mancroft for him. May he rest in peace. I personally know him and have probably read more of his papers than anyone else.

THEODORE E. SLATER.

Glemsford, Suffolk.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT'S GOOD BALANCE.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at St. Mary's, Portsea, on Saturday, January 20th, when members were present from Alverstoke, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Fareham, Gosport, Hambledon, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's) Ryde, Soberton, Swanmore, Wickham and visitors from Brighton and Shoreham. The Guild's service was held in the South Chapel, conducted by the Vicar (Canon G. C. L. Lunt), who gave a very inspiring address. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Institute, and the subsequent business meeting was presided over by the district chairman (the Rev. E. Banks James).

The secretary's report and balance sheet were adopted, the accounts showing a balance of £12 18s. 11d. on the year's working.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, the Rev. E. Banks James; hon. secretary, Mr. A. T. Greenwood; auditor, Mr. H. G. Reynolds; representatives on committee, Messrs. F. S. Bayley and R. J. Stone.

Seventeen new ringing members were elected, including the Soberton band.

It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Fareham in January, and the first quarterly meeting at Havant on April 21st.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded, after which the members again visited the belfry.

The fine peal of eight were much in demand, and methods rung ranged from rounds to Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major. Several members remained in the belfry for further handbell ringing, and touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters were rung.

SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS. DIFFICULTIES OF SERVICE RINGING.

The annual meeting of the Society of Cambridge Youths was held in Great St. Mary's vestry on January 16th, the Rev. E. C. Essex (president) taking the chair. One of the chief discussions was the ringing of the bells for Sunday services. The President expressed a very earnest wish that this should be carried out, but, owing to several members having other duties to perform on Sundays, it is very difficult to get a company for Sunday service ringing.

The society meet for practice each Monday at 7.30, and ring for Sunday evening service on the first and third Sundays in the month when possible.

The society pledges itself to give a hearty welcome to all ringers, and special arrangements will be made when possible for ringing parties visiting the district.

The Master (Mr. C. W. Smith) was again re-elected, and Mr. A. T. Chenery was elected secretary. Their addresses are: Mr. C. W. Smith, 36, Rathmore Road, and Mr. A. T. Chenery, 162, Victoria Road. Correspondence can be addressed to either.

It would be a great day for this very old society if resident ringers of Cambridgeshire could once again ring a twelve-bell peal on this grand ring, as it has been done by local men for over one hundred and forty years.

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BRIXHAM BELLS.

AUGMENTATION OF RING TO AN OCTAVE. A NOTABLE INSCRIPTION.

Brixham is known historically as the place where William, Prince of Orange, who became King of England, landed on November 5th, 1688; archaeologically for its caves; popularly for its trawlers; and in hymnody as having had as first Vicar of its lower ecclesiastical parish the Rev. H. F. Lyte, author of 'Abide with me.' It now deserves to be held in remembrance campanologically, as the place where the unusual, if not entirely unique, idea has been carried out of putting on a bell the names of the captain and vice-captain of the local band of ringers in recognition, not of bell donation, but of services rendered as churchworkers. Of course, names of ringers, accompanied sometimes by those of their wives, who have given bells and, perhaps, of bands who have been responsible for the cost of new bells or recasting old ones, are inscribed here and there, but the Brixham procedure, so far as I know, is something original. If there is any previous instance, I hope the information will be forthcoming. Incidentally, it may be noted that the earliest bell in Devon bearing a churchwarden's name is at Kingston—1601, Thomas Shipherd.

WILLIAM OF ORANGE AND BELLS.

The old Parish Church of St. Mary, Higher Brixham, has had a peal of six for more than a century. It is on record, indeed, the bells were ringing at Brixham as Prince William approached the harbour and as he landed, and that the omen was regarded as particularly good. But the bells then heard were ringing to mark the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot, on the same date in 1605, and the anniversary is so observed at present. The bells heard in 1688 could not have been any of those in existence now at St. Mary's, for none is earlier than 1767. Some of the metal of bells that were in use in 1688 may, however, have been incorporated in present units, and to that extent there is, perhaps, a link between the different periods. Lower Brixham Church did not come into being until about 1820.

For some time a scheme has been afoot for increasing the six at St. Mary's to eight, and its completion was signalled on January 24th last, when the Bishop of Exeter (the Rt. Rev. W. F. Surtees, D.D.), Suffragan to the Bishop of Exeter (Lord William Cecil), dedicated two new bells and rededicated the old six, five of which had been tuned and one (the former 5th and present 7th) recast.

The new bells are inscribed with the founders' names as well as the following:—

- Treble.—In memoriam. Joseph R. and Elizabeth Elliott. F. J. S. Morris, Vicar; W. J. Lemin, J. Jackson, Churchwardens. 1935.
- 2.—God be merciful unto us and bless us. Christopher Elliott, Churchwarden, 1896 to 1926. F. J. S. Morris, Vicar, 1933.
- 7.—Laus Deo. F. J. S. Morris, Vicar. W. J. Lemin, J. Jackson, Churchwardens. A. C. Taylor, Captain. W. G. Hayden, vice-captain. Recast 1933.

The new treble was provided under the will of Mrs. Elizabeth Elliott, in memory of her husband, Mr. Joseph R. Elliott; the second was given by Mr. Christopher Elliott. The initials, I. P. and C. P., on the present 3rd are those of members of the Pennington family and Devon bellfounders. Many names appear on the sixth. They are those of church officers and donors who contributed to the recasting of the bell in 1897. 'Churston and Barbara Churston' mean Lord and Lady Churston. The previous bell (old fourth) bore the names of 'Mr. Joseph Nowell and John Edwards' as churchwardens, and of Thomas Bilbie as founder in 1774. The name P. Varwell, which is among those on this bell, is interesting. There is a tradition that William of Orange was carried ashore at Brixham by a native named Varwell, who showed such subsequent enthusiasm by heading the Prince's cavalcade to Exeter that he was given a pass to the new monarch's court and liberally rewarded. The old fifth, now recast as the seventh, had the following inscription: 'Mr. Clarke Thomas Edwards, churchwardens. "Ye people all that hear me ring, be faithful to your God and King." W. P. 1824.'

W. P. were the initials of William Pannell, who succeeded Thomas Bilbie at the Cullompton foundry.

WHAT RINGERS HAVE DONE.

The ringers of Brixham, enthusiastic and mostly young, have shown great interest in the care of the old bells and of the belfry, and have done what they could to forward the restoration scheme. The belfry is one of the largest in Devon, and the tower, a massive structure over 100ft. high, could easily accommodate twelve bells. But eight bells are quite enough for present purposes, and one hopes that Brixham will escape the difficulty experienced by so many companies in Devon and elsewhere of not having sufficient ringers at all times for Sunday services and practice purposes. They have been steadily acquiring the art of change ringing during the past few years, and it would be a gratifying thing if they could have reserved to them the honour of ringing the first peal on the octave. Some time may elapse before they could score one, but opportunity and success would be a great encouragement. The belfry itself is a tribute to the self-denying efforts of Messrs. Taylor and Hayden (captain and vice-captain) and the other ringers, for they have boarded and decorated it and secured the appointments that should be always available for the comfort and convenience of every hand. Mr. Taylor is in the building trade, and

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THE DEVON GUILD.

BRANCH MEETING AT TORQUAY.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at St. Marychurch, Torquay, on Saturday, and was moderately attended, ringers being present from Exeter, Buckfastleigh, Torquay, Paignton and Brixham.

The bells were raised soon after 3 o'clock and were kept going to the Grandsire method during the afternoon as well as in rounds for the less experienced ones.

A service in church was conducted by the Rev. Hobbs, one of the assistant priests, who, in the course of an able address, heartily welcomed the visitors.

Tea followed at Tudor's Cafe, the subsequent business meeting being presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton (chairman). The secretary's report, which was adopted, showed that three meetings had been held during the past year, and that Sunday service ringing had been maintained. Two members had been lost through death, and two peals had been rung, at Wolborough and Kingsteignton respectively, with the help of members from other branches.

Messrs. F. J. Laxton and E. J. Hole were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, and both suitably returned thanks.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of St. Marychurch and All Saints', Babbacombe, for the use of their bells, to the Rev. Hobbs for taking the service, and to the accompanist for her help.

For the next meeting, which will take place on Saturday, May 5th, Collaton was chosen, and it was also decided to visit Paignton.

The visitors afterwards adjourned to All Saints', Babbacombe, where touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Stedman Doubles were rung.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, January 28th, for morning service, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. R. Glascock 1, D. Pink (first quarter-peal of Surprise) 2, G. Plater 3, N. A. Tomlinson 4, W. Bowden 5, S. Wade 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Armstrong (conductor) 1, G. Plater 2, W. Bowden 3, D. Ovington 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, W. Pickworth 7, A. G. Crane 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, January 7th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major: R. B. King 1, W. Paul 2, H. L. Long 3, A. Dix 4, S. Hoare 5, C. Leman 6, F. Crook 7, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

MERTHAM, SURREY.—For morning service, on Sunday, November 19th, 720 Bob Minor: *S. Martin 1, H. B. Wells 2, *G. Welch 3, *A. Cheareley 4, J. Batters 5, C. Killick (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method.

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that fact explains a good deal, but the excellent results obtained reflect credit on all.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who supplied the new bells and framing and did the recasting and tuning, were represented at the service by Mr. S. R. Roper. A crowded congregation included about 40 ringers; had the service been in the afternoon instead of the evening it is probable that many more might have been present. After the dedication the local band, under Mr. Taylor, rang some rounds on the eight, and when the service was over a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was accomplished by a mixed band from Plymouth, Plympton St. Maurice, Upton, Torquay, Paignton and Croydon, with Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth) as conductor. All who handled the bells were delighted with their 'go' and tone, and particularly appreciated the excellence of the splice; in fact, the whole job commanded hearty approval. The Bishop of Crediton, besides dedicating the bells, carried out the blessing of a children's corner in the church. This circumstance is a reminder that on Easter Day all available parts of the church are decorated by Sunday School children with bunches of primroses. In 1926 there were 18,626 bunches!

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not made 20 attendances to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 22nd, Southwark Cathedral on the 15th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East (8), Idol Lane, E.C., and St. Magnus the Martyr (10), London Bridge, 2.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., also at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. and after tea from 6 to 7 p.m. Service in St. Clement Danes 4.15 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea in Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, at 5 p.m. Business meeting and handbell contest in St. Clement's Parish Hall 7.15 p.m. We are endeavouring to make all the above arrangements to be as bright and cheery as possible, and hope that all members will make a special effort to be there. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, February 10th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at All Saints', Gosforth, on Saturday, February 10th. The bells (10, tenor 22 cwt.) will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.30. Service, with address by the Vicar, at 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. per head) in the Parish Hall at 4.30. After tea Mr. C. L. Routledge will give a lecture, assisted by handbell ringers, on 'The Art of Change Ringing.' The congregation is invited, as well as the association members, and we hope for a good attendance. — Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Crediton, on February 10th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Margaret's Hall 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8, tenor 10 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Bolton Branches.—A special joint meeting of the above branches will be held at St. Peter's Church, Hindley, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A. Tea at 5.15 p.m. A special invitation is issued to all ringers and friends to this meeting.—William O. Farrimond and Peter Crook, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The first annual meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, February 10th. Bells at 2.45. Tea at 5 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 5, and tea in the Church Hall at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. If you require tea, inform me, if possible.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea by invitation of the wardens, and meeting to follow. Special method, London Surprise Minor. All welcome.—Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool, 16.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, February 10th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the New Inn at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 8.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Sun Hotel, 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors kindly advise the district secretary.—H. Morgan, 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory on Saturday, February 10th. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Peckleton bells available later.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, February 10th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers are welcome.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Iichester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Montacute on Saturday, February 10th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Farrant, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on February 10th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., price 1s.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—R. W. Stockdale and M. Revill, Hon. Secs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 10th. City bells available 3.30 to 8.30. Service All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea Booth Hall 5.15 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Royston, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. The Vicar, Rev. F. F. Greig, has offered tea. This is always a good meeting. Make it a better one!—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Good bus services from Newbury, five miles.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The annual meeting of the guild will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at Withyham. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Norwich to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 10th. St. Miles' from 3 p.m., St. Peter Mancroft 4 to 5 p.m. Tea at Curat House 5.15 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All heartily welcome. Just a card for tea, please.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles (8), on Saturday, February 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each, to all who NOTIFY Mr. F. Colley, 7, Park Road, Monton, Eccles, note later than Wednesday, February 14th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec., 56, Greame Street, Manchester, 16.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, February 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Please notify the undersigned not later than February 14th if you intend coming. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Institute afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Pulham Market on Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome, but *please* notify for tea! Rounds to London and Spliced Surprise.—Nolan Golden, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. H. Billinge, 4, Longton Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Feb. 14th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Hinton Waldrist on Saturday, Feb. 17. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify by Feb. 14th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Asfordby (near Melton Mowbray) (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify the undersigned for tea by Wednesday previous. All ringers are invited. Please make an effort to attend, and make a real good meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) available at 2.15 p.m. Members requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 15th. All ringers welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Please advise for tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Upton St. Leonards on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. (1s. per head). Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than the 14th inst.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Chartham on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, by special invitation of the Rector. Frequent bus service from Coventry.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Tea, 4.30, at the Tower Café. Service 5.15. Ringing after. All those requiring tea kindly advise me by Feb. 20th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Feb. 24th. All Saints' bells from 3 o'clock. Service, St. Michael's, 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church Cottage, near St. Michael's. All welcome. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 21st.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By permission of Rev. B. Beavan, the spring meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Tea at the Dog Inn. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Please notify me before Thursday, Feb. 22nd.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Buxted on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at The Ramblers, 5.15 p.m.—J. M. Cripps, 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The spring meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24th, at Kempsey. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and business meeting afterwards. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 21st.—Fred Hawkes, Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 46th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 3rd, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. Chad's R.C. (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—During the indisposition of the branch secretary, Mr. W. Evetts, jun., it is requested that correspondence and subscriptions be sent to Mr. E. F. Honour, 21, Bunker's Hill, near Bletchington, Oxford.

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