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THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

The interesting report of the Peals Analysis Committee of the Central Council, which we print in this issue, gives a complete survey of the peal activities of the Exercise in 1937. It is compressed into two pages of this journal, but it represents a year's work by the committee, carried out with the utmost care. Those who are responsible for it deserve the gratitude, not only of the Council, but of ringers at large, for it is both an exacting task and a most valuable record. It is nearly sixty years since the compilation of the statistics was begun, and the work increases as time goes on on account of the growing variety introduced into peal ringing, with the consequent extension of the scope of the tables. When the analysis was started very little beyond the standard methods was rung, and in the first year (1881) the total number of peals was only 156. To turn back over some of the old tables and compare them is instructive, for it is a means by which the progress of the art, as revealed in peal ringing, can be gauged.

Last year's rise in the aggregate number of peals rung—the total was 1,902 compared with 1,749 in 1936—can possibly be accounted for by the additional inducement provided by the Coronation. No fewer than 259 peals were rung for this event, while the increase over the total of 1936 is only 153. The number of peals rung, however, is not the best guide to the progress made; there are other more important factors, such as first peals and the extended variety of methods rung. Some interesting comparative details will be found in the committee's report, and there is no need to touch upon them here. Not all of the particulars revealed point to improvement, but in judging the general position a comprehensive view must be taken. The fact that peals in certain classes show a falling-off, is not necessarily a sign of retrogression, as long as other standards are maintained and improved. Peals of Caters, for instance, show a considerable decrease; but when it is noted that peals of Royal have almost made up for them, and that Surprise Royal has increased, there is, on the face of it at any rate, really a net improvement. And although we may regret the increase in the number of peals of Doubles in one method—which may or may not indicate stagnation—there is more than compensation in the fact that peals in one method of Minor have decreased to a much larger extent. The most gratifying feature of all, however, is the increase in the number of ringers who have scored their first peal. The number in 1937 was 555, compared with 517 in 1936. We are still not back, by a long way, to the figures of 1935, when there were 643; but there is some satisfaction that the falling-off has been stayed.

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The importance of keeping up the supply of new peal ringers cannot be overrated. It is true that peal ringing is not, and ought not to be, the be-all and end-all of a ringer's ambitions, but peal ringing is one of the greatest incentives to a ringer, not only to maintain his interest in the art, but to improve his standard of striking and thus to render better service to the church in his Sunday ringing. It is not easy, as everyone knows, to keep young ringers interested, and they need every inducement that can be offered to them. The more the young ringers can be encouraged to take part in peals the more likely are they to retain their connection with the belfry, and it is worth the while of the rest of the fraternity even to suffer the 'pangs' of somewhat indifferent ringing sometimes in order to enable a young ringer to score his first peal. A spirit of tolerance, with kindly coaching, may do a deal to keep beginners in the Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	*ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY ... 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	PERCY L. RAINEY ... 9
FRED PRICE ... 4	WILLIAM DAVIES ... 10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5	JOHN S. MASON ... 11
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal in the method and on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHELTHENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS ... Treble	WILLIAM DYER ... 6
WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... 2	*CHARLES W. MARTIN ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 3	*THOMAS BOREHAM ... 8
JOHN AUSTIN ... 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... 9
GEORGE H. WALTERS ... 5	REUBEN HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN F. BALLINGER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Caters by the Cheltenham Branch of the association.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

THOMAS D. WHORTON ... Treble	*KENNETH PARDON ... 6
JOHN GOODMAN ... 2	HENRY HUBBALL ... 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 3	RONALD GOODMAN ... 8
HENRY GOODMAN ... 4	NORMAN G. LEECH ... 9
HAROLD SHUCK ... 5	SAMUEL WEBB ... Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. John Goodman, sen., on the first anniversary of his death.

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CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN HAYES Treble	GILBERT GERRARD 6
*HARRY LEWIS 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
*JOHN BEST 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 8
*WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 4	*HARRY PYE 9
*MARTIN HARRIS 5	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. WORTH.

Conducted by JAMES SWINDLEY.

* First peal of Treble Ten and rung at the first attempt. First peal of Royal as conductor.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	HARRY T. HIGGINS 6
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	HAROLD SMITH 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
WILLIAM FISHER 5	JOHN WARRILOW Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
ALFRED BACON 2	*ARTHUR ROLFE 6
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
WALLACE COUSINS 4	ARTHUR G. BASON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(FARNHAM DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, April 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*VICTOR WILKINSON Treble	FRANCIS J. EWENS 5
THOMAS E. DENVER 2	EDWARD J. BRAGG 6
*STANLEY G. BUNCH 3	CHARLES W. DENVER 7
FREDERICK MARCHANT 4	EDWIN HUNT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENVER.

* First peal.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

8 THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

ARTHUR K. HARRISON Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
MISS EVELYN STEELE 2	HARRY PETTITT 6
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
THOMAS R. HENSHER 4	J. DENNIS DEIGHTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, April 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LAVENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE WHITING 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

The first peal in this method, Lindoff's No. 77.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
ERNEST BENNETT 2	WALEER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	JAMES A. MILNER 7
REV. FRANK BONNER 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS W. STRANGWAY Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
*MISS MARY WHITE 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
KENNETH SIMPSON 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Surprise.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALTER ELSEY Treble	PHILIP W. J. FRYER 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	FREDERICK C. ROPER 6
HENRY TOOKE 3	WILLIAM CLOVER 7
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 4	ERIC G. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM NEWTON Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON 5
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 6
KENNETH A. ROE 3	† H. W. FRANKLIN 7
SIDNEY CHENEY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S SIX-PART, No. 59.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST WILSON Treble	*THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
REGINALD WOODYATT 2	GEORGE E. LARGE 6
*JOHN J. JEFFERIES 3	JOHN H. COLLEY 7
*ALLEN MORGAN 4	FREDERICK G. YATES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in the method.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. PRATT Treble	ERNEST BRETT 5
PERCY E. JONES 2	EDGAR HANCOX 6
WILSON RUSHTON 3	ALAN R. MACDONALD 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 4	WILFRED S. CHILDS Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

Rung as a birthday greeting to the conductor and to F. Corke. Also as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. J. Lock and Miss Kathleen M. Bradford.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

J. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... Treble	ALBERT PLOWMAN ... 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 2	HARRY PETTITT ... 6
MISS EVELYN STEELE ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... 7
*C. RAYMOND FORSTER ... 4	SAMUEL FOSKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM ARMOUR ... Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR ... 5
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 2	CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 6
THOMAS STEPHENSON ... 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 7
REV. JOHN P. PELLOR ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JOHN P. PELLOR.

Rung to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the installation of the first five bells in the church.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*JOHN W. GARDNER ... Treble	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 5
LESTER L. GRAY ... 2	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	†RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Superlative.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in C.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING ... 5
CAPT. A. JOHNSTONE, R.N. ... 2	ROBERT D. GUNTON ... 6
CHARLES W. LOOME ... 3	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 7
WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by O. LANG.

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOWLETT.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

PERCY RICHARDS ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... 7
JOHN BASS ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM PERRY ... Treble	HENRY S. WILSON ... 5
ALBERT E. NORTH ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 3	HORACE S. MANSFIELD ... 7
JOHN FOWLER ... 4	FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
DAVID WRIGHT ... 2	CHARLES POTHECARY ... 6
EDWIN L. MILES ... 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 7
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH ... Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT ... 5
ROBERT E. COLES ... 2	*DONALD F. FERGUSON ... 6
ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 3	WILLIAM PAGE ... 7
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 4	*ALBERT E. BACON ... Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal of Triples.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, KENNINGTON, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS W. WYATT ... Treble	ALBERT DISERENS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... 6
ERNEST J. KING ... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	COLIN HARRISON ... 6
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 3	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... Treble	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... 6
*MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	HARRY PARKS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

* First peal in the method 'inside' and first attempt.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*DAVID J. BOWEN ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	ERNEST W. PYE ... 6
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. T. J. Lock and Miss K. M. Bradford.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*PETER S. BELL, Rover Scout, 3rd Staines St. Peter's ...	...Treble
†HAROLD REDMAN, Patrol Leader, 1st Billingshurst ...	... 2
*FREDERICK ALLFREY, Troop Leader, 1st Billingshurst ...	... 3
*ERNEST HOWELL, Rover Mate, 1st Billingshurst ...	... 4
*HAROLD F. WOOD, Second, 1st Billingshurst ...	... 5
ERNEST TREAGUS, Assistant Scoutmaster, 1st Arundel ...	... 6
CECIL H. WOOD, Rover Scout, 1st Billingshurst ...	... 7
RAYMOND P. WOOD, JUN., Scoutmaster, 1st Billingshurst ...	...Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by R. P. WOOD, JUN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. Believed to be the first peal rung by Boy Scouts. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1938 in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.	
*VICTOR W. LAMBERT... ..Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
THOMAS E. TAYLOR 2	HORACE H. BARDEN 6
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 3	E. GEORGE MORRELL 7
†RICHARD A. MUNN 4	CYRIL W. HAMMOND ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of the anniversary of the wedding of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STRATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S Tenor 14½ cwt.	
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... ..Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN... .. 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	FRANK E. HAYNES 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal rung in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.
THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

On Friday, April 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
REV. HUGH BENSON ... ..Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX 5
REV. E. V. COX 2	REV. E. G. BENSON 6
REV. R. F. WILKINSON 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 7
REV. E. S. POWELL 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX
The first peal rung for the above newly-formed Guild.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
JOHN E. ROOTES ... ..Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5
FRANCIS KIRK 2	WALTER AYRE 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	EDWIN JENNINGS 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal in the method.

RUISLIP RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Easter Monday, at St. Martin's, Ruislip, for the wedding of Mr. Jack Bunce (one of the local ringers) and Miss Elizabeth Nichols, a touch of 600 Grandsire Doubles was rung: C. Poulter 1, W. Bunce, jun. 2, W. Bunce, sen. 3, H. Ive 4, Tom Collins 5, F. A. Braybrooke 6. After the ceremony a further touch of 240 was rung, both touches being conducted by the bridegroom's father.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury and April Day, and 12 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*GORDON W. DALE ... ..Treble	JOHN H. BAILLESS 4
FRANK BAILLESS 2	FRANCIS R. DEACON 5
E. HAROLD FARMER 3	FREDERICK WATSON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. BAILLESS.

* First peal and first attempt.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES MANIFOULD ... ..Treble	JOSEPH WHITTAKER 4
NORMAN MEAKIN... .. 2	JOHN W. L. SLACK 5
THOMAS TAYLOR 3	STANLEY NOBLES... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS TAYLOR.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band to commemorate the completion of 40 years' service ringing by Messrs. J. Manifold, J. W. L. Slack and T. Taylor, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. L. Slack.

HARROLD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... ..Treble	*RONALD J. SHARPE 4
FRANCIS BEAUMONT 2	HENRY W. GAYTON 5
DONALD L. COCKINGS 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS... ..Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the 30th anniversary of the wedding of H. W. Gayton.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KINGTON DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one twelve-score of Pitman's arrangement and 40 six-scores, 11 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.

WALTER S. EVANS ... ..Treble	THOMAS GIDDINGS 4
TREVOR JONES 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
HARRY T. CHANDLER... .. 3	JOHN THOMAS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

Rung to commemorate the reopening of the augmented peal after rehanging, and in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Prichard, the donors of the new treble bell.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Thelwall, Childwall, College Single, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

*DOUGLAS BARKAWAY... ..Treble	ALBERT L. BIXBY... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY... .. 2	RALPH BIRD 5
RONALD SUCKLING 3	THOMAS BIRD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven plain methods by the rest and on the bells.

DEATH OF A YORKSHIRE SECRETARY.

We regret to record the death, which took place suddenly on Sunday week, of Mr. Fredk. Clarke, of Bentley, Doncaster. He was a member of the band at All Saints', Arksey, and hon. secretary of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association, which he joined in 1911.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, April 21, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*CYRIL TABERNER Treble	HOWARD HOWELL 4
†HAROLD SMITH 2	*CHARLES R. COLLINS 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Minor and first in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

WALTHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH J. WILLOWS Treble	JACK BRAY 4
CHARLES W. TAYLOR 2	FRED JEFFERY 5
PHILIP BARNES 3	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble	JOHN J. WEBB 4
JOSEPH W. DOWNES 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
GEORGE T. COUSINS 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

FRANT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	ERNEST J. LADD 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*EDMUND HULSE Treble	WILLIAM JOHN DUMOLO 4
*FRANK HULSE 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
*JOSEPH HULSE 3	WILLIAM H. CURSON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the patronal festival.

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*HAROLD ROGERS Treble	GEORGE GOWING 3
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 2	ROBERT J. GARDINER 4
HERBERT G. JILLINGS Tenor	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the Easter festival and St. George's Day.

EWYAS HAROLD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 differently called 240's.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALLAN COLCOMBE Treble	ARTHUR H. OAKLEY 4
JAMES P. HYETT 2	WILLIAM A. KIDSTON 5
TRACEY H. YOUNG 3	HORACE D. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung for St. George's Day.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (2) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (3) Single and Double Court; (4) Wavertree and College Single; (5) Thelwall and Double Oxford; (6) Childwall and St. Clement's; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

RALPH BIRD Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY 4
VICTOR MORLEY 2	HARRY CARTER 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS 3	ALEC M. GENERY Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

First peal in 14 methods by all and on the bells. There were 162 changes of method.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILKINSON Treble	JOHN R. YOUNG 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	JOHN R. KEMP 5
HAROLD BARSLEY 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG. First peal of London Surprise by all the band.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

WALTER EVANS Treble	TREVOR JONES 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	ALFRED OWENS 5
*BRIAN ELSMORE 3	JOHN THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled in memory of Major Thompson, of Newcastle Court, Radnorshire.

WATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising extents of Double Court, St. Clement's, College Single Reverse, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 18 lb. in A flat.

SYDNEY FLINT Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 4
A. HECTOR HOLLIDAY 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in more than one method on the bells and by A. H. Holliday.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BLACKPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 58, EAST TOPPING STREET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

BERNARD H. HALL 1-2	JOHN H. FOSTER 3-4
CHARLES SHARPLES 5-6	

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

BOY SCOUTS' PEAL.

A peal was rung by Boy Scouts at Billingshurst, Sussex, on St. George's Day, and is believed to be the first peal by a band of Scouts. They were fortunate in being able to provide no fewer than six of the ringers from the Billingshurst troop, of whom one rang his first peal and three their first in the method. The band was completed by a Rover Scout from Staines and the Assistant Scoutmaster from Arundel. After the peal, which was Bob Major, the Vicar entertained the party to tea.

That well-known Northants ringer, Mr. Walter Perkins, and his wife recently celebrated their golden wedding, and in honour of the event Mr. Perkins arranged four peals. On April 21st Stedman Triples (the first peal on the bells since they were rehung for the Coronation) was rung at All Hallows, Wellingborough, and on April 23rd, Grandsire Triples, the first in the method on the bells, was rung in the old Saxon tower at Earls Barton. Both were conducted by Mr. Perkins, and in the latter Mr. Samuel Foskett rang his first peal for 35 years.

On April 9th a peal of Double Norwich was lost at Irthlingborough after ringing an hour, and Stedman Caters at Kettering on Easter Monday was put off owing to illness. Mr. Perkins would like to couple with the peal at Wellingborough Mr. B. Morris, who was unable to take part, and to thank Messrs. Arthur Harrison and James George, who stood in at short notice.

St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, have rung a peal of Minor in 14 methods, the first in this number by all the band, the first on the bells and by the Northern Division of the Essex Association. There were 162 changes of method in the peal, which had 94 bobs and 24 singles. It was rung at Colne Engaine.

Mr. Clifford Skidmore's first Surprise peal as conductor was Cambridge, rung at Stourbridge, Worcestershire, on April 23rd, as the quarterly peal for the Northern Branch. It was also a birthday compliment to his wife.

A peal report from Giggleswick, Yorks, has been sent to us without the time.

THREE NEW SURPRISE METHODS.

Peals in three new methods are recorded this week. Gabriel Lindoff's No. 77 was rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, on April 22nd, and, after it had been brought round, the band decided to name it Lavenham in memory of that great friend of all who visited Lavenham tower, the late Mr. Arthur Symonds.

Another method was rung at Nuneaton and has been named Stratford. The composition used was Johnson's variation of Middleton's famous peal.

The third was rung at Bushey, Herts, on Saturday, and named Apsley. The method and composition are by Mr. Harold Cashmore, who conducted the peal, which was his 150th. It was also Mr. J. E. Rote's 50th peal for the Hertford County Association.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells of Southwell Minster was rung in honour of St. George's Day. Afterwards the band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner, and thanks are extended to them for their hospitality; also to Mr. R. Northborough for ringing at short notice, and to Dr. F. S. Poole and Mr. Colin Harrison for the transport of the Leicester contingent.

The first five bells of the Church of St. Ignatius, Sunderland, were installed in 1898, and to commemorate the fortieth anniversary a peal of Bob Major was rung on the bells, now augmented to eight, on April 23rd. Two of the original members of the band, Mr. Joseph W. Parker and Mr. Robert L. Patterson, took part, and it was their 78th peal together.

We are pleased to see Mr. John H. Cheesman able once more to take part in a peal. He rang in a peal of Superlative at Dartford on April 25th, his first since last November, when, in the course of his work, he fell from a low scaffold and broke an arm.

By ringing the treble for a band that met short at Northfleet, Kent, on April 27th, Victor Lambert was able to score his first peal at the first attempt. It had been arranged in honour of the wedding anniversary of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

Incidentally, the peal was also a birthday compliment to Messrs. T. C. Taylor and R. A. Munn, who took part, and Miss M. Butcher, sister of the conductor. It was Mr. G. J. Butcher's 125th peal.

A peal of London Surprise Minor, the first by all the band and in the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Guild by resident members, was rung at Frampton, Lincs, on April 23rd. It was the late Rev. H. Law James' composition.

Members of the Cathedral band at Chester rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on St. George's Day, and six of the ringers scored their first peal of Treble Ten at the first attempt. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. John Best and Mr. Edward Price, two respected members of the Chester Branch.

The conductor, Mr. James Swindley, and Mr. Gilbert Gerrard rang in the first peal of Major in the city of Chester. That was in 1896 and was also rung at the Cathedral.

In addition to the peal at Ealing recorded last week, peals in honour of the wedding of Mr. Tom Lock and Miss Kathleen Bradford, which took place at Twickenham on April 23rd, were rung at Hillingdon, Middlesex, and Woolton Hill, Hants.

A peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Twickenham Church was unfortunately lost after three hours' ringing, while a band of married couples lost a peal of Stedman at St. George's Church, Southwark.

LONDON PEAL AFTER 39 YEARS.

After a lapse of 39 years, a peal has been rung at the Church of St. John the Divine, Kennington, London. It was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, specially arranged to commemorate St. George's Day, and was conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender.

The previous attempt for a peal on this fine ring of bells was made in 1919, when Superlative Surprise was the method with the same conductor. On that occasion, to prevent any interference whilst the ringing was in progress, every precaution was taken, but after three hours' good ringing and in the final course, the then Vicar obtained access to the ringers and demanded the bells to cease immediately on account of nearby sickness. The last peal rung on the bells was Bob Major on October 21st, 1899, conducted by G. E. Symonds.

The clerical 'ringing week' finished happily on Friday with a peal of Bob Major at Knebworth, Herts, the first peal by the new Guild of Clerical Ringers.

The members who rang in the peal represented eight different counties as follows: Treble, Gloucestershire; 2, Devon; 3, Notts; 4, Northants; 5, Dorset; 6, Herefordshire; 7, Berks; tenor, Oxfordshire.

Mr. Joseph J. Willows, of Waltham, Lincs, is the first ringer of that parish to score a peal. He rang the treble to seven plain and Treble Bob methods on April 22nd.

Arranged for Mr. Donald Ferguson, of Repton, Derbyshire, and rung for St. George's Day, a peal of Grandsire Triples was scored at Aberavon on April 23rd.

AFTER FORTY YEARS.

Fancy ringing for 40 years in the same tower, and ringing peals individually, but never one together! That is what Messrs. J. Manifold, J. W. L. Slack and T. Taylor, of Sutton, Cheshire, did. They never even attempted one.

Now, to commemorate their 40 years' service at Sutton, they have 'broken the ice' and scored a peal, rung entirely by the local band. We hope it is only the first of many, despite the fact that Anno Domini is creeping on.

The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. L. Slack. The thirtieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gayton's wedding was celebrated on Easter Monday with a peal of Minor at Harrold.

A peal of Darlston Bob Triples, a method produced by the late Mr. John Carter about 50 years ago, was rung at Claines, Worcestershire, on April 23rd, and was Mr. John Jefferies' 100th peal for the Worcestershire Association.

Mr. Daniel Matkin called a round 5,000 of Stedman Cinques at West Bromwich on April 23rd. The composition, by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, was rung for the first time. The first change is at backstroke, so that the peal comes round at hand.

This unusual way of starting is not entirely new. We remember it was employed in the record handbell peal of 19,738 Stedman Caters at Guildford in 1912 (also composed by Mr. Lindoff). The full composition was 22,222, but the peal had to be curtailed on account of the late hour—it was nearly midnight.

By the way, the peal at West Bromwich was the first of Cinques by Arthur H. S. Rainey, who filled a vacant place at the last moment and filled it with competence. He had not rung on twelve bells until his arrival in Birmingham three weeks before.

The peal at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, was also a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Edgar Hancox, and to Mr. F. Corke, who was unavoidably prevented from taking part. The peal at Woolton Hill was a birthday compliment to the conductor there also, Mr. Harry E. Balaam.

On the first anniversary of the death of that fine old Dudley stalwart, Mr. John Goodman, sen., a half-muffled memorial peal was rung at Dudley on April 23rd, conducted by his son, upon whom the mantle of leader of the tower descended after his father's retirement.

The first peal of Minor in three methods on the bells at Wellington, Herefordshire, was rung on April 23rd.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Frant, Sussex, in honour of St. George's Day, was the fiftieth peal together by Messrs. A. F. Lewry and W. A. Kitchenside, and the 25th together by the latter and Mr. E. J. Ladd.

A peal of Stedman Caters rung at Cheltenham on April 23rd not only celebrated St. George's Day, but also the 49th anniversary of the 15,227 Grandsire Caters rung in the same tower, in 9 hours 43 minutes, on April 22nd, 1889. Mr. Albert Humphris, who rang the tenor to the long peal, rang the treble to the commemoration. The peal was arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, and was a birthday compliment to Miss M. Ballinger, daughter of the conductor.

Not much is ever heard of the heavy peal of eight at Lymm, Cheshire, but on St. George's Day the first peal of London Surprise on them was rung. The tenor is 32 cwt.

The bells of New Radnor, Radnorshire, have been augmented from five to six and rehung on ball bearings. They were opened on Easter Day by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. On Easter Monday the first peal was rung on them in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Prichard, the donors of the new treble, but on the following Saturday a half-muffled peal was rung for the passing of another generous donor to the funds, Major Thompson, of Newcastle Court, Radnorshire.

The ringers wish to acknowledge what the Rector, the Rev. R. D. Wynne, did to secure the restoration and augmentation of the bells and to thank him for entertaining them after the first peal, and Miss Meredith for her hospitality after the second peal.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT MARGATE.

The 58th annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Margate on Easter Monday, and, in spite of the wintry conditions which prevailed, 200 members braved the elements and put in an appearance. Ringing was permitted at intervals until 12 o'clock, when the association service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Tyrell. Mr. E. H. Lewis read the lesson, and the Vicar, after giving the association a hearty welcome to Margate, delivered an inspiring address, far above the average listened to on these occasions. He wished them all Godspeed in their work and urged the elder members in all their work to set a good example to the younger which would have a lasting effect upon them. He said he was sorry he could not join them in their business, as he had to leave after the service for the West Country to have a course of treatment.

A collection for the association's Benevolent Fund realised £2 12s.

Luncheon followed in the Artillery Drill Hall, and was presided over by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council and a vice-president of the association, supported by some of the officers.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. F. White (Cranbrook) submitted 'The Archbishop and Clergy of the County,' which was responded to by the Rector of Eythorne (the Rev. Horsley) in a very witty speech.

The business meeting was then held, and was of a most harmonious character. A letter of apology for absence was received from the Mayor of Margate.

ASSOCIATION'S GOOD FINANCIAL POSITION.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell) submitted the annual report, which first congratulated Mr. C. Slingsby upon attaining the age of 100 years last May. The report went on to say that occasionally the attendance at some towers left much to be desired and often there were not sufficient ringers for the bells in the towers. An appeal was made to all members to attach themselves to a tower for Sunday service ringing, to be punctual and regular in their attendance, always remembering that this is the first call on all ringers, and to see to it that the ringing was of the best. There were 119 towers in union. The life members number the same as in the previous year, hon. members total 71 (two less than 1936), adult practising members were 944 and junior members 46, a total of 990, which is 68 less than in the previous year.

The report recorded bell restorations at Chislehurst (St. Nicholas'), Sundridge, Goodnestone, Hernhill and Bexley. Peals numbered 142 (including 17 for the Coronation), 14 more than in 1936. The peals were rung in 56 towers, including two in Sussex. Twenty-two members rang their first peal and four their first as conductor.

In view of extra commitments during the year, the committee authorised the sale of part of the War Loan, and this realised £68 0s. 9d. In the general fund the subscriptions of members showed a reduction of £5 17s., and the balance in this account is £71 16s. 1d. The belfry repairs fund was increased during the year by £10 15s. 3d. to £139 1s. Assistance to two members was given from the Benevolent Fund, which stands at £297 0s. 9d. The total funds from all sources amount to £988 1s. 9d., an increase of £17 1s. 4d.

On the proposition of Mr. E. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Holden, the report was unanimously adopted.

The hon. auditor, Mr. G. H. Cross, submitted the various accounts, which were also adopted.

All the officers were unanimously re-elected, and, in replying to the thanks for his work, Mr. Mitchell reminded the members that this would be his tenth year as their hon. secretary and treasurer, and he was glad to retain their confidence. He thanked the district secretaries for their work and help, also Mr. Saxby, of Margate, for the trouble he had taken to make the meeting so successful. He also thanked them all for their response in the application for tickets for lunch, as with only one exception all applied by the appointed time.

The usual thanks to all concerned concluded a meeting which was quite the reverse to the weather.

The towers that were open in the district were well patronised, and a large party accepted the kind invitation of Major Powell Cotton, of Quex Park, to visit his museum, which was much enjoyed, especially as the Major told of his thrilling experiences in obtaining some of his wonderful collection of wild game.

PEAL NOTES.

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Three brothers rang their first peal when they took part in seven 720's of Bob Minor at Ticknall, Derbyshire, on April 23rd. It was a notable, if not unique, performance. The three ringers were Edmund, Frank and Joseph Hulse. Edmund has been ringing only about six months. The visiting ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Hulse for their kind hospitality after the peal.

Mr. Christopher Wallater, of Willenhall, took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Trysull, Staffs, on April 21st, and thus completed the series from six to twelve bells.

Thomas W. Lockwood conducted and Victor Lockwood rang in the peal of Doubles at Earl Stonham, Suffolk, on April 16th. The names appeared in our last issue as Sockwood—but we disclaim responsibility.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DECLINE IN MEMBERSHIP.

Apathy Among Ringers.

There was an excellent attendance at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Guildford on April 23rd, nearly one hundred members being present from within and without the diocese, including 21 affiliated towers.

The customary service was held this year at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. G. E. Hope, the address being given by the Vicar of Horsell (the Rev. F. A. Woodard), who is a ringer.

After tea in Holy Trinity Hall, Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president), who presided, thanked the preacher and the organist. At the business meeting Mr. Harrison was supported by Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (retiring hon. secretary), Mr. G. L. Grover (secretary-elect) and the Rev. F. A. Woodard.

COMMITTEE'S APPEAL TO CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

In the annual report, the committee once more appealed to the Church authorities throughout the diocese to support the Guild in the work which it was endeavouring to perform. There were various ways in which they could do this, and one of the most important was that they should encourage their own ringers in that co-operative effort which was necessary to produce the true diocesan spirit. There had been a regrettable loss of members through unpaid subscriptions. Compared with 1936, there was a loss of three honorary and 18 ringing members, which followed upon a loss of one honorary and 17 ringing members in the preceding year. As far as the committee was aware, there was no reduction in the number of ringers in the diocese, and the falling off was, therefore, due to the apathy of the ringers themselves. It was probable that if the Church authorities took a more direct interest in the ringers of their respective towers and encouraged them to support their diocesan organisation, this indifference might be overcome to a considerable degree. Indeed, the committee ventured to go further and suggest that, where the ringers were entirely voluntary, it would be only a slight recognition of their services throughout the year if the Parochial Church Councils undertook to pay the small annual subscription to the Guild. Another direction in which the Guild could receive valuable support would be by the active participation in ringing of the younger clergy. Compared with many other associations in the country, the Guild was sadly lacking in clerical ringers, and the committee appealed particularly to the junior members of clerical staffs to take up the art of ringing, and to incumbents to encourage them to do so, as a means of giving the ringers greater recognition and a closer association with church life.

Apart from 'compounding' members, the membership of the Guild was now 67 honorary and 374 ringing members. The committee urged members to use their influence with their colleagues, who were outside the Guild, to persuade them to join, and also to use their best endeavours to obtain honorary members from among the congregation.

In reviewing the work of the year, the report recorded 30 peals rung in 15 towers. Three methods had been rung for the Guild for the first time, and 15 members had rung their first peal. The committee concluded their report with an appreciation of the work of the retiring secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, whose resignation had been received with sincere regret.

INCREASED BALANCES.

The report was adopted, as was also the statement of accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £26 4s. 8d., an increase of 16s. 5d. Among the receipts were £7 10s. from affiliation fees and £20 4s. 9d., representing 50 per cent. of the district contributions.

The hon. treasurer reported that the Benevolent Fund had been increased during the year from £29 12s. 3d. to £56 13s. 2d., and that the New Cathedral Bells Fund stood at £16 18s. 7d.

Mr. G. L. Grover said that the New Cathedral Bells Fund was a little disappointing, as so few towers had contributed.

Mr. T. W. White moved that the amount donated from the general fund to the New Cathedral Bells Fund should be increased from £1 1s. to £2 2s. In reply, Mr. Corbett said the balance in hand on the general fund was very small and did not really provide a working balance for a Guild of their size.

Mr. F. Nye successfully amended the motion that they should endeavour during the year to increase the donations from the towers and not deplete the general fund. The report and balance sheet were adopted. Three new members were elected.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Vice-presidents, Mr. W. Harrison, the Right Rev. Bishop Golding-Bird, the Ven. Archdeacon Newill and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hasted; hon. librarian, Mr. A. C. Hazelden. The Library Committee was re-elected en bloc.

GUILD'S GENEROSITY.

In proposing Mr. Goldsmith as vice-president, the chairman spoke of his good work, which they appreciated. In reply, Mr. Goldsmith said that what they had done that night was the greatest honour accorded him in connection with ringing. One thing which would live with him in connection with his secretaryship was the tremendous number of friends he had made all over the diocese. That was a point he would like to emphasise among the younger members of the Guild. If they put something into the work they would get something (Continued in next column.)

GUILDFORD GUILD'S GENEROSITY.

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out. The Guild since its inception had been a generous one. Out of the central fund over £20 had been voted to bell restorations and from the district funds over £28. In addition £80 was raised for the Admiral Walker Memorial for the recasting and rehangings of the bells of Old Woking. They had raised £46 13s. 2d. for the benevolent fund, and apart from that £30 was collected for a special case. For the Cathedral Bell Fund they had raised £17, thus making a total of over £200. This was all extraneous to the working of the Guild itself. He hoped that spirit would continue.

Speaking of Mr. Grover's appointment, Mr. Goldsmith said he had served a long apprenticeship in the job, having been secretary of the Guildford district for nearly 10 years. They had a man in Mr. Grover without equal for the position, and they were fortunate in getting him. He hoped they would give Mr. Grover the support and same friendly welcome in their towers that had been given to him.

In reply, Mr. Grover said he would do his best.

It was decided to hold the summer festival at Farnham on July 9th, and the next annual meeting will be held at Guildford, the date being left to the Executive Committee.

Two alterations were made to rules, one to secure that a member elected to the committee should serve for three years (instead of submitting to annual election), and the other to empower district committees (instead of the Executive Committee) to fill casual vacancies among district officers, subject to confirmation by a district general meeting.

A sum of one guinea was voted for the memorial to the late Mr. J. J. Parker.

Mr. Pulling called attention to the Central Council's request for suggestions for increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and said if any member had any suggestion it should be sent to him without delay.

Mr. F. Nye: I can give you one suggestion. Every member of the Guild should buy a copy (applause).

The meeting concluded with a comprehensive vote of thanks.

During the afternoon good use was made of the bells of the Cathedral, St. Nicolas' Church and Shalford, and the two latter towers were also open after the meeting.

A WATERY MEETING.**UNEXPECTED HAPPENINGS AT GUILDFORD.**

Water twice played an unexpected—and unwanted—part in the proceedings connected with the Guildford Diocesan Guild's annual meeting on April 30th. During the sermon in St. Mary's Church, a hissing, like the escape of steam, broke in upon the voice of the

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RINGING—GOOD AND BAD.**A NEW 'STANDARDS' SCALE.**

A new and ingenious scale for judging ringing was introduced by someone with a humorous turn of mind at a Surrey Association meeting at Dorking on Easter Monday, but it might, after all, serve a useful purpose if ringers would thoughtfully weigh up their performances on these new standards.

Each touch, on completion, was placed in one of the following four categories according to its merits:—

1. Broadcast. 2. Goodcast. 3. Faircast. 4. Outcast.

To attain the 'broadcast' standard, a touch had to be perfectly rung without a fault from start to finish; an even rhythm being maintained throughout. Clipping by any bell for only one blow, uneven rounds as the treble pulled off, or failure of any ringer to set his bell after the conductor called 'Stand,' would disqualify a touch for this class.

It was not attained at Dorking. Some 'Goodcast' touches were rung, in Surprise methods, without a trip, but they were not free from clipping. The perfect rhythm was thus disturbed, and the touches failed to attain the 'Broadcast' standard. Incidentally there were also some touches of the 'Outcast' or nondescript variety rung, but—'shush'!

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preacher. It became louder, and then came the hurried exit of the curate from his stall and of the verger from his seat.

The preacher continued unperturbed, with just a glance behind him, to make sure that he was safe. The congregation was curious.

St. Mary's Church is built upon the side of a hill and the east end is some four or five feet above the nave. The organ is on the higher level, and after a few minutes of hissing, the cause was revealed to the congregation. Water came cascading down the steps into the side aisle, and made its way in a small stream through the church, as far as the main aisle, where it disappeared through the grating into the pit of the heating apparatus. The water pipe for the hydraulic operation of the organ had given out. Eventually the supply was cut off, but not before damage had been done to the instrument, which, of course, was put out of action.

The final hymn was sung to piano accompaniment.

The other contretemps occurred on the river before the service. Two of the Aldershot juniors went out in a canoe, and when, on returning, one of them attempted to land, he pushed the frail craft from under him and found himself in the water.

Nothing daunted, he scrambled out, went back to Aldershot by bus, changed into borrowed clothing at the house of a friend—we think he must have been afraid to go home—and returned to Guildford to the meeting.

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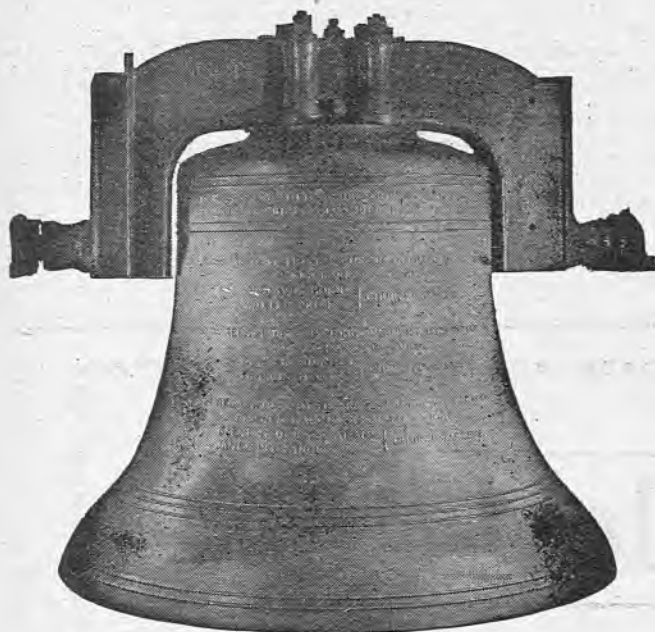
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, will be 81 to-morrow. Good wishes will be extended to him by his hosts of friends.

There ought to be a celebration of some kind at Edmonton to-morrow, for it is the 150th anniversary of the opening of the bells by the Royal Cumberland Youths, who rang '5,280 Oxford Treble Bobs,' composed and conducted by John Reeves.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild is to try the experiment of Wednesday meetings, and the first is to be held at Croydon, a six-bell tower in the Farnham District, on May 18th.

To-morrow is the fiftieth anniversary of the peal of 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Foxearth, Essex, on May 7th, 1888. Mr. George Maxin, of Waltham Cross, is now the only surviving member of the band.

Whilst the various bands of ringers were waiting their turns to ring at the opening of Plymtree bells, Devon, they occupied their time competing at darts and skittles. Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, who was present to represent the founders, was one of the finalists in the skittles competition, but was ultimately beaten. As, however, there are more bell openings coming off in Devon in the near future, Mr. Fidler will have further chances in similar competitions whilst waiting his turn to ring.

At the meeting of the Middlesex Association on Saturday, a revised set of rules was adopted. A report will appear in our next issue.

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW SOCIETY.

The first annual meeting of the Guild of Clerical Ringers was held at St. Albans on April 28th, during the week's tour in Hertfordshire.

The president (the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge) presided over an attendance of 14 members and referred in sympathetic terms to the tremendous loss which had been sustained by the Guild, and particularly by the Central Council, in the recent death of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and said how much his death was regretted by everyone.

The hon. secretary (the Rev. E. V. Cox) reported that the Rev. E. Bankes James was prevented from being present by illness, and an apology was also received from the Rev. J. P. Pelloe. He announced that the membership of the Guild now totalled 33.

A set of rules of constitution was drawn up. Among other things, membership is limited to bishops, priests and deacons, who are change ringers and competent to ring at least Doubles or Minor, whilst honorary members, who can only be elected at the annual meeting, will be welcome. The objects of the Guild are stated to be as follows: To foster a closer fraternity amongst the ringing clergy; to promote the art of change ringing amongst the clergy generally; to encourage incumbents in the care and proper use of their bells and belfries, and in the cultivation of scientific change ringing and good striking amongst their own ringers; and to bring the art to the notice of theological colleges. The payment of 5s. enables any clerical change ringer to become a life member.

The accounts were presented and showed a balance in hand of £5 13s. 7d. It was pointed out that the expenditure of £2 17s. 7d. during the past year was, for the most part, of a non-recurrent nature.

The officers and committee were elected for the ensuing year: President, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge; vice-president, the Rev. E. Bankes James; hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. E. V. Cox; two members to complete the committee, the Revs. C. Carew Cox and E. S. Powell.

It was agreed that the 1939 tour should take place in Devonshire from April 17th to 22nd, and that the committee should select the best centre.

A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to the hon. secretary for the work which he had done in arranging the programme of the current week's tour.

A LANCASHIRE REVIVAL.

PROMISING MATERIAL IN BOLTON BRANCH.

The Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association held their monthly meeting at Horwich on Saturday last. The bells were going shortly after 3 p.m., and, with the exception of about an hour for tea and business, were kept going until 8.45 p.m. Even the tea time was made use of for ringing by some members with handbells.

There were a number of visitors from the Wigan and Preston Branches and some really useful work was done. At this and the last few meetings there has been a marked increase in the number of recruits attending. On this occasion there was a tower full, all youth of a good standard in education. The youngest, a boy of nine years, was the admiration of all when he raised the 4th and rang the 2nd in rounds. If the more experienced members will now come forward the Bolton Branch will very soon be in a leading position both in numbers and methods.

Since the hon. secretary joined the 'Idle Gentlemen' Brigade, he has been visiting the towers on practice nights and 'rounding up' members who used to be regular in attendance at meetings.

The next meeting at Walkden (where there is a grand peal) promises to be better than Horwich—the football fans will then have had their fill for this season.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—17.

THOMAS W. LAST.

In a company which possesses several conductors and where the conducting is shared in a most unselfish manner, there are limits to the number of peals a man can call. For some few years now the Helmingham, Suffolk, band have been distinguished for the example they have set in ringing fresh methods, and as a local company they must, we think, hold a record. One of this band is Mr. Thomas W. Last. He has shared the progressive spirit of his colleagues, and some idea of what these men have done can be gained from Mr. Last's own performances. His 296 peals, of which he has conducted 95, have been rung in no fewer than 52 methods, of which nearly 40 are Surprise Major methods.

Mr. Last was born at Helmingham on April 8th, 1879, and, in addition to having been a service ringer there since 1900 and a member

of the choir, he is also a sidesman. He rang his first peal on Boxing Day, 1903, at Helmingham, a peal of Bob Major, composed and conducted by the late Dr. F. E. W. Meadows, of Otley. His first peal as conductor was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, also rung at Helmingham, on Feb. 8th, 1913, and his first step in 'something different' was to call the first peal of Little Bob Major for the Norwich Association in 1914. In 1922 he called the first peal of Erin Triples for the Norwich Association, and this and his own first peal of London Surprise Major at Helmingham in September, 1924, the first in the method by seven of the company, he looks upon as his most interesting performances.

Mr. Last conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples and Double Oxford Bob Major for the Suffolk Guild and took part in first peals ever rung of Kent, Edmundsbury, Daventry, Woodbridge, Bosmere, Yoxford, Orwell, Deben, Droitwich, Marina, Huntingdon, Lincoln, Chester, Leeds, Cornwall, Devon, Otley, Minsmere and Clacton Surprise Major. He conducted the 'first ever' of Helmingham, Silchester, Dunwich, Coddensham and Monewden, and the first peals by a local band of Lincolnshire, Ipswich, Camdon, Waveney and Double Dublin. He also rang in the first by the Helmingham band of Pudsey, Rutland, Premier, Clarendon, London, Rochester, Edinburgh, Ashted and Suffolk Surprise Major.

Although measured by some modern standards Mr. Last's peal total may not be considered very large, it represents some excellent work and a spirit of enterprise not often to be found centred in one band. Moreover, his peal ringing has been limited by circumstances to towers within cycling distance, and he has shared the conducting with men like L. C. Wightman, G. Whiting and L. G. Brett, as well as one or two budding conductors. But it has been this factor which, in no small measure, has led to the success of the Helmingham company. They have shared the honours for the common good.

Next week: Mr. Ernest Morris.

A DEVON RESTORATION.

Once again the ringers of Plymtree are happy, the restoration of the peal of six bells in the Parish Church is an accomplished fact. The rededication of the bells was carried out at a special service on Saturday, April 30th, by the Rural Dean, the Rev. F. Perry, Vicar of West Hill, the special preacher being the Rev. T. Young, Rector of Kew, a popular visitor to this church.

Like many another country village, the bells occupy no small part in the life of Plymtree, and the villagers responded quickly when it became known that urgent work had to be done to the bells.

The work, placed in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, included tuning the bells, carefully restoring the old timber frame and rehanging the bells on ball bearings.

After the dedication service the restored bells were well tested. Ten visiting bands of ringers were allotted a half-hour each, and every company made good use of the time at their disposal. All expressed great satisfaction with the 'go' of the bells and the marked improvement in the tone.



MR. T. W. LAST.

CHRISTLETON COLLEGE YOUTHS.

AN OLD CHESHIRE SOCIETY.

By JOHN W. CLARKE.

During the early part of the last century a keen band of ringers flourished in the picturesque Cheshire village of Christleton. Their tower contained a ring of eight with a tenor of 10 cwt., and although the tone of the bells was not all that could be desired, they were a useful peal for change ringing. The company achieved considerable fame locally, and after the fashion of the times styled themselves the Christleton 'College Youths.'

It is unfortunate that many of their records, known to have existed until comparatively recently, have been lost or destroyed, but sufficient can be gathered from peal boards in the tower to judge of their activities. Their leader and conductor was Thomas Mayers, and three others of the same family rang in the peals recorded. The Youths were evidently in their heyday between 1830 and 1845, although it is more than likely that the society existed as such for a considerable time after that date.

On September 15th, 1830, Mayers called Holt's ten-part from the sixth, and a footnote claims this as the first peal of Grandsire in the county of Cheshire. The Youths later turned their attention to Treble Bob, and on October 1st, 1834, in three hours and 38 minutes, rang J. Reeves' 6,720 of Kent. Mayers called this and all subsequent peals, save one, from the treble.

The next performance was one of which the company was justly proud. In 1837 on January 26th they brought round the first peal of Stedman in the county. Mightily pleased, they repeated this peal on February 3rd and again on April 13th following.

Up to this time the Youths had evidently confined their ringing to their own tower at Christleton. This was necessarily so because there were few eight-bell towers in the neighbourhood, and travelling in those days presented considerable difficulties. There was, however, one ring of eight in Chester, three miles away. This was at the Church of St. John, in which tower Abram Rudhall had, as long ago as 1733, added two trebles to the peal of six which he had cast in 1710. To this tower the Christleton men doubtless paid occasional visits, and on Thursday, April 19th, 1838, they realised a great ambition, which in their zeal they recorded as 'The first peal of Stedman's Trebles ever accomplished by any society out of their own tower.' They rang 'in masterly style' J. P. Powell's peal, which contains 382 calls—240 Bobs, 120 Common Singles and 22 Holt Singles. Details of the peal can be seen in 'Stedman,' by the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

An elaborately worded record, headed by a drawing of St. John's Church as it was at that period, hangs in Christleton tower. The society had apparently by this time dropped, for some reason or other, the title of College Youths in favour of 'The Christleton Society of Change Ringers,' and 'desirous to bequeath some memento of their labours which may excite posterity to emulate them in the science of ringing, caused this inscription to record an excellent Peal of Changes, rung on the eight bells of this church by the persons whose names are inscribed hereon.' The peal occupied 3 hours 1 minute, and the weight of the tenor is given as 16 cwt., although this is probably an exaggeration. The band stood as follows:—

Thomas Mayers	... ..	Treble	Joshua Lamb	... ..	5
John Venables	... ..	2	William Mayers	... ..	6
Thomas Brown	... ..	3	Joseph Mayers	... ..	7
William Lunt	... ..	4	George Mayers	... ..	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas Mayers.

It is perhaps of more than passing interest to note that the bells of St. John's, the first and for 150 years the only ring of eight in Cheshire, were, before the end of the century, lost to the Exercise. In 1831 the lofty tower, which had been a local landmark since its erection in 1581, crashed, and although the bells were miraculously saved, they have since hung 'dead' in a turret built for the purpose.

The centenary of this peal was celebrated with a peal of Stedman Triples at Christleton, recorded last week.

The only remaining evidence of the activities of the Christleton Society appears in Snowdon's book on Double Norwich, which, quoting from the 'Era' of September 15th, 1844, states: 'On Wednesday evening last, the 11th instant, the Change Ringers of Christleton, Cheshire, ascended their own tower and rang in excellent style a true and complete peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, consisting of 5,376 changes.' The peal was composed by J. Lates and conducted by T. Mayers from the tenor.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

OCTOGENARIAN'S 100 PER CENT. ATTENDANCE.

At Pinner, Middlesex, on April 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the 81st birthday of Mr. Charlie Lord, one of the local ringers.

'Old Charlie' walks three miles to the tower every Sunday before 9.15 a.m., no buses being available at that hour. Last year he scored 100 per cent. for attendances, having been present twice on Sunday and every practice night, in addition to 'extras.' The quarter-peal was rung by W. Crowsley 1, J. E. Jones 2, P. Thrift 3, H. Pendry 4, E. Hookham 5, Tom Collins (conductor) 6, W. Bunce 7, S. Smith 8. The composition was by James George, an old Pinner ringer. Afterwards 163 Grandsire was rung, with 'Old Charlie' ringing the second.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ENTRANCE FEE TO BE PAID BY NEW MEMBERS.

Norwich was again the venue of the Diocesan Association for the sixty-first annual meeting on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael at Coslany and All Saints' were placed at members' disposal from 10 a.m., and at noon service was conducted by the president (the Rev. Hugh McMullan). Ninety-nine ringers heard the Archdeacon of Norwich (the Ven. T. J. Perowne) speak on the ministry of ringers.

Luncheon was served at the St. Peter Mancroft Parish Hall. At the business meeting the president was supported by Canon G. M. MacDermott, Messrs. C. E. Borrett and A. L. Coleman (vice-presidents), N. Golden (hon. secretary and treasurer), W. L. Duffield and W. J. Lee (branch chairmen), W. J. Eldred, A. G. Harrison, J. G. W. Harwood and H. Tooke (branch secretaries), G. Bailey, R. William Barber, E. G. Bennett, R. W. Cooke, W. C. Duffield and J. A. Godfrey (members of the Standing Committee), and representatives from Acle, Alburgh, Attleborough, Bergh Apton, Buxton, Cromer, Dersingham, Dickleburgh, Diss, Fakenham, Garboldisham, Garveston, Gressenhall, Halvergate, Hapshipburgh, Hethersett, King's Lynn, Kessingland, Lowestoft, Mulbarton, Northrepps, North Walsham, Pulham Market, Redenhall, Reedham, Rockland, All Saints', Saxlingham, Sheringham, Snettisham, St. Faith's, Winfarthing, Wiveton, Wroxham, Wymondham, Yarmouth and the city churches. Messrs. T. H. Francis (London) and W. C. Porter (Oxford), both annual subscribing members, and E. F. Poppy (Stoke Ash), a keen life member, were also present.

The President welcomed the members and said he valued the bells tremendously. He could not imagine St. Peter Mancroft without the bells, and the Vicars of other parishes would say how much they valued the services the ringers rendered in their respective belfries. Continuing, Mr. McMullan said he sometimes thought some of the ringers nullified their own efforts by thoughtlessness in the belfry when shouting was indulged in.

The report and balance sheet for 1937 were adopted, and Mr. Coleman congratulated the secretary on his first report.

All the officers were re-elected, and Canon MacDermott, who was president for nine years, was elected a vice-president.

Mr. Golden acknowledged his indebtedness to the branch secretaries and the members of the Standing Committee for their invaluable help. Six new members were elected and one transferred to life membership.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that the association adopt a badge was confirmed, and it was decided that new members, other than life members, pay an entrance fee of 1s. to cover the cost of a certificate and badge in addition to the current year's subscription. The deletion of certain words in an obsolete rule raised a heated argument on the interpretation of the association's rule 11.

The Secretary referred to the various requests he had received from the Hethersett Bell Restoration Fund Committee and the Canon Elsee and Joseph W. Parker Memorial Committees. It was decided to leave this question of finance over to the decision of the Standing Committee.

On Mr. R. T. Woodley's proposition, it was resolved to send a message of sympathy to the College Youths on the loss of their former secretary, the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of their bells, the Ven. T. J. Perowne and Mr. R. J. Maddem Williams, organist at St. Peter Mancroft, concluded the business of the meeting.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE.

The annual general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Over on Easter Monday. The attendance was not large, but an enjoyable time was spent in this Cambridgeshire village. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Weston), who also presided at the business meeting.

Miss K. Willers was re-elected general secretary. Mr. T. R. Dennis was re-elected auditor. The Diocesan Committee was elected as follows: Messrs. A. J. Abrams, T. Chenery, R. W. Crofts, H. Fields, E. G. Hibbins, F. W. Lack, F. Wigmore and W. Seekings.

Mr. F. Warrington was elected to serve on the Bishop's Advisory Committee.

It was decided to hold the 1939 annual meeting in Cambridge, and the date of the summer festival this year was fixed for July 23rd, subject to permission from the Vicar of Wisbech.

A grant of £2 2s. was voted to the restoration at Doddington. As the Walsoken bells are not to be rehung, it was decided that the memorial to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake take the form of a tablet in Watlington Church.

Mr. Cousins and Mr. Parker said the Wisbech and the Huntingdon Districts respectively had started a belfry repair fund.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for taking the service and for presiding, and to Mrs. Weston for playing the organ. Last, but not least, Mrs. Warrington and her helpers received warm thanks for the generous tea they provided. It was extremely good of them to give up their bank holiday to cater for the needs of the ringers, and their self-sacrifice was much appreciated.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION, KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD GAIN SHIELD FOR PROGRESS.

Vicar Pleads for Better Belfries.

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held on Easter Monday at Selston. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Schofield), assisted by Mr. James Rawson, who has been for over 20 years an hon. member of the association). The Vicar took as his text, 'I stand continually on the watch tower,' and said that bellringers were custodians of a very important part of the Church, which played a great part in the worship of God. He would like to see all belfries equipped as part of the church and made more beautiful and clean. Why should they be places for cobwebs and dust? he asked. It was as much a part of the church as the chancel. The Vicar concluded his address by saying, 'You are, indeed, real missionaries, for by your art you are drawing men to church, so I pray that not only in your bellringing, but in your daily lives you may be drawing men to worship the living Christ.'

Tea was arranged in the Church Schools by the wives of the Selston ringers, and about 70 sat down to a splendid meal.

The annual meeting followed, presided over by Mr. W. Dobb, supported by Mr. John Hobbs (vice-president), the Rev. H. W. Schofield, and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. England).

The members stood in silence in memory of two departed ringers, Mr. Charles Rogers, a member of the Executive Committee, and Mr. William Piggin, a member for 48 years.

The balance sheet and auditor's report were accepted and considered favourable. The report showed a membership of 115, while ten new members and one hon. member were elected at this meeting.

Last year was the jubilee of the association, and an anonymous donor had presented a handsome shield, to be awarded each year to the tower showing the most progress. It is hoped that this will stimulate interest amongst young ringers. The Executive Committee awarded the shield on the following basis: Out of 100 points, 55 to be allotted for attendance for Sunday service ringing, 35 for actual progress in ringing, and 10 for representation at association meetings.

The shield was awarded to Kirkby-in-Ashfield, a five-bell tower, with seven ringers, whose attendance for service ringing reached the high total of 91 per cent. This band had rung, during the year, new methods as follows: Stedman, St. Simon's, New Doubles, Canterbury, Union, Reverse Bob and Reverse Grandsire Doubles, six quarter-peals in four methods were rung for services, and one peal, four members scoring their first peal.

The Rev. H. W. Schofield presented the shield to Mr. Tom Clarke, captain of the Kirkby band, who suitably expressed the appreciation of his ringers, and remarked that, excepting himself, all the ringers were under the age of 21.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. Wilson Dobb; vice-president, Mr. John Hobbs; Ringing Master, Mr. Tom Clarke; treasurer, Mr. C. M. Heathcote; secretary, Mr. J. W. England; auditors, Messrs. J. Machin and T. Hand; Executive Committee, Messrs. E. A. Ashman, A. Elliott, T. Jennings and H. Doughty.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Ripley, and quarterly meetings at Ashover, Denby and Mansfield.

A proposal to increase the annual subscription was heavily defeated. It was unanimously decided to inaugurate an annual dinner, to take place on the first Saturday in October.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and ladies for providing tea brought the meeting to a close, and further ringing was indulged in until 9 p.m.

NEW RADNOR BELLS AUGMENTED.

NOW A LIGHT RING OF SIX.

The five bells at St. Mary's Church, New Radnor, were originally cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank in 1851, and were the gift of Sir W. S. R. Cockburn, Bart. The tenor, which weighs 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lb. and is in A, was recast in 1865.

These bells have now been quarter-turned and rehung with wooden headstocks and ball bearings in the original oak frame by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., who have also added a new treble in a separate steel frame, the gift of Mr. A. E. Prichard, of Wychbourne, Kington.

The new bell and the other work were dedicated at a service on Easter Sunday afternoon by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, assisted by the Rev. R. D. Wynne (Rector).

The bells were opened with a few rounds by the local band, assisted by Mr. Trevor Jones (Ringing Master, Kington District) and Mr. H. T. Chandler. The towers represented were Kington, Lyonshall and Clifford, and Mr. J. P. Hyett represented the Swansea and Brecon Guild.

The parishioners are very pleased with the 'splice' and the ringers with the 'go' of the bells, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on a very fine job.

After the service of dedication and for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of two 120's Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and five 240's Pitman's and Morris' arrangement of Grandsire, was rung by Alfred A. Hughes 1, James P. Hyett (conductor) 2, Harry T. Chandler 3, G. James R. Price 4, William Richards 5, John Thomas 6.

On Easter Monday a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung to celebrate the opening and in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Prichard, while on Saturday another peal was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Major Thompson, of Newcastle Court, Radnorshire, a generous subscriber to the bell restoration fund.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1937.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

ASSOCIATION	Number of Conductors	MAXIMUS	CINQUES	ROYAL	GATERS	MAJOR	TRIPLES	TOTAL	Number Corresponding with First Column
1 Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths...	22	1	5	2	1	1	1	33	1
2 Bath and Wells...	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	2
3 Bedfordshire...	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	3
4 Cambridge U. Guild...	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	4
5 Chester Diocesan...	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	101	5
6 Cleveland and N. Yorks...	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	6
7 Devonshire...	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	7
8 Dudley and District...	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	8
9 Durham and Newcastle...	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	9
10 East Derby & Notes...	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	36	11
11 Ely Diocesan...	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	91	12
12 Essex Association...	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	13
13 Gloucester & Bristol...	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	14
14 Guildford Diocesan...	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	15
15 Hereford Diocesan...	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	16
16 Kent County...	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	142	17
17 Ladies' Guild...	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	101	18
18 Lancashire Assoc...	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	19
19 Lincoln Diocesan...	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	20
20 Llandaf & Monmouth...	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	21
21 London County...	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	22
22 Middlesex County...	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	36	23
23 North Notts...	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	108	24
24 North Wales...	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	25
25 North Wales...	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	26
26 North Wales...	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	108	27
27 North Wales...	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	28
28 Oxford Diocesan...	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	29
29 Oxford Diocesan...	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	30
30 Peterboro' Diocesan...	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	31
31 St. Martin's Guild, B'ham...	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	32
32 Salisbury Guild...	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	33
33 Shropshire Association...	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	34
34 Stafford Archdeaconry...	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	35
35 South Wales...	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	36
36 South Wales...	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	37
37 Suffolk Guild...	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	106	38
38 Surrey Association...	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	39
39 Sussex Association...	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	66	40
40 Swans Association...	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	41
41 Turo Diocesan Guild...	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	42
42 Warwickshire Guild...	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	43
43 Wm. & Forten in Dio...	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	44
44 Worcester & Districts...	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	45
45 Yorkshire Assn...	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46
46 Unaffiliated Societies...	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	47
47 Non-Association...	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	48

The tables relating to Minor and Doubles and to handbell peals will be found on the next page.

TOTAL 16 53 31 30 11 39 27 10 37 106 52 31 18 14 16 138 23 8 2 2 126 81 5 12 6 139 162 11 464 169 61 1902

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR & DOUBLES, 1937.

Association.	MINOR							Total.	DOUBLES							Total.	Grand Total of Peals
	Number of Methods.								Number of Methods.								
	8 to 80	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		6-14	5	4	3	2	1		
Anc. Soc. Col. Y...	a1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	a1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Bath and Wells ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	10	a1	2	2	1	12	18	28
Bedfordshire ...	—	20	—	1	2	—	—	—	7	30	—	—	—	—	6	6	42
Chester Diocesan ...	b7	5	—	4	4	3	4	7	54	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	36
Cland & N. Yorks ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Devonshire Guild ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	6
Dur. and Newe'le ...	c2	3	1	—	—	1	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
E. Derbys. & N'ts. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
Ely Diocesan ...	d1	8	2	1	1	2	—	5	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Essex Association ...	e1	11	1	1	6	5	—	10	35	a1	—	—	—	—	2	3	38
Glos. & Bristol ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	6	2	8	9
Guildford Guild ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Hereford Dio. ...	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	5	9	—	1	3	2	15	21	30	
Hertford County ...	f2	6	—	—	—	—	—	6	14	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	17
Kent County ...	—	—	3	—	2	4	1	5	15	—	1	—	1	3	5	20	
Lancashire ...	—	2	—	2	2	4	—	6	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Lincoln Diocesan ...	g10	19	2	3	5	4	1	5	49	a1	—	—	—	1	—	2	51
Llandaff & Mon. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	6
Middlesex County ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2
Midland Counties ...	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	6	11	—	1	2	1	2	3	9	20
North Notts. ...	h3	14	—	—	—	3	—	22	22	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	23
North Staffs. ...	—	7	—	1	—	—	—	1	9	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	14
Norwich Diocesan ...	14	2	—	1	2	5	4	9	27	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	29
Oxford Diocesan ...	j4	5	—	—	1	1	—	2	13	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	18
Peterborough Dio. ...	k1	2	—	1	—	1	2	2	9	b2	3	1	1	2	9	18	
Salisbury Dio. ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	c3	—	—	1	—	9	13	18
Shropshire Assoc. ...	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	6
Stafford Arch. ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	1	2	2	5	8
Soc. Roy. Cum. Y. ...	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Suffolk Guild ...	—	7	1	5	9	12	—	7	41	—	1	1	2	1	5	46	
Surrey Assoc. ...	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Sussex County ...	—	1	—	1	1	5	—	3	11	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	14
Swansea & Brecon ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	4
Truro Diocesan ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	3
Warwickshire Gd. ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	4
Win'c. & P'm'th ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	3	—	—	1	—	3	4	7	
Worcester & Dis. ...	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	12	—	—	—	2	9	11	23	
Yorkshire Assoc. ...	k1	17	—	—	1	5	—	2	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26
Unaffiliated ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2
Non-Association ...	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	8
TOTAL ...	37	147	11	24	44	67	17	117	464	9	6	6	11	31	106	169	633

MINOR: a—in 9 methods. b—in 73, 35, 25, 23, 19, 17 and 9 methods. c—10 and 8 methods. d—12 methods. e—8 methods. f—11 and 8 methods. g—in 80, 25, 21, 14, 11, 10, and four in 8 methods. h—in 20, 14 and 12 methods. i—in 14, 11, 9 and 8 methods. j—one in 9, three in 8 methods. k—14 methods.
DOUBLES: a—in 6 methods. b—in 7 methods. c—in 14, 10 and 7 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS, 1937.

Association.		MAXIMUS	CINQUES	ROYAL		CATERS	MAJOR		TRIPLES	MINOR	TOTAL								
		Plain Bob	Stedman	Oxford Treble Bob	Granta "	Kent Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Six Spliced Surprise	Five "	Kent Treble Bob	Spiced P'n Methods	Gainsboro' Little B.	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Minor one method	TOTAL
1	Cam. Univ. Gld....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
2	Chester Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
3	Ely Diocesan	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
4	Essex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
5	Glos. & Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
6	Hertford Co.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
7	Kent County	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	a2	b1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
8	Lancashire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
9	Lincoln Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
10	Middlesex Co.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	c1	1	1	—	—	—	7
11	Midland Counties	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
12	Norwich Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
13	North Wales	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
14	Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
15	Worcester & Dis.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
16	Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1
17	Unaffiliated Soc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
18	Non-Association ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
		1	1	1	1	1	1	5	6	2	2	1	4	1	1	16	1	12	51

(a)—London, Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative, Ealing and Rutland.
(b)—London, Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative and Ealing.
(c)—St Clement's and Crayford College Bob.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The following report of the Analysis and Records Committee upon the peals rung in 1937 will be submitted to the Central Council at their meeting on Whitsun Tuesday:—

The year 1937 has shown an increase in the number of peals rung, as compared with 1936. This is no doubt accounted for by the large number of peals rung for the Coronation.

The following summary shows comparative figures:—

	1936		1937	
	Tower	Handbells	Tower	Handbells
Maximus ...	9	—	16	1
Cinques ...	35	—	53	1
Royal ...	54	6	72	8
Caters ...	91	11	66	8
Major ...	618	37	689	25
Triples ...	305	7	312	13
Minor ...	412	10	464	5
Doubles ...	150	4	169	—
	1,674	75	1,841	61

TOWER BELLS.

Peals of Maximus have increased by 7. There is a decrease of 3 in the Surprise methods, an increase of 6 in Kent Treble Bob. Cinques have increased by 18, Stedman by 13 and Grandsire by 4.

Royal have increased by 18, Surprise by 9, Treble Bob by 13 and plain methods have decreased by 4. Peals of Caters show a very considerable decrease, Stedman being 17 less and Grandsire 8. Major methods show an increase of 71. Surprise methods have increased by 48, London by 7, Cambridge by 27, Superlative by 9, Bristol by 9, Yorkshire by 2, new Surprise methods by 4. Spliced Surprise have decreased by 2 and sundry Surprise methods by 8. Kent Treble Bob have increased by 22, Oxford by 2, other methods by 3. Double Norwich have decreased by 3 and there are six new plain methods. Sundry plain methods have decreased by 11. Plain Bob have decreased by 3.

Triples have increased by 7. Stedman show an increase of 15, Grandsire a decrease of 1, and other Triples methods a decrease of 7.

There is a still further increase in peals of Minor, viz., 52. In one method peals have decreased by 21; in two methods there is an increase of 5; in three methods an increase of 16; in four methods an increase of 7; in five methods an increase of 6; in six methods an increase of 5; in seven methods an increase of 46; in methods over seven a decrease of 12.

In Doubles there is an increase of 19. In one method there is an increase of 9; in two methods an increase of 15; in three methods a decrease of 9; and in methods over three an increase of 4.

HANDBELLS.

Peals in hand have again decreased this year by 14. There has been one peal each of Maximus and Cinques; Royal have increased by 2; Caters have decreased by 3; and Major by 12. Triples have increased by 6. Minor have decreased by 5 and there were no peals of Doubles.

ASSOCIATIONS.

The Kent County Association, with an increase of 14 over last year's total, still head the list. Next come the Midland Counties and the Norwich Diocesan Association with 108 each, the former showing an increase of 25 and the latter an increase of 40. The Suffolk Guild follow with 106, an increase of 18, the Chester Guild 101, an increase of 24, and the Lancashire Association 101, a decrease of 11. No other association reached 100 peals. Twenty-four associations show an increase and 25 a decrease.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS.

5,024 Edmonton Bob Major, by the Middlesex County Association, September 4th.

NEW METHODS.

- 5,024 Devon Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, January 8th.
5,184 Coddensham Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, January 22nd.
5,152 Lutterworth Surprise Major, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, February 3rd.
5,024 Knebworth Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, February 6th.
5,088 Lessness Surprise Major, by the Kent County Association, February 22nd.
5,024 Droitwich Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, February 22nd.
5,040 Spiced Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Little Bob Major, by the Chester Diocesan Guild, April 10th.
5,184 Otley Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, April 12th.
5,024 Spiced Wigston, Leicestershire, Loughborough, Crayford, Huntingdon, Bognor and Buckingham Surprise Major, by the Midland Counties Association, May 12th.
5,120 Watford Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, May 12th.
5,040 Rochester Surprise Royal, by the Suffolk Guild, May 15th.
5,056 Langley Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, May 29th.
5,184 Wymondham Bob Major, by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, June 6th.
5,056 Painswick College Bob Major, by the Kent County Association, July 16th.

- 5,184 Spliced Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, July 24th.
 5,088 Minsmere Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, July 28th.
 5,056 Wheatley Surprise Major, by the Kent County Association, August 14th.
 5,184 Pulford Bob Major, by the Kent County Association, September 24th.
 5,120 Eastbury Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, November 20th.
 5,216 Norwich Court Bob Major, by the Norwich Diocesan Association, November 20th.
 5,084 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Maximus, by the Worcestershire and Districts Association, December 4th.
 5,024 Monewdon Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, December 17th.

HANDBELLS.

- 5,088 Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and Ealing Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, February 12th.
 5,088 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Ealing and Rutland Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, November 12th.
 5,040 Spliced St. Clement's and Crayford College Bob Major, by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, November 20th.

GENERAL.

The outstanding performances of the year were the two peals on handbells by the Hertford County Association in five and six Surprise methods, and the peals of Minor in 73 methods by the Chester Guild, and in 80 methods by the Lincoln Guild.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1937 and 1936:—

	1937	1936		1937	1936
January	... 116	227	July	... 118	89
February	... 137	178	August	... 148	170
March	... 110	110	September	... 150	126
April	... 144	150	October	... 181	152
May	... 315	139	November	... 162	148
June	... 134	116	December	... 187	144

FOOTNOTES.

It is gratifying to see an increase in the number of ringers who have scored their first peals. The number is 555, as against 517 in 1936. On eight bells and over, 71 rang the treble, 107 inside and 41 the tenor; on five and six bells 115 rang the treble, 172 inside and 47 the tenor. The number who rang their first peal in a different method or method on a different number of bells is 1,240, a decrease of 194. Ringers of their first peal inside number 70; away from the tenor 11: Maximus 32; Cinques 13; Royal 41; Caters 10; Major 72; Triples 43; Minor 54; Doubles 43; on twelve bells 39; ten 35; eight 49; six 1; Surprise 38; in hand 8; in method in hand 15. New conductors number 72, an increase of 15; conductors in new methods number 136. New conductors on handbells number 4.

Other footnotes show that 52 were the first on the bells, 134 the first in the method on the bells, and 47 the first since restoration or augmentation.

On the occasion of the Coronation of H.M. King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth, the number of peals rung was 259, which constitutes a record, as on no previous occasion have so many peals been rung for one event. For Royal birthdays seven peals were rung; birthdays 134; weddings (including silver and golden) 80; church festivals and dedications 34; anniversaries 29; welcome and farewell 47.

We give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 70,608:—

1881	...	156	1921	...	1,632
1898	...	1,002	1932	...	2,199
1905	...	1,519	1934	...	1,784
1913	...	2,359	1935	...	1,863
1917 (war year)	...	130	1936	...	1,749
1919	...	1,048	1937	...	1,902

(Signed) G. L. GROVER.
 GEORGE R. PYE.
 CHARLES DEAN.
 WALTER AYRE.
 EDITH K. FLETCHER.

WELCOME TO NEW INCUMBENT.

At St. John's Church, Redhill, Surrey, on Friday, April 29th, prior to the institution to the benefice of the Rev. William A. R. Ball, M.A. (formerly of St. George's, Ramsgate), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Harold Moon 1, George Olliver 2, Ronald Tuffin 3, Alfred Gear 4, Robert Andrews (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, Walter Claydon 6, Arthur Webb (conductor) 7, Charlie Aldworth 8.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

MEETING AT ASTON.

A quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham—the first of the year—was held at Aston Parish Church. This used to be the custom for many years before the bells became unringable, and now there is a good peal of twelve there, it is even more popular. A company of about 50 attended, and the bells were kept going from 3 o'clock to 4.30. The Guild's special form of service was conducted by the Rev. — Strickland (curate), who also gave a helpful address on the significance of the bells and their influence on the daily life of the community.

An excellent tea was generously provided by the Aston company and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was occupied by the vice-president, Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett.

Before commencing the ordinary business, the Chairman referred to the loss the Exercise in general had sustained by the death of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who, as everyone knew, had just retired after being hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 46 years. He had been the perfect secretary, and it was fitting that the funeral service should be held in St. Paul's Cathedral, where he had been in charge of the ringing for so many years. He asked the company to stand for a moment in silence as a last token of respect.

Apologies were read from the Master and the Ven. H. McGowan, Archdeacon of Aston.

The hon. secretary raised the matter of the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, pointing out that, as the Imperial Hotel was not closing down, the Connaught Room would again be available if booked in good time.—On the proposition of Mr. J. Preston, it was decided to return to the Imperial Hotel and that the date of the dinner be fixed for the first Saturday in March each year.

Mr. M. J. Morris referred to the absence of Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. John Neal through sickness, and suggested that the secretary should write a letter to each of them expressing the sympathy of the Guild and their best wishes for a speedy recovery.—This was agreed to.

A letter was read from the librarian of the Birmingham Reference Library acknowledging receipt of a menu card and toast list of the Jubilee Henry Johnson Dinner and a copy of the souvenir invitation sent out for the first dinner, and stating that these would be preserved in the archives of the library.

A letter was also read from P. Amos with reference to the St. Andrew's Church Bells Appeal Fund, Northampton, and it was decided to let this lie on the table.

The following new members were elected: R. I. Shepherd, A. Pettigrew and A. J. Allen (all of Aston), J. Surman (Alvechurch), W. R. Loveridge (Hall Green), W. E. Box (Harborne), all as ringing members; Mr. B. P. Morris, of Kettering, as a life member. The tower election of C. F. Andrews, of Melksham, H. Howell, of Walsall, and W. E. Raxter, all as life members, were duly ratified.

Several places were suggested for the next quarterly meeting to be held on Saturday, July 2nd, but, on being put to the vote, Hampton-Arden was carried by a big majority. It was decided to visit the Parish Church, Smethwick, for the bi-quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 14th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon of Aston for the use of the bells and to the Rev. Strickland for his address was proposed by the chairman.—In responding, the Rev. Strickland remarked that although not a ringer, he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit to the belfry.

The secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the local ringers, who had so generously provided tea, and to their ladies, who had so efficiently prepared and served it. It had been a very enjoyable meeting, and in a great measure this was due to the excellent arrangements they had made. Mr. W. Davies responded on behalf of the ringers and the ladies, stating it had been a pleasure to them to see everyone happy.

Several touches were then rung on handbells, whilst others returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds for the learners to Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus.

DEATH.

RAXTER.—On Saturday, April 30th, Robert Malcolm, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Raxter, of 22, Queen Street, Droitwich, aged two years and eight months.

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NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Southport on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at Christ Church from 2 p.m. Bells at Emmanuel Church from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after tea. Service at Christ Church at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. L. G. Brewster, M.A. Tea at 5.15 in Schools. Will those who attend service be in church at 4.30 prompt?—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, Surrey, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow at 5.15 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Henry VIII. and Anne Boleyn were closely connected with Hever, where the next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7th. By the kindness of Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, the castle grounds will be open to ringers. Tower open at 2.30. Divine service 4 p.m., conducted by the Rector, Canon F. W. Lace. Visit to castle grounds at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Half fares will be paid up to 2s. Train leaves Tunbridge Wells West at 2.12 p.m. Also bus from War Memorial at 2.24 p.m.—Alec. E. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting in the Schoolroom.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Goodworth Clatford, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Pain, Goodworth Clatford.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged. Please come and encourage this band of fifteen ringers, all belonging to the above tower. All welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

STAVERTON, near Daventry, Northants. — Dedication of the bells by the Ven. Archdeacon of Northampton on Saturday, May 7th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for visiting ringers who notify the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Powell, of their intention to be present, and a special bus will run from Daventry in time for the service. The former five bells have been recast into a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banwell on May 7th. Bells (recently augmented to eight and rehung in new frame) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A practice has been arranged at Stony Stratford (8 bells) on Saturday, May 7th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, May 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Brewery Inn at 5.15.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, May 7th, at Piddington (5 bells). Tower open 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ambrosden tower (8 bells) open after meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Heversham on May 7th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. M. Newby, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—This Saturday, May 7th, at Toddington. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A special invitation to all ringers. There are plenty of buses and bikes.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet to-morrow, May 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting in the Schoolroom.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, May 8th, commencing 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Norman Summerhays, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for May at 7.30 p.m.: 10th, *St. Mary-le-Bow; 12th, St. Magnus'; 17th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn (8 p.m.); 24th, *St. Paul's Cathedral; 26th, St. Magnus'. *Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Mitcham Parish Church on Wednesday, May 11th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5.30 p.m. for those who notify Mr. C. Potheary, 73, Fernlea Road, Mitcham, by Monday, May 9th.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow tea, which is to be provided free, at 5.15 p.m. Will everyone please make a special effort to attend and to notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—You can 'Keep fit' by visiting Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, May 14th, for the next meeting of the above district. Beautiful ring of eight available at 3 p.m. Usual Rolleston tea arrangements for those who reply by Wednesday, May 11th. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Monken Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me by May 11th. Special method, Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Other methods as desired. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel., Larkswood 1959.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next district meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business following. Bells again after until 9 p.m. Please notify me by Wednesday, the 11th, for tea. All ringers heartily welcomed. Buses 214 from or to Kingston pass the church.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Budleigh on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, May 9th?—R. Brook, 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bosley on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Please send names for tea by Wednesday, May 11th, to J. Tipper, 8, Arlington Drive, Macclesfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Chicheley on Saturday, May 14th. Ring up 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Business.—The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning, Berks (8 bells) on Saturday, May 14th, 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next district meeting will be held at King's Langley, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. R. S. Cook, High Street, King's Langley, by Thursday, May 12th. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Frant on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify. Everyone welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, May 14th, a meeting will be held at Barkway. This fine peal of eight will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at Wheatsheaf at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. C. Bysouth, Barkway, Royston. The larger the crowd, the better, but don't forget that card. Everything from Rounds upwards—depending on you! Book the date, and don't be late.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moorhead Close, Hitchin.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Freiston on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Bull and Dog Inn at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Tuesday, May 10th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting is at Higham on Saturday, May 14th. Ringing from 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea in Schools at 5. All ringers welcome. Please let Rector know how many to expect for tea. Reports available.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Croft, near Leicester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea, please notify me by the 12th inst. All welcome.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., 9d. each. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Guy, Lunt Lane, Sefton, Blundellsands, not later than Wednesday.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Bugbrooke on Saturday, May 14th, and not Weston Favell as advised. Names for tea by May 11th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral (12 bells) on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row (8 bells), 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, May 14th. Bells from 2 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—New ground again. Garboldisham. We meet on Saturday, May 14th (not 21st as arranged). Bells afternoon and evening. Methods to suit all. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at The Fox, 5 p.m. Meeting follows. This time card for tea, please, by Thursday, the 12th. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers.—A. G. Harrison, 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Deane on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Panther, 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane, near Rotherham, not later than Wednesday, May 11th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at the Old Church, Smethwick, near Birmingham. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon branch.—Monthly meeting at Lydiard Millicent on Saturday, May 14th. Six bells open at 3 p.m. On bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Swindon, Wilts.

WEDNESDAY MEETING.—**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—An experimental mid-week meeting at Crondall on Wednesday, May 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Cricketers 5.15. All ringers welcome. Please notify for tea by first post, Monday, May 16th.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bromborough (8 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Tower opens at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Stretford, on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. J. Moss, 38, Kendal Road, Stretford, not later than Wednesday, May 18th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mathon on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, the 18th. All ringers welcome.—A. Jones, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A bi-monthly meeting will be held at Leigh (6 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.,

followed by tea. No business meeting. Will all members please make a special effort to attend? Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, May 17th. All ringers heartily welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting, which will be a joint one with the Southern District of the London County Association, will be held at Chiswick, on Saturday, May 21st. Church of St. Nicholas (8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.). Ringing from 3.30 till 5 p.m., and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. It is particularly requested that outstanding subscriptions should be paid as soon as possible.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, Ealing, W.13.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Tadcaster, on Saturday, May 21st, when, by kind permission of the Rev. R. J. Hall, A.K.C., the fine ring of eight bells (tenor 20½ cwt.) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. General Committee meet at 3.30 p.m. prompt. A brief service, conducted by the Vicar, will take place at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) will be served in the schools at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. W. Hick, Chapel Street, Tadcaster, by the first post on Thursday, May 19th. General meeting immediately afterwards. As this is the first occasion that the association have met at Tadcaster, it is hoped that a record number will be present.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heston, Bradford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—To avoid clashing of meetings, the visit to Harthill has been put forward to Saturday, May 21st. The eight bells will be available from 3 till 8.30 p.m. Please send me a card for tea.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, May 21st. Guild service in the Parish Church at 12.30. Luncheon in the Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting to follow. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the Secretary by Monday, May 16th. Further details next week.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer festival at Wisbech (10 bells) on Saturday, July 23rd. Please make a note of the date.—Kitty Willers.

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