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## SOUTHOVER BELLS AND RINGERS

TWO interesting documents are to hand this week. The first is a letter from the Rev. D. G. Matthews, Rector, appealing for £250 to enable Southover bells, upon which the founder of this journal learned to ring, to be rehung. Donations, he states, will be gratefully received by Mr. A. Neal, Durlston, Rotten Row, Lewes. This restoration fund, we know, will be of special interest to our readers.

The second is the manuscript of a lecture by George P. Elphick on 'Southover Church: its bells and ringers.' Space will not permit of its reproduction, but it provides on insight into ringing in this Sussex village. The bells (the finest ring of 10 in Sussex) that require the attention of the bellhanger to-day were cast by Thomas Mears in 1839, with a new frame constructed by William Markwick, of Uckfield. The bells were opened on Monday, October 28th, 1839, by the local ringers at 11 a.m., and ringing continued for the rest of the morning. In the afternoon a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by a band from Brighton, conducted by a Mr. Tester, followed by touches being rung by bands from Uckfield, Waldron and Chailey. This bears witness to the enthusiasm that ringers of a hundred years ago possessed for a bell opening to be held during working time.

One of the company present was Mr. Thomas Goldsmith, the Parish Clerk. He possessed a copy of Shipway's 'Treatise on Ringing,' which is now in the library of Guildford Diocesan Guild. By trade he was a wheelwright, having his workshop opposite the church, and was also the first licensee of the King's Head. His son, John Goldsmith, followed both his father's trade and also took over the inn.

One of the earliest peal boards remaining in the tower records a peal of Holt's Original rung by the Lewes Society of Change Ringers on December 6th, 1869. The band was T. Goldsmith 1, J. Brooks 2, C. Warner 3, J. Pryor 4, J. Goldsmith 5, J. Box 6, J. Acton 7, C. Wren 8. Thomas Goldsmith on the treble was one of the company in 1839 when the bells were opened. He was 65 years old and this is the only record of his having rung a peal. Thomas died when he reached his three score years and ten on April 12th, 1875, and was buried alongside of the tower of his beloved church, leaving his son, John, who rang the sixth in the 1869 peal, to carry on. On January 13th, 1878, John was presented with a son by Emma, his second wife, who was a Devonshire woman. He was christened John Sparkes, his second Christian name being his mother's maiden name. Little did his parents dream of the vital part he would be called upon to play in the Exercise. Of him it may be said he had ringing in his blood.

A revival of change ringing at Southover was mainly the work of three men, Robert James Dawe, Alfred John Turner and John Sparkes Goldsmith. Alfred Turner, who was born in 1872 and had only one eye, taught Jack Goldsmith to handle a bell. He rang 387 peals and was a Royal Cumberland Youth. The first reference to Jack Goldsmith with regard to ringing was in 1887, when at the age of nine he was given permission to be released from Southover Day School for a quarter of an hour on saints' days to chime a bell for the 11 o'clock service. His mother was parish clerk, which office she took over on the death of his father when he was six, and consequently it was his mother who inspired and insisted that he should become a ringer. His first peal, Holt's ten-part, on which he took the treble, was rung on April 8th, 1893. He was 16 when he called his first peal, and he called his first of Superlative on his 21st birthday at Southover, a few weeks after the ringing of his 100th peal at Arundel.

Of Robert John Dawe, Mr. Elphick writes he began his ringing career at Southover in 1889 and was a carpenter and joiner by trade. About that time the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was a curate at Ringmer, a village three miles from Lewes, and these youngsters used to tramp over to Ringmer each week. Bob never forgot the dressing down the Rev. Davies gave him for learning Grandsire Doubles by heart. One of the latter's favourite tricks was to jump across the tower to an offender if he did not do as he was told in double quick time. Another of his peculiar habits was to take off his shirt for ringing. Bob Dawe rang in all 483 peals, over 160 being rung at Southover.



## TEN BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	*H. PETER RAYNOR ... 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 8
PATRICIA HOLMES ... 4	JOHN S. MASON ... 9
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5	ALAN R. PINK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

E. JOAN SALMONS ... <i>Treble</i>	*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... 2	*WALTER C. ROSE ... 7
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN ... 3	ALBERT DISERENS ... 8
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 4	*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 9
REGINALD A. REED ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to ten.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5020 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

HAROLD KENT ... <i>Treble</i>	*PETER E. NORTH ... 6
*JOSEPH SAXTON ... 2	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 7
†JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 8
T. COLIN RYDER ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 9
GORDON BRIGGS ... 5	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal on ten. † First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD H. DOVE ... 6
*VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 2	†DONALD MARSHALL ... 7
†JOHN SIDDLE ... 3	*ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 8
*MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	GORDON BENFIELD ... 9
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 5	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK ... <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS HESKETH ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 2	JAMES GROUNDS ... 7
JOHN LUNHAM ... 3	EDWIN BIRKETT ... 8
*JOHN BOOTH ... 4	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 9
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B.

ALBERT M. TYLER ... <i>Treble</i>	DONALD G. CLIFT ... 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 2	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 3	RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 8
JOHN M. STALLARD ... 4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 9
*SYDNEY G. RICHES ... 5	LEONARD DERRICK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE B.V.M.,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL ... <i>Treble</i>	*PETER N. BOND ... 6
*MISS PATRICIA HOLMES ... 2	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 8
†CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 4	GEORGE W. STERE ... 9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 5	†GEORGE H. CROSS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by THOS. H. FRANCIS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal in the method.

‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD W. REX ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	*REGINALD F. CROOK ... 7
MRS. A. DISERENS ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 8
*RAYMOND G. BURTON ... 4	ALBERT DISERENS ... 9
*NOEL J. DISERENS ... 5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

*ADAM DEAS ... <i>Treble</i>	†WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 6
*JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	†WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
†MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	*ERNEST WALLACE ... 8
JOSEPH E. KEEN ... 4	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 9
†THOMAS W. CROWE ... 5	§W. NORMAN PARK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Royal on tower bells. † First peal of Royal. ‡ 600th peal. § First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE CHERRY ... <i>Treble</i>	DONALD C. PRICE ... 5
†ROY V. WEBB ... 2	EDWIN G. BUCK ... 6
EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 7
†JACK S. DEAR ... 4	FRANK W. CROFT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

ST. ANNE'S-ON-SEA, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALF. T. HOULDSWORTH ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN FOSTER ... 5
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 6
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 3	*HERBERT RAMSBOTTOM ... 7
*ARTHUR PRESTON ... 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

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

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

*MARGARET D. REEVES ... <i>Treble</i>	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 5
†ROY W. HAYNE ... 2	†L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 7
DOUGLAS ELLENDER ... 4	FRANK ROUSE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal of Triples. First peal in the method as conductor. A compliment to Miss M. D. Reeves on her 16th birthday.



## WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

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

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

C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	BRYAN F. SIMS ... 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 2	*ALFRED RUSHTON ... 6
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 7
HAROLD BURTON ... 4	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and by the Association. Tenor 24 cwt.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Mar. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

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

Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.
ARTHUR JONES ... Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5
*MISS JOAN E. WITHEY ... 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
JOHN S. WALTON ... 4	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## HOLYWOOD, NORTHERN IRELAND.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

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

WILLIAM PRATT ... Treble	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 5
HARRY BROWN ... 2	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY ... 6
WILLIAM A. PATTERSON ... 3	FREDK. E. DUKES ... 7
JAMES EDGAR ... 4	THOS. DUNWOODY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

\* First peal in the method.

## DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 24 cwt. in D.
*MRS. J. LINTERN ... Treble	HERBERT C. LINTERN ... 5
HENRY J. SANGER ... 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 6
JOHN E. METCALFE ... 3	JACK LINTERN ... 7
WILLIAM HIGDON ... 4	ALBERT LINTERN ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK LINTERN.

\* First peal.

## KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.

## THE CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENTIGERN, CROSTHWAITHE,

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

FRANCES M. LAFLIN ... Treble	BRIAN D. PRICE ... 5
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ... 2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 6
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

In honour of the wedding of Christopher W. Woolley and Margaret D. Telford.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF ASHTED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 2	ALBERT DISERENS ... 6
*MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	*H. PETER RAYNOR ... 7
*JAMES HIGGINS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. In honour of the wedding of Christopher W. Woolley and Margaret D. Telford.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

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

*CHAS. H. MOORE ... Treble	GEORGE SAYER ... 5
*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
†JACK KING ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 4	*WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells. In honour of the marriage of Christopher W. Woolley and Margaret D. Telford. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

## RAINHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 31, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation).	Tenor 18½ cwt.
ROBERT BELSEY ... Treble	*ERIC NAYLOR ... 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 2	FREDK. S. MACEY ... 6
TREVOR A. CROSS ... 3	VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4	†FREDK. G. SOUTHGATE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal of Grandsire on an 'inside' bell. † First of Grandsire. To celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Belsey.

## SOUTHEPORT, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

SIDNEY FLINT ... Treble	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 5
*RONALD KENRICK ... 2	*TOM MARSHALL ... 6
*MISS M. E. RIDYARD ... 3	*JAMES J. JACKSON ... 7
†MISS V. DRAPER (15) ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

FREDK. A. SALTER ... Treble	HAROLD PAILING ... 5
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 2	WALTER NICHOLS ... 6
*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 3	FRANK W. BROWN ... 7
†REGINALD A. ALEY ... 4	†T. VERNON JENNISON ... Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.

\* First peal of Plain Bob on tower bells. † First peal of Plain Bob. In honour of the wedding of Richard J. Bowler.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

DENIS MADDOCK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	FRANCIS BIBBY ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor. In honour of the marriage of Ralph G. Edwards and Ella Grace. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

## BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

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

ROGER HAWKSWORTH ... Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 5
TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 2	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 3	*HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* 50th peal together.



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### HARWELL, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.
*WILLIAM WHITE ... Treble	†BERTRAM L. J. BROWN ... 5
ALFRED H. WEBB ... 2	HENRY L. BISHOP ... 6
†GEORGE W. BISHOP ... 3	ROBERT B. BLOND ... 7
JAMES GORDON ... 4	JACK C. NAPPER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples.

### FAVERSHAM, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

#### A PEAL OF OSWALD DELIGHT MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MARK W. MARSHALL ... Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 6
WILFRED W. RING ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
PERCY PAGE ... 4	THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by THOS. CULLINGWORTH.

First peal of Major in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

### AMESBURY, WILTSHIRE. THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MELORUS,

#### A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JACK MUSSELL ... Treble	MICHAEL R. D. HARFORD ... 5
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	RONALD MARLOW ... 6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAM ... 3	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 7
COLIN W. REED ... 4	EDWARD J. DOEL ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal of Bob Triples for all the band. Tenor 22½ cwt.

### WOODBRIIDGE, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

W. E. MAULDEN ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 6
*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... 7
FRANK L. FISHER ... 4	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

\*50th peal together. In honour of the wedding of Ernest W. Pye and Madeline Brody. Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb.

### WASHINGTONBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

CYRIL WARD ... Treble	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
*RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 3	*HERBERT LOWMAN ... 7
JOHN FREEMAN ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method. In honour of the wedding of Kenneth S. B. Croft and Madeline M. Lyon. Tenor 12½ cwt.

### ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... Treble	RAYMOND IDLE ... 5
*COLIN F. LOKE ... 2	ARTHUR H. IDLE ... 6
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 3	BRIAN AUSTIN ... 7
MISS ENID WALKLATE ... 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE (C.C.C. 99).

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

\* First peal. Tenor 21 cwt.

### ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ARNOLD G. HAZELDEN ... Treble	GEORGE R. HANKS ... 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 2	WILLIAM POSTON ... 6
ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... 3	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 7
REGINALD T. JONES ... 4	JOHN J. WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. POSTON.

### STEYNING, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*CHARLES H. WICKENS Treble	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5
†STELLA M. WICKENS ... 2	FRANK HOWE ... 6
*BASIL W. WHITE ... 3	R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON ... 7
MORRIS THOMAS ... 4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ... Tenor

Conducted by STELLA M. WICKENS.

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

### WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

#### A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

JOHN E. BIBBY ... Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	*ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
*GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 3	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
*WALTER ALLMAN ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.

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

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

### NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Ten callings.	Tenor 14 cwt.
S. A. GUPPY ... Treble	G. W. RENDELL ... 4
A. S. ATYEO ... 2	*H. R. CANNON ... 5
R. WHITE ... 3	†R. E. GUPPY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

### CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

#### A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.	Tenor 7 cwt.
HUGH M. PAGE ... Treble	JOHN W. STEPHENSON ... 4
WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 2	HORACE BELCHER ... 5
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

### ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 4
*HENRY O. BAKER ... 2	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 5
JOHN W. BEST ... 3	HARRY PYE ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

### TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

#### THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being two extents of Single Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
MISS G. BURCHNALL ... Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON ... 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2	REGINALD ASHFORTH ... 5
*MISS J. SALT ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* First peal in three methods.

### DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

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

Being two 720's Cambridge Surprise, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob.	Tenor 15 cwt.
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... Treble	*DENIS MADDOCK ... 4
ERIC HORNBY ... 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
HARRY PARKER ... 3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal in four methods.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST RODDAM ... .. Treble	STANLEY PROUD ... .. 4
STEPHEN THOMPSON, JUN. 2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 5
GEORGE WALL ... .. 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

In memoriam the Rev. M. H. Huthwaite, M.A., late Rector.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Willesden, Newdigate, Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight; (2) St. Albans and Neasden Delight; (3) Charlwood Delight; (4) Wragby Delight; (5) Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... Treble	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 4
ERIC SIMPSON ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 5
ARTHUR HIBBERT ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

\* First peal in 13 methods. A farewell to the Rev. Charles Musgrave, M.A., Vicar for 24 years.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being one 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Double Oxford and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD Treble	ROLAND BENISTON ... 4
HAROLD TURNER ... .. 2	*JAMES W. BOWLEY ... 5
C. WILLIAM HALL ... .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

\* First peal.

(More peals on page 169)

STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*D. MILLWARD ... .. Treble	WM. THORNLEY, SEN. ... 4
*B. SHAW ... .. 2	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. ... 5
R. MILLWARD ... .. 3	†WM. HOULT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 6 cwt.

FREDK. WATSON ... .. Treble	†EILEEN CHEENEY ... .. 4
JOHN H. BAILESS ... .. 2	FRANK BAILESS ... .. 5
*HENRY BRIGGS ... .. 3	ROY COLMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BAILESS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal 'inside.'

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and three each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

*HONOR WINTER ... .. Treble	*PETER WILKINSON ... 4
SYDNEY FLINT ... .. 2	PHYLLIS BOOTH ... .. 5
ROBERT LARKEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM DEACON ... .. Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by WILLIAM DEACON.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ... Treble	D. SANDERSON (R.A.F.) 4
*KENNETH HARTLEY ... 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON... 5
†JAMES TAYLOR ... .. 3	ROGER LEIGH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Miss Enid Walklate and  
Mr. Geoffrey E. Watson  
had rung 13 peals to-  
gether. To quell superstition worries they  
stood in a peal of Plain Bob Major at Roth-  
well, Northants, two days before their wedding.

This week's 'circular': Mr. Frank Warring-  
ton, Holywell, Hunts.

Mr. John Hogg, who participated in a peal  
of Grandsire Triples at Leeds Parish Church,  
had not rung a peal for 37 years.

Mr. Arthur V. Pearson reached his century  
of peals at Coalbrookdale (reported last week).  
It was the 63rd tower in which he has rung a  
peal.

The first peal on the bells of Christchurch  
Priory was called 60 years ago last Easter  
Monday by Mr. George Williams. He believes  
he is the only survivor.

Mr. Ernest Morris' latest literary effort is  
the history of St. Margaret's Select Vestry,  
Leicester, a valuable piece of research. We  
note that one of his predecessors was sentenced  
to 15 years' transportation for a matter of £20!

Mr. William Manser scored his first peal at  
the age of 73, after serving for 43 years as a  
ringer at Barming, Kent. Three of his sons  
also stood in the peal, which was the first peal  
for two of them.

There was a 'silvery' note about Harwell  
bells on April 2nd, the peal being a compliment  
to Mr. H. K. White, chairman of the Hag-  
bourne ringers, on the occasion of his silver  
wedding.

To mark the completion of Canon M. Pater-  
son's term of office as Master of the Gloucester  
and Bristol Diocesan Association, a peal of  
Stedman Caters was rung at St. Mary's, Red-  
cliffe, on March 30th. A great friend of Bristol  
ringers, his motto during his 25 years at St.  
Thomas' has been to 'bring the church near  
the ringers and the ringers nearer the church.'

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The St. Mary's, Wal-  
thamstow, ringers extend  
an invitation to all friends  
to attend the unveiling of a peal board on  
Saturday, May 1st, at 4 p.m., to the memory  
of Capt. Frederick Coles, M.C. (son of the late  
Mr. C. T. Coles), who was killed in action in  
Tunisia. There will be an opportunity to ring  
on the recently rehung bells after the service  
and during the evening.

A question is raised by Mr. F. C. W. Knight  
regarding the peal at Foot's Cray, Kent, in  
2 hours and 9 mins. Is this the quickest peal  
on five bells yet rung? These bells were hung  
over 100 years ago and this is only the third  
peal.

It has distressed the Editor 'to spike' so  
many Easter quarters. Will the weekly quar-  
ter specialists please realise it is an endeavour  
to make way for new names and towers in  
this column?

The earliest quarter this Easter is claimed  
by Wickhambreaux, five miles from Canter-  
bury, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor being rung by  
6 a.m. Ringers were P. Newing 1, F. Ellen 2,  
S. Walter 3, A. C. Philpot (who cycled from  
Canterbury) 4, E. Wood 5, S. G. White (cond.)  
6. It was a first quarter for 1 and 2.

Sympathy will be extended to Mr. A. J.  
Corrigan. He has been busy getting out a  
complete collection of Surprise Majors, nearly  
400 of them. A big fire at the printing works  
destroyed much of the type. However, he  
hopes to publish the result of his handiwork  
and research next month.

A diversion from usual routine proved very  
successful at the Barwell meeting of the  
Leicester Guild. During the closing stages of  
the tea, a party of 68 was entertained by the  
Earl Shilton Male Voice Choir for half an hour.  
The conductor was Mr. T. C. Belton, a ringer  
at the local tower and parochial lay reader.

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## Minutes of the Exeter Meeting

Minutes of the third session of the nineteenth Council (50th annual meeting), held at the Guildhall, Exeter, on Whit Tuesday, May 27th, 1947.

A civic welcome to Exeter was extended by the Mayor, and the Lord Bishop of Exeter extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the Diocese.

The Council's thanks were expressed by the President. Prayers were offered by the Lord Bishop.

## PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. A. B. Peck.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. E. M. Atkins, Rev. B. F. Sheppard.

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Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough. Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. W. H. Barber.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. C. W. Cook. Essex Association.—Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Rev. N. E. Hope, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. T. Waite.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. W. T. Poston, Mr. G. J. Lewis.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre. Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes.

Kent County Association.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. S. Bennett, Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stith.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mr. T. H. Taffender, Mr. T. W. Taffender.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton. Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock, Mr. R. A. Post.

Oxford Society.—Mr. W. F. Judge. Oxford University Society.—Mr. J. E. Spice.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. A. Hoare. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Shropshire Association.—Mr. G. L. Hewitt. Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. G. W. Steere.

Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. Cooper.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippetts.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. D. H. Bennett.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Rev. A. S. Roberts. Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. A. Williams.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. S. T. Holt, Mr. J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members.—Miss L. K. Bowling, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. E. A. Young.

SUMMARY.

Members

Associations. Present. Absent.

Wholly represented ... 23 52

Partially represented 22 50 29

Not represented ... 7 8

Hon. Members ... 52 102 37

... 11 6

... 113 43

## REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP.

The Hon. Secretary reported that 52 Associations and Guilds were now affiliated, entitled to a representation of 139 members as follows: 23 Associations entitled to four members; 4 to three; 10 to two; and 15 to one.

The North Notts Association had merged with the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and the St. David's Guild was now included.

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Mr. W. J. Davidson, Durham and Newcastle; Mr. A. Relfe, East Grinstead; Mr. F. W. Warrington, Ely; Mr. G. E. Oliver, Hereford; Messrs. H. G. Cashmore and C. W. Woolley, Hertford County; Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Kent County; Miss E. Steel, Ladies'; Mrs. O. L. Rogers, London County; Mr. W. G. Wilson, Middlesex; the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Oxford Diocesan; Rev. Elliott Wigg, Oxford University; Mr. J. T. Godwin, Salisbury; Mr. J. Parker, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; Messrs. H. Denman and T. Groombridge, jun., Southwell Diocesan; Mr. C. J. Sedgely, Suffolk; the Rev. Canon C. Q. Marshall, Yorkshire; and honorary members, Messrs. G. E. Debenham, T. Groombridge, sen., C. F. Johnston and J. A. Trollope.

TELEGRAMS.

It was agreed that a telegram of good wishes be sent to each of the following absent members: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall and Mr. J. A. Trollope.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

The following new members were presented in accordance with Rule 11: Mr. J. W. Clarke, Chester; Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Essex; Rev. N. E. Hope, Gloucester and Bristol; Messrs. G. J. Lewis, W. F. Moreton and W. T. Poston, Hereford; Mr. F. E. Dukes, Irish; Mr. S. E. Bennett, Lincoln; Mr. J. A. Hoare, St. David's; and Mr. C. H. Kippin, Hon. Member.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, Mr. W. Osborn was elected, proposed by Mr. H. Sanger, seconded by Mr. S. G. Coles.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The death of the following members was formally reported by the President: Rev. E. Banks James, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. D. H. Argyle, Mr. H. S. Brocklebank, Mr. A. E. Coles, Mr. J. Evans, Mr. R. Richardson, Mr. E. Shepherd.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

It was proposed by Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner and resolved that the Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World,' May 9th, 1947, pages 213-214, be approved.

## REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN.

The Hon. Librarian reported a steady sale of publications. The stock of Doubles and Minor Methods was now exhausted and enquiries were still being received for Major and Cater Methods. The report acknowledged gifts for the library from Mr. F. Sharpe, Canon C. C. Marshall, Mr. P. Crook, Mr. Dew and Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton; seconded Mr. W. Ayre.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The accounts showed an excess of income for the year of £20 19s. 2d. The total income, including sales of publications of £26 10s. 1d., was £26 5s. 1d. The expenses amounted to £42 5s. 11d. and included cost of printing method sheets £6 6s., repayment of advances in respect of Surprise book £6 4s. 3d., carriage and insurance of library £3 19s. 4d. The closing balance was £324 9s. 1d.

The accounts were adopted, subject to audit, on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

A verbal report, presented by Mr. E. A. Young, was seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and adopted.

It was also agreed to pay the usual fees to the demonstrator and to allow the trustees to expend a sum up to £1 on necessary repairs.

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

A formal report by the committee as to their recommendations was adopted on the motion of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

## REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The committee reported that the collection of Triples and Major compositions was expected to be ready for presentation to the Council in 1948. Under the powers granted, Mr. E. A. Barnett had been co-opted.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

## REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Turner reported that the committee continued to answer the many questions received concerning methods and compositions.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

## REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The report was presented by Mr. C. Dean, and the committee drew attention to the exclusion of certain peals which did not conform to the usual ringing practice in the Exercise, i.e., a peal of Minor in which the conductor did not take a physical part, a peal of Minor with a covering tenor, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major with a covering tenor.

The adoption was seconded by Mr. W. Ayre and carried.

## REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE.

A report of new methods and progressive lengths was adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner. Conductors were again urged to forward particulars of all new methods and compositions of progressive lengths.

## REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

Mr. E. H. Lewis reported at length on the work of the committee during the year, and in particular the matters he had dealt with. A further report was given by Mr. F. Sharpe.

On the motion of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe, the report was adopted, and it was agreed to add Mr. W. A. Osborn to the committee.

It was further agreed to obtain a photographic copy of the Book of Calculations of horizontal and vertical forces, by Mr. E. H. Lewis, which was now accepted as the standard theory on the subject.



# REPORT OF LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

The report, see 'Ringing World' June 13th, 1947, was adopted on the motion of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Walker. The committee invited those arranging broadcasts to acquaint 'The Ringing World' of the date and time.

## REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.

A verbal report that progress was being made was adopted on the motion of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. P. Crook.

## REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

Mr. Hazelden reported on the work now being done with a view to making the records more complete. The report was adopted on his motion, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. Permission was granted to expend moneys on copying photographs sent on loan.

## REPORT OF 'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary presented the accounts for the year to September 30th, 1946, showing revenue of £1,918 lls. 7d. and a profit of £153 9s. 7d.

The accounts were adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. C. H. Kippin, and it was agreed that future accounts be made up to December 31st. Congratulations were extended to the Editor, Mr. White, for his excellent work.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, that the sum of £1 per week be paid to Mr. J. A. Trollope, and the matter be again reviewed at the next meeting.

It was further agreed on the proposal of Mr. F. Perrens, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, that the accounts be circulated to all Associations.

## REVISION OF RULES.

On the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, it was resolved that the Standing Committee be asked to consider the present rules of the Council and to make recommendations.

## HANDBOOK.

On the motion of Mr. J. P. Fidler, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes, permission was given to expend moneys on printing a handbook to be prepared and approved by the Standing Committee.

## PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was announced that in accordance with rule, the next meeting would be held in London.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, it was agreed to ask the Standing Committee to appoint a sub-committee to consider the preparation of this roll.

## MEMORIALS.

On the proposal of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by Mr. A. B. Peck, the sum of £3 3s. was voted to the memorial being raised in memory of the late C. T. Coles.

## VOTES OF THANKS.

On the President's motion, thanks were accorded to the Mayor for his welcome and use of the Council Chamber, the Lord Bishop of Exeter for his welcome, the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells, Archdeacon Thompson for conducting members through the Cathedral, the incumbents of the various churches for the use of bells, and tower-keepers for arrangements, the Devon Guild for hospitality, and the committee, particularly Mr. F. C. Smale and Mr. E. W. Biffen, for arrangements, and to Mr. and Mrs. Stokes for their delightful hospitality.

It was further agreed that the sum of £5 5s. be forwarded to the Cathedral Damage Fund.

**MORTON, DERBY.**—On Good Friday, 1,260 Minor (120 Little Bob, 120 St. Clement's, 180 Plain Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Cambridge): E. Gough (16) 1, G. E. Holdgate (17) 2, P. H. Wright (17) 3, R. M. E. Richards (15) 4, E. J. Sterland (17) 5, B. A. Richards (17) (cond.) 6. First quarter in six methods by all the band.

# Worcestershire and Districts

## MR. C. SKIDMORE THE NEW MASTER.

The annual meeting of the Association, held at Worcester on Easter Monday, attracted a good attendance, a feature being the number of young ringers present. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. was conducted by the clerical secretary (the Rev. H. Hartley), together with the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. Arthur Davies) and the Rector of All Saints' (Bishop Lasbrey), with the Rev. Wayle at the organ.

The Dean as president presided at the general meeting in College Hall, when the report of the committee stated that grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund of £10 each had been made to the rehanging of Beoley bells and to the addition of two trebles at Norton. The Master (Mr. S. T. Holt) reported that a peal of Spliced Surprise had been rung at Selly Oak as the annual peal, several of the band ringing their first peal of 'spliced.' In the absence of the librarian (Mr. C. W. Cooper), his report was read by the secretary, who again reminded members of the facilities provided for the loan of books.

The Dean was unanimously re-elected president, and the Rev. J. R. Bamber and Mr. W. B. Cartwright added to the list of clerical and lay vice-presidents respectively. After holding the office for the past ten years, the Master, Mr. S. T. Holt, expressed a wish to resign, and Mr. C. Skidmore, of Brierley Hill, was elected his successor. Several members spoke in appreciative terms of Mr. Holt's services to ringing and to the Association, and it was decided to record this on the minutes. Following a chance remark by the chairman, it was felt that the description 'clerical secretary' was something of a misnomer, and it was decided to alter this to 'chaplain,' the Rev. H. Hartley being unanimously re-elected. Mr. J. D. Johnson was re-elected secretary and treasurer and all remaining officers re-elected.

Worcester was again chosen for the next meeting, and arrangements for the annual peal left to the new Master. Twelve new performing members from Leigh were elected, forming the first band here for many years.

Mr. J. R. Newman spoke of the number of closed churches having rings of bells in the city, with special reference to the ring of eight at St. Helen's, and spoke of a case where he understood a single bell had already left the county. It was decided that the secretary should write to the two Archdeacons, with a copy to the Lord Bishop, asking that such bells be retained within the diocese, and go to churches requiring fresh rings.

During the afternoon and evening bells available for ringing were: Cathedral (12), All Saints' and Claines (10), St. John's and Hallow (8).

## DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### NINE OLD RINGERS HONOURED.

The annual meeting was held at Derby on April 3rd, when the towers of the Cathedral, St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's were open for ringing. Tea was provided in St. Peter's Parochial Hall, at which about 60 ringers and friends attended.

The Right Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall, Assistant Bishop of Derby, presided at the business meeting, at which the retiring officers were re-elected. Mr. Gordon Briggs, of Staveley, was elected Central Council representative.

The annual report was presented by the secretary (Mr. W. Lancaster), with the financial statement, and failing any adverse criticism, the report was adopted.

Mr. Wilfred Slater, of the Cathedral, was elected to membership, and nine old ringers were honoured by election to honorary life membership, namely, E. C. Gobey, Robert Cox, J. Ward, Richard Drage, H. Fletcher, A. Ward, C. Davies, A. Sherwood and T. Underwood, all these having rendered yeoman service to ringing in general.

It was decided at the next annual meeting to hold a short service in the Cathedral, the president promising to be responsible for the arrangements.

# QUARTER PEALS

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, A. Greenough 3, J. Grace (first quarter) 4, F. James (cond.) 5, H. Dunsden 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

**BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.**—On March 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss H. Oakshett 1, P. J. Spice 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, G. F. James 4, J. E. Lyddiard 5, C. E. Cullen 6, S. J. Humphrey (first quarter as conductor) 7, E. C. Bishop 8.

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.**—At St. Nicholas' on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Dent 1, J. L. Morris (age 12) 2, D. Beveridge 3, W. R. Hammons 4, E. Nobles (cond.) 5, R. Streek 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

**CORSTON, SOMERSET.**—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. King 1, Miss E. M. Hannam 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, Miss B. H. Young 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, E. J. Fry 6. First 'inside' for 3 and 4.

**CRADLEY, WORCS.**—On March 31st, 1,260 Bob Major: J. Griffiths 1, Miss Frances Raybould 2, A. Grove 3, H. J. Shuck 4, A. Wyre 5, L. R. Hall 6, R. Dunn 7, H. Wyre (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7.

**DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.**—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Higgins 1, Miss V. Look 2, Miss A. Look 3, Miss Beryl Look (first quarter as cond.) 4, W. Higdon 5, H. C. Lintern 6, J. Lintern 7, A. Lintern 8.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—At All Saints' on March 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Piper 1, J. E. Pennells 2, C. A. Levett 3, J. Downing 4, G. S. Piper 5, T. J. Southam (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 5.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Peacock 1, J. Fowler 2, J. Groves 3, C. Wright 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, S. F. Carter (Bengeo, Hertford) 6, J. Stith 7, F. Freestone 8. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 4.

**GRIMSBY, Lincs.**—On March 28th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Kennington 1, S. Bloomfield 2, Miss G. Rusby (first quarter Stedman) 3, W. Mumby 4, J. Kennington 5, J. Parker 6, A. Pashley (cond.) 7, H. Hadwick 8.

**KESWICK.**—On March 29th, at Crosthwaite Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Grisdale 1, J. Ling 2, D. Davies (first 'inside') 3, H. S. Grisdale (first in method) 4, R. F. Grisdale 5, J. W. Brownrigg 6, B. D. Price (cond.) 7, C. W. Woolley 8.

**KING'S SUTTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Wyatt 1, E. C. Pearson 2, J. W. Barber 3, H. H. Alexander (cond.) 4, H. Timms 5, E. E. Pearson 6, W. J. Cross 7, J. S. McGinlay 8. First quarter by 1 and 8.

**LEAFIELD, OXON.**—On March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wright 1, L. Smith 2, A. Franklin 3, Miss Peggy Wilshire 4, A. Lynes (cond.) 5, A. Wilshire 6. Silver wedding compliment to N. L. Locke.

**LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.**—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Grain 1, M. J. Thurmott 2, O. A. Needham 3, J. B. Rowsell 4, R. H. Bullen 5, A. Rolfe 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, G. Vail 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—On March 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Bissat 1, A. J. Hicks 2, C. E. Taylor 3, C. Sangwin 4, T. Myers 5, F. Sangwin (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2 and 3.

**MAULDEN, BEDS.**—At St. Mary's on March 28th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Lockey 1, R. E. Lester 2, C. H. Harding 3, R. J. Sharp (first in method as cond.) 4, A. C. Sinfeld 5, C. E. Jefferies 6. First of Surprise by 1 and 2.

**TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): B. Flower 1, G. Comer 2, G. M. Hasell (cond.) 3, Miss Hilda Prescott 4, F. S. Short 5, W. J. Prescott 6. First quarter in two methods by 1, 2, 4 and 5.



## CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being one extent each of Primrose, Norfolk, Annable's London, Hull, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.  
PERCY SMITH ... .. Treble | STANLEY MURPHY ... .. 4  
ERIC SMITH ... .. 3 | DUDLEY PAUL ... .. 5  
WILFRED YOUNG ... .. 2 | WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

First seven Surprise method peal by all the band and by resident ringers for the Association.

## DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

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

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
\*HERMON E. OLIVER ... Treble | HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 4  
WILLIAM S. MAY ... .. 2 | GERALD FROST ... .. 5  
FRANK C. MAY ... .. 3 | HARRY TURNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal in more than one method.

## COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.  
\*HAROLD KILBY ... Treble | \*JOHN MORRIS ... .. 4  
\*ALAN CATTELL ... .. 2 | W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 5  
\*NEVILLE MOYES ... .. 3 | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal in four Minor methods, also on these bells.

## ASH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr.  
HERBERT W. PEARCE ... Treble | \*JACK W. DREWSE ... .. 4  
WILLIAM E. TURNER ... .. 2 | THOMAS J. SEITER ... .. 5  
MISS FRED A. POOLE ... 3 | WALTER H. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

## ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

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

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).  
ALFRED R. DAWES ... Treble | F. STEDMAN POOLE ... .. 4  
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 2 | GEOFFREY DODDS ... .. 5  
C. JOHN DICKINSON ... 3 | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID H. J. HOOTON.

A wedding compliment to Christopher and Margaret Woolley

## MAPERTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL.

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

Ten callings.

\*IVOR SPARKS ... .. Treble | \*FRED L. ANDREWS ... .. 4  
LLOYD MCCREADIE ... .. 2 | H. PERCY SPARKS ... .. 5  
WALTER J. TYLEY ... .. 3 | JOHN BARTLETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PERCY SPARKS.

\* First peal. In memoriam Mrs. M. S. Ridley, O.B.E.

## LLANFRECHEFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.  
REV. I. J. RICHARDS Treble | \*LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... 4  
\*MRS. LESLIE BAINHAM ... 2 | ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... .. 5  
\*JACK R. WORRAL ... .. 3 | \*JOHN CHALLENGER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Doubles.

## CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

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

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 9 cwt.  
MISS DORIS SHEPPARD ... Treble | TREVOR PRITCHARD ... .. 4  
GEORGE LATHAM ... .. 2 | LESLIE BARRY ... .. 5  
RAYMOND THAIN ... .. 3 | THOMAS WITTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

First peal on the bells.

## SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Being three 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.  
\*MISS ELIZABETH CARTER Treble | †FREDK. G. BEDDOW ... .. 4  
F. HECTOR BENNETT ... .. 2 | CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... .. 5  
A. EDWARD REEVES ... .. 3 | WILLIAM A. FARMER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor. A wedding compliment to Miss Erica Hatton-Owen.

## BARMING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

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

Being 40 six-scores, 10 callings, and 1 Morris' 240. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
\*DAVID G. GUNNER ... Treble | GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... .. 4  
\*FREDK. E. MANSER ... .. 2 | WILLIAM R. MANSER ... .. 5  
\*WILLIAM MANSER ... .. 3 | \*HENRY J. MANSER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

## HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

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

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two Kent Treble Bob and three Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.  
FRANK WARRINGTON ... Treble | FRANK W. LACK ... .. 4  
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... 2 | PETER BORDER ... .. 5  
\*STANLEY GILBERT ... .. 3 | HERBERT FIELDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal in more than one method on working bell.

## KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

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

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.  
\*ROSLYN M. GRIFFITHS Treble | ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... .. 3  
†MARGARET D. REEVES ... 2 | HAROLD FOLWELL ... .. 4  
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

\* First peal. † First peal in more than one method.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Tues., Mar. 30, 1948, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,  
AT 78, NEW ROAD.

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

Seven 720's with three variations.

JOHN N. JUKES ... .. 1-2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4  
VINCENT W. RIGG ... .. 5-6  
Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

First peal of Grandsire Minor by all.

## EWELL, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

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

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

JILL BRITAIN ... .. 1-2 | \*ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN ... 5-6  
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... .. 3-4 | \*PETER R. LAYTON ... .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

\* First peal on handbells.



## LETTERS

### SPICED TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I was interested to note the peal of four Spiced Triple methods rung at Hastings. This prompts me to ask if more than four methods with two hunts can be spiced, and how many changes of method were made.

Would it be possible for the composition to be published or sent to me?—Yours faithfully,  
J. W. GRIFFITHS.

20, Stanton Drive, Chester.

### ENGLISHMAN'S MUSIC

Dear Sir,—A programme entitled 'The Englishman's Music' is being broadcast by the B.B.C. on St. George's Day, April 23rd, which includes bells, both tower and hand. I sincerely hope that all ringers, together with those who love the sound of bells, will inform the B.B.C. of their opinion of the programme. Fans of other types of programme don't fail to send in their opinions; therefore, let us convince the B.B.C. that there are thousands of us who enjoy listening to bells sending forth their message of peace and goodwill over our beloved English countryside.—Yours, etc.,  
LESLIE MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

### PEAL SNATCHERS

Dear Sir,—What exactly is the meaning of the term 'Peal Snatcher.' Is it eulogistic or opprobrious? Would you say those great leaders of those great companies at Leicester, Birmingham or Lincoln are peal snatchers? If so the term must be eulogistic. Or would you say a district like this Canterbury District of the Kent County Association consisted of peal snatchers? They rang only four peals in 1947 out of a total of 151 for their Association. This incidentally was above the average for the past years. This term was used to me in a letter recently written by a ringer at Canterbury Cathedral and I am in a dilemma. I do not know whether to regard it as a term of eulogy or opprobrium.—Thanking you, yours faithfully,  
W. BOTTRILL.  
Deal, Kent.

### SURPRISE METHOD NOMENCLATURE

Sir,—A method first rung in 1907 as 'Superlative Surprise, Rochester variation'—'Superlative' with the whole pull moved from seventh's to the lead—has recently been rung again and the point arises as to what the method should be called.

It is the accepted practice for a band to name a method that is rung for the first time. History also tells us that a split lead method acquires a new name—Yorkshire and Belgrave, for example. It seems logical that this should be so, for the work of the parent method is somewhat drastically changed in its offspring. The obvious name for the method under discussion is Rochester, but this was appropriated in 1924 by the Leiston men when they were threatening to exhaust all the place-names in the country. Perhaps Southgate would be acceptable since the method was first rung there.

The Exercise may possibly pardon those responsible if the 'Rochester variation of Superlative' is renamed Southgate. To do this is setting no precedent, for the Central Council Methods Committee very rightly renamed a number of Minor methods of the comic variety, and at least one Royal method has taken on a territorial name in place of a purely personal one.

It is surely unfortunate in the first place that the name Superlative was chosen, but there followed Champion. Premier and Supreme—names which do not appear in their literal sense justified. And we still tolerate Primrose—though, mercifully, few breathe the name—and at least two methods were named after princesses. The reform of our Surprise method nomenclature certainly appears to be overdue.—Yours faithfully,  
NORWICH.

NOLAN GOLDEN.

### ATTEMPT ON HANDBELL RECORD

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that, all being well, five members of the Ely Diocesan Association will attempt 10,800 Bob Royal on handbells on Sunday, May 2nd.

Further details may be obtained from myself.  
—Yours sincerely,  
E. J. LINDLEY.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

10,800		
23456	W	M
42635	—	—
62534	—	—
56423	—	—
25463	—	—
42356	—	—

Eleven times repeated, calling single for bob at M in second course of 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th parts and adding S at H halfway and end.

Adapted from Benjamin Annable.

### EXTREME IN GRANDSIRE

Dear Sir,—On page 31 of 'Grandsire' I find a call by the name of 'Extreme.' Can you tell me when and how it was dropped from general ringing in Grandsire Doubles?

An Extreme is rung this:—

24351	Scale from
23415	Rounds
32145 E	2345
31254	5342
13245	
13425	
31452	
34125	
43215	
42351	

We all know the ten standard callings of Grandsire Doubles using bobs and singles, but with the Extreme another 32 six-scores are possible.

Thus for a peal of Grandsire Doubles there can be 42 six-scores all different, but would this be a legal peal in the eyes of the Central Council?

In all the books that I have seen I have never gathered any information on this subject.

Can this call be extended to Triples upwards?—Yours sincerely,  
E. V. WILLIAMS.  
Redruth.

### OBITUARY

MR. JOHN E. MILLER.

For 54 years captain of the ringers of Christ Church, Southgate, and for the last nine years vergar, Mr. John E. Miller died on March 31st, aged 72. He was a foundation member of the Middlesex County Association and a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths. His peals numbered about 150 and ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise.

The funeral service was held at Christ Church, on April 6th. About two dozen members of the Southgate band, past and present, and other ringing friends attended, including Mr. W. Ayre, Master of the Cumberland Youths, and Mr. A. W. Coles, of the Middlesex County Association.

In the evening as a last token of respect the whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled, followed by 1.287 Stedman Caters: W. J. Bowden 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 3, R. W. Green 4, S. G. Peck 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, H. Miller 7, J. G. Nash 8, S. Wade (conductor) 9, M. Fensom 10.

THE REV. W. R. D. MILLS.

The Rev. W. R. D. Mills, Vicar of Collaton St. Mary, Paignton, since 1933, died on April 6th after several weeks' illness, aged 64. Although he did little ringing, he was for 12 years an efficient chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch, and only retired at the end of last year. He was a prominent Freemason.

The funeral took place on April 9th. The local ringers, who are members of the branch, attended and rang after the service. Also present were Messrs. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh (branch secretary), C. F. Austin and W. C. Wakley, of Paignton.  
A.L.B.

### IRISH ASSOCIATION

The decision of the Irish Association not to invite the Central Council to Dublin for 1949 has already been announced in 'The Ringing World.' Nearly 100 members attended the meeting at Dublin, where they were entertained to lunch and tea by the St. George's Society.

The Murphy Cup competition for striking was won by St. George's, their team consisting of five ladies and three men.

Mr. William Pratt, president, was in the chair at the business meeting, when 33 new members were elected. To encourage juvenile members the subscription for those under 17 was fixed at 1s. per annum instead of the standard rate of 2s.

Life membership was conferred on Mr. Daniel Kennedy, president of St. John the Baptist's, Dublin, and Mr. J. S. Gibb, Killenny. Waterford was selected as the place for next year's meeting. The attendance shield was won by St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. W. Pratt, Holywood; vice-presidents, the Rev. E. S. Barbour, Mr. S. J. Evans and Mr. G. E. Jones; Ringing Master, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy; hon. secretary, Mr. Fred E. Dukes; Central Council representatives, Messrs. Dukes and J. T. Dunwoody.

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### MEETINGS

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, Farnham Royal, Slough, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Non-members welcomed. Gentlemen cordially invited.—F. E. Davis, District Sec. 3291

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Lower Peover, April 24th. Bells ready 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—H. Howard, Hon. Sec. 3350

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 24th. Bells, Cathedral Church and S. Nicolas', from 3 to 4.30. Service, Cathedral Church, 5.30. Meeting, Holy Trinity Hall, 6.30. Tea interval 4.30 to 5.15. Make own arrangements.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 3318

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlow, Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3323

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Next meeting, Hessele (6), on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (3s. each) 5 p.m.—H. S. Morley. 28, Church Hill, Selby. 3328

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing commences at 2 p.m. 3365



**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Wirksworth, April 24th, 3. Tea 4.30. 3369

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bruton, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 3348

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Wrotham (8), April 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent, 3380

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Swanscombe (8), Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Room and business meeting.—B. W. May. 3387

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenhall, April 24th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 3309

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Practice meeting at Blaxhall, near Woodbridge, April 24th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. No tea. Saxmundham district members, please attend.—W. Smith, 8, Leiston Road, Aldeburgh. 3420

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Saltwood (6), May 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by April 26th to T. Cullingworth, District Sec., 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 3358

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Pulham Market (8), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Memorial Hall for those who notify by April 26th. Also Pulham Mary (8 bells) during evening.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 3379

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech District.—Wiggenhall St. Mary (6), Saturday, May 1st, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3378

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting at Broadclyst, May 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by April 25th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 3381

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, May 1st, All Saints', Isleworth, 3-8. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus 37 from St. Margaret's, Isleworth, or Hounslow East Stations. Middlesex Association members specially invited. Names for tea early.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3384

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, West Coker, Saturday, May 1st. Service 4.30. Early notification for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3368

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, May 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by previous Thursday.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 3428

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Ardingly, Saturday, May 1st, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3430

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds District.—District meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, May 1st. Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8) available at 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by 28th inst., otherwise no tea will be provided.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec., Horringer. 3359

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, May 1st, 2.30. Names for tea (2s.) to Mr. J. Masters, 17, Burns Avenue South, Houghton-le-Spring, by April 29th.—W. F. Sheraton, Sec. 3396

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Madley, May 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Numbers to J. W. Downes, Roundway Cottage, South Bank Road, Hereford. 3394

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—Next meeting, Long Buckby (please note change) on Saturday, May 1st. Names for tea to me by April 27th.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby. 3395

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sandhurst on Saturday, May 1st, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3392

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting, Claines, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday, April 27th.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3401

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Business meeting 7 p.m. for the election of officers, etc.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 3401

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guild Festival at Mere on Saturday, May 1st. Annual meeting in the Grove Building at 2 p.m. Guild service 3.30 p.m. Preacher, the Master, Rev. C. Carew Cox. Collection for Bishop's Appeal. Tea (1s. each) Grove Building, 4.45 p.m. Towers available: 8 bells, Mere, Gillingham, Warminster, Wincanton; 6 bells, Bourton, Zeals, Stourton, Longbridge Deverill, Dinton, Hindon, Motcombe, East Knoyle, Semley, Wilton; 5 bells, Sedgehill, Silton. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the Secretary by Monday, April 26th, at the latest.—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 3391

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Leek (10), Saturday, May 1st. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs. 3388

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Evesham, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.). Names for tea by Monday, April 26th.—Wilfred J. Newman, Sec., 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham. 3386

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sandhurst (6) 3 on May 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. E. Boulding, Windyridge, Sandhurst, Hawkhurst, not later than April 29th. 3382

**CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.**—Meeting, Rayleigh (8), May 1st. Ringing 3 to 8. Arrangements made for tea 5 to 6. This is a meeting for learners, rounds upwards. Everybody welcome.—F. V. Gant. 3398

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Wotton-under-Edge (8), May 1st. Bells at 3. Tea 5. Service 6. Names for tea by April 28th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 3403

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Next meeting, May 1st, St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8). Usual arrangements. All members are asked to make special effort to attend. Important business to discuss. 3404

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Whalley, May 1st. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3399

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Godmanchester, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3397

**SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.**—Whiston, Saturday, May 1st, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham, by April 29th.—H. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 3400

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. No business. Yorkshire Surprise. 3405

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewerby (10), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring your own food; cups of tea provided. 3407

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, Saturday, May 1st, 2.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 27th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 3409

**OXFORD GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by April 28th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 3408

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kirkby Mallory, May 1st, at 3. Tea provided 5. Names to F. Deacon, Windy Cot, Kirkby Mallory, Leics, by April 29th. 3414

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Buckingham (8), Saturday, May 1st, 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 3414

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Practice evening, Moreton (6), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 3418

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Cawthorne, Saturday, May 1st, 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. H. Rusby, Maltkiln Row, Cawthorne, near Barnsley, not later than April 28th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3422

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Whittington, May 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday to J. Skeats, Sec., 16, Scale Hall Lane, Lancaster. 3424

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Radcliffe, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Lygo, Kelvinside, Bailey Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, by Tuesday, April 27th. 3426

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 3425

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. St. Chad's (8) also available after meeting until 9 p.m. Service (St. Michael's) 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) served in the Bennet Road Institute 5 p.m. only to those who notify Mr. P. J. Johnson, 53, Shire Oak Road, Leeds 6, by May 4th. Meeting in Council Room, same premises, immediately after tea.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3393

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Cuddesdon (6), Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea by May 5th to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon. 3351

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Eagle (6), May 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea only for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 3423

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 8th. Service, St. John's, 4.30. Tea 5, St. George's Hall. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. Ringing arrangements later.—W. J. Root. 3412

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Apsley End (6), Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to E. J. Upton, 18, Basil Road, Hemel Hempstead, by Wednesday, May 5th.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 3427

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, May 8th. Bells (10) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 only to those who notify by May 6th.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent. 3432

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Welton, Saturday, May 8th. Cups of tea only. Names by Friday, April 30th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec., Wiloughby, Rugby. 3416

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, May 8th, Brighton. St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's 2, Good Shepherd 7.30. Service, St. Nicholas', 4. Tea (only to those who notify by individual names to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by May 3rd) at Union Church Hall 4.45. Rail fare allowance above fares costing 2s.—S. E. Armstrong, General Secretary. 3415



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**SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District)** and **EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Reigate, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (10) 3. Tea 4.30. Names to W. Claydon, 8, Charlfield, Reigate, Surrey, by Wednesday, May 5th. Names for summer outing by this date, please.—J. W. Knight. 3410

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting, Shere, Saturday, May 8th. Service 4.15. Other arrangements as usual. Names for tea, please, by Monday, May 3rd, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 3419

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Wellingborough, Whit Monday. Guild committee meet Church Hall, 2.45. Service 3.30. All Hallows'. Tea 4.30. Gloucester Hall, only for those whose application reaches Guild secretary by May 8th. Bells: Earls Barton and Finedon, 11 to 1; Wellingborough, 1 to 3.30; Great Doddington and Wilby, 1 to 3. After meeting all above, also Irthlingborough, Irchester, Higham Ferrers, Wollaston and Bozeat.—Robert G. Black, Guild Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 3357

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival, Hereford, Whit Monday, May 17th. Service (Cathedral) 3.30. Tea (Garrick Hotel) 4.15. Business 5. Bells, All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6), 11.30: Cathedral (10), noon. Notify tea before May 14th.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 3406  
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