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THE PROPOSED SUFFOLK SETTLEMENT.

The difficulties which have arisen in ringing affairs in Suffolk, on account of the establishment of the new diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, carved out of the old dioceses of Norwich and Ely, seem to be in a fair way of settlement. The recommendations which the committee of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association have drawn up, and which we have no doubt will be accepted by the members, provide in effect for the restriction of that organisation to the present diocese of Norwich, thus leaving the county of Suffolk without a rival association to the newly-formed Suffolk Guild. The Norwich Diocesan Association will retain its touch with its Suffolk members by constituting them non-resident life members upon payment of a sum of two shillings on the top of this year's subscription.

We think the recommendations which are now made will be generally looked upon as satisfactory, but the position has to a large extent been forced upon the committee. Faced with the fact that its branch in Suffolk refused to function as an integral part of the Association, there was little to be done, except to drop the attempt to embrace the new diocese, a large part of which had, neither geographically nor by tradition, any connection with the former diocese of Norwich. The desire among many Suffolk ringers for an Association of their own, coupled with the official backing which the new organisation for St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich has got, made any such attempt to hold East Suffolk and to 'penetrate' West Suffolk almost foredoomed to failure, and the committee have been wise in realising this position.

The steps by which it is proposed to retain the Suffolk members as 'non-resident life members' may probably meet with some criticism, as being not altogether generous. Members of 35 years' standing are to become honorary life members, but any lesser period of membership will involve the ringer in a further payment of two shillings on the top of his current subscription. This may be a comparatively small matter, but the treatment of performing members ought scarcely to be on any worse footing than that of honorary members, who, if of eight years' standing, may, on leaving the district, be excused, under Rule VII., from their annual subscription and become life members. This, however, will probably be dealt with when the recommendations come up for confirmation.

We are glad to see the possibility of this vexed question of Suffolk apparently so near settlement, and if the

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members in that area are retained under satisfactory financial arrangements there is no reason why the best of good feeling should not continue between the two counties. Many Suffolk ringers of to-day have the most loyal affection for the old Association, and while circumstances have made the break almost inevitable, we have no doubt they will see to it that their membership remains, although under changed conditions. From a peal-ringing point of view the loss of two such centres as Ipswich and Leiston is a serious matter for Norwich, but doubtless efforts will not be lacking to replace these with equally active towers on the other side of the border.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, May 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	THOMAS MILLER 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	PERCY O. LAFLIN 8
JAMES E. GROVES 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 4	JAMES GEORGE 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
BERNARD W. WITCHELL 6	GEORGE H. YENDALL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled and in the inverted tittums and handstroke home position, to the memory of Sir John Holder, Bart., philanthropist and one of Birmingham's foremost citizens, who died on April 25th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE POUND Treble	C.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
GEORGE NEWMAN 2	GEORGE BELL 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
LEWIS NEWMAN 4	JAMES W. LEONARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART NO. 1.

GEORGE EDWARDS Treble	ARTHUR READER 5
PERCY DENTON 2	JAMES MAYNARD 6
JOHN DENTON 3	HARRY SEAL 7
JOHN MEDHURST 4	HARRY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by PERCY DENTON.

First peal by the ringers of 3rd and 4th who, together with the ringer of the 6th, hail from Speldhurst; the rest belong to the local band. A birthday compliment to H. Seal and G. Edwards.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

CHARLES WINSOR Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
FRANK BELSEY 2	WILLIAM SPICE 6
*JOHN HAIGH 3	WILLIAM HAIGH 7
*CHARLES NORRIS 4	RICKS PAINE Tenor

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal in method. Mr. W. Spice hails from Tunstall, Kent, the rest belong to the Rochester Cathedral Society.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

A. BLOGG Treble	† F. G. BRADLEY 5
* E. B. COXHEAD 2	† A. HARTLEY 6
C. SALISBURY 3	W. LANCASTER 7
V. B. BLACKWELL 4	A. A. BLACKWELL Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by W. LANCASTER.

* First peal. † First in the method. First peal as conductor.
Rung in memory of the four ringers who gave their lives in the Great War. This was the first peal in the method by an entirely local band.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF ST.
EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH.

On Sunday, April 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN C. G. HAGGAR Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	THOS. H. CHAPPELL Tenor

Composed by Geo. H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the memory of the late William Grimes. Believed to be the first peal in the method to the credit of the newly formed Suffolk Guild.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRD Treble	ALFRED PYE 5
FRANK RINGE 2	EDWIN D. BAKER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM LEGGETT 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	† SAMUEL CARROLL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

* HERBERT COLE Treble	† E. GEOFFREY BENSON 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2	† HAROLD J. HAZELL 6
GEORGE CRISP 3	JOHN B. WOOLLEY 7
FRED J. COOK 4	CHARLES W. COOK Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES W. COOK.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on tower bells. † First peal on an inside bell. First peal of Major as conductor.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

DANIEL COOPER Treble	ARTHUR H. PALMER 5
* MRS. AMOS W. CLARK 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	JAMES E. COOPER 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal on the bells for 10 years. First peal of Major as conductor. * First peal on an inside bell.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5
* PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	RICHARD CARTER 6
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 3	WILLIAM HONOR 7
EDWARD HANCOX 4	HENRY H. CHANDLER Tenor

Conducted by E. HANCOX.

* First peal.

ASHTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HERBERT J. SKELT Treble	AMOS CLARK 5
MRS A. CLARK 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
MISS NORA E. SHORTER 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

* JOHN EAGLES Treble	ARCHIBALD C. KAY 5
† WILLIAM BIDNELL 2	HENRY C. CASTLE 6
RICHARD H. STEVENS 3	† ERNEST POWELL 7
CHARLES TURNER 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major.

BOKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

† HARRY GREAVES Treble	PERCY JERVIS 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	† CHARLES SEVERN 6
† JOHN HUMPHRIES 3	† WILLIAM H. TURTON 7
* FREDERICK A. ADAMS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

* JOHN BAGLEY Treble	† THOS. ROGERS 5
† JOHN COOKE 2	JAMES R. GRIFFIN 6
† HAROLD ROGERS 3	JOSEPH GODDARD 7
† EDWARD W. ELWELL 4	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. * First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal in the method with an inside bell. First peal in the method by a resident band.

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THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. P. BRICE ... Treble	WALTER G. CROSS ... 5
THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ... 2	ARTHUR NEAL ... 6
SIDNEY E. WRIGHT ... 3	ARTHUR ACRED ... 7
*JAMES OLDFIELD ... 4	FREDK. T. COOKE ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by F. T. COOKE.

* First peal.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK R. WILBY ... Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 5
ROBERT HARDY ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
JOHN A. GODFREY ... 3	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... Tenor

Composed and conducted by G. H. CROSS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains 18 4-6-8's with the 6th extent home.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. WASEY ... Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 5
ROBERT HARDY ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. This composition is now rung for the first time and contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 30, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

GEORGE LADD ... Treble	WALTER H. WOOD ... 5
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 2	*JOHN W. WOOD ... 6
WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 3	†WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7
REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ... 4	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* 100th peal. † First Surprise peal with a bob bell.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 5
*FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 7
T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First Surprise peal.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC EMERY ... Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 5
*REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2	ARTHUR H. PALMER ... 6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 7
*JOHN LYDDIARD ... 4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal in the method.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*HAROLD EDWARDS ... Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... 5
†WALTER LONGMAN ... 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... 6
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
†WILLIAM SUTTON ... 4	†ARTHUR STUBBS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside' in the method.
† First peal. First peal on the bells since they were augmented and
rehung by Taylor & Co. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor
man.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

RAYMOND PHILPOT ... Treble	THOMAS UPSHALL ... 5
GEORGE UPSHALL ... 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
MADRICE SMITHER ... 4	ALBERT E. KING ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

The ringers of 2nd, 5th and tenor belong to the local band.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

WALTER PERKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 5
*ANNIE PARKINS ... 2	JAMES WARD ... 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... 7
BERTIE O. SODEN ... 4	FRED WILFORD ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW. Conducted by FRED WILFRED.

* First peal in the method and rung at first attempt. It was also
specially arranged for Mr. R. Richardson and Miss A. Parkins, being
the birthday of Miss A. Parkins, who received the congratulations of
of the band.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER H. ANDREWS ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 5
EDWIN G. BUEDSEN ... 2	WILLIAM SPICE ... 6
CHARLES W. BRETT ... 3	GEORGE G. JENKINS ... 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 4	GEORGE H. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUEDSEN.

Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke, late
Rector of S. Alphege, Canterbury, to the Vicarage of Faversham,
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TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*EDWARD HODGES Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 4
CHARLEY MILLARD 2	THOMAS JULL 5
CHARLES TUMBER 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

* First peal in seven methods.

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED TALBOT Treble	ALFRED TOMKINS 4
GEOFFREY W. TAYSONE 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
WILLIAM WILLIAMS 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

* First peal. This is the heaviest peal of six in the county.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FREDERICK BARRETT ... Treble	EDWARD E. TUMBER 4
CHARLES TUMBER 2	EDWARD HODGES 5
EDWARD E. GAMBELL 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

* First 5040. A birthday compliment to W. Nye.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	GUY R. AMBROSE 4
*CHARLES WATERMAN 2	†JOHN BURLES 5
HARRY ARGENT 3	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BURLES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. & Mrs. E. Clark (eldest daughter of the ringer of the 4th), who returned from their honeymoon and have taken up their residence at Shorne.

BICTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(St. Chad's Society.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*JOHN GRIFFITHS Treble	REGINALD R. POLE 4
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 2	DENIS J. BONCHER 5
†JAMES E. LILLEY 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in seven methods away from treble. First peal of Minor on the bells.

BASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Plain Bob, 1440 Oxford Treble Bob, 2880 Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

G. C. TERRY Treble	A. HATFIELD 4
J. W. HALL 2	R. B. SMITH 5
H. MORLEY 3	W. A. HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

The first peal on the new bells. The event fell on the 43rd anniversary of the Vicar's wedding day, and the ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the Vicarage.

KEEVIL, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 21 cwt.

*ALBERT STOKES Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4
JESSE FRANCIS 2	CHARLES DOET 5
WILLIAM R. BAXTER 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

ARTHUR WIGMORE Treble	JOHN RODWELL, JUN. 4
TONY PRICE 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	FRED WIGMORE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal in five methods by all the band and on the bells.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Merchant's Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob.

A. LAYTON Treble	C. BOWER 4
R. LEWIS 2	D. HORNE 5
C. LAYTON 3	GEORGE JORDON Tenor

Conducted by D. HORNE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.

WESTBURY-SUB-MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER FARLEY Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL 4
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
STANLEY CARTER 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT 17, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3-4	*WALTER J. BOWDEN 7-8

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

* First peal of Bob Major in hand.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION. PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF SUFFOLK ORGANISATION.

A special general committee meeting of the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association was held in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, on Thursday, April 26th. In the absence of the president (the Dean of Norwich), the Rev. W. C. Pearson (Vicar of Henley, Suffolk) was voted to the chair. Supporting him were Messrs. G. P. Burton, J. E. Burton, W. L. Duffield, Denison Hayward, F. Knights, C. S. Tuthill, and A. L. Coleman (general secretary).

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Rev. A. G. Blyth, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, F. R. Borrett, D. O. Holmes, G. T. Peguall, R. J. Goate and E. E. Diaper.

Mr. A. L. Coleman, in reviewing the present position of affairs in connection with the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch, said that a new movement had been developing in Suffolk some weeks prior to its climax at Ipswich on Easter Monday, and there had resulted from the meetings at Ipswich on that day:—

- (a) The formation of a new association (the Suffolk Guild).
- (b) The dissolution of another association (the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association).
- (c) The disbandment of a third body (the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Branch of the N. and St. E. and I. Diocesan Association).

All these changes were of vital interest to Suffolk ringers, while the last named concerned intimately the ringers of the N. St. E. and I. Association also. The members then present at Ipswich had declined to elect officers, and had passed, instead, a resolution, 'that this branch cease to exist.' Such a resolution, however, was ultra vires, as the branch having been constituted under the auspices of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, could only be dissolved constitutionally by and with the consent of the whole association. So comparatively few ringers had been present at that meeting that the resolution was open to question as being representative of the opinion of the members in Suffolk. He had, therefore, taken steps to obtain at first hand a real expression of opinion of that branch, and he had now available something quite definite to lay before the committee. He had issued a circular and questionnaire to all the district secretaries and leaders of companies in the Suffolk Branch. The questionnaire was as follows:—

- 1.—How many ringers in your district or company have definitely decided, to your knowledge, to continue membership of old Association; and their names?
- 2.—How many ringers altogether do you anticipate will continue?
- 3.—Do you think it desirable under present circumstances to continue our N. and St. Ed. and Ipswich districts as organised? Or, if not, in any other form?
- 4.—Do you desire a change in title? If so, what do you suggest?
- 5.—Other remarks.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

The replies received to that date represented some 222 members, of whom a large majority decided to continue their existing membership, viz.: 76 as honorary life members (non-resident), 120 as annual subscribers (to be presumed). Seven replies were adverse to continuation of district organisation; five replies were in favour of continuation of district organisation. As regards the title two only replied in favour of the retention of the present title; three were in favour of modification; while eight expressed a preference for reverting to the original style, 'The Norwich Diocesan Association,' to cover the area of the Norwich Diocese only. The majority, however, had expressed no opinion on this important point. Mr. Coleman added that there were several replies still outstanding, and he hoped the members would kindly send them in before the general meeting of the Association, to be held at Pulham Market on Saturday, June 2nd.

After a long discussion the committee decided to recommend at the general meeting of members, that it is not desirable under the present circumstances to continue the district organisations in Suffolk, and two proposals were put forward for the future title of the Association, viz.: (a) The Norwich Diocesan Association; and (b) The Norfolk Guild (for the Diocese of Norwich).

To meet the wishes of the members desiring to retain their membership, it was resolved to recommend that all members of 35 years' standing should be excused any further subscription; and, ipso facto, become honorary life members (non-resident); also that all Suffolk members who have paid their subscriptions for 1923 should, with a further payment of 2s., become, ipso facto, honorary life members (non-resident) in lieu of the usual fee 5s., and that members who have not paid their subscriptions for the current year will, on payment of two years' subscriptions (4s.), become, ipso facto, honorary life members (non-resident). For new members the fee will be 5s. as per Association Rule VII.

The Secretary announced that the branch meeting to be held at Pulham Market on Whit Monday, May 21st, had been postponed to Saturday, June 2nd, at Pulham Market, and would be constituted a general meeting of the association. Much of the business to be transacted at that meeting concerned the members of the Suffolk branch, and he hoped that they would be well represented on that occasion.

It should be noted that any alterations in the constitution of the association will, under Association Rule XI., have to come up for confirmation at the annual general meeting of the association in September next, and in the meanwhile the association stands constituted as hitherto.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. W. C. Pearson for kindly presiding over the meeting.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. GENERAL SECRETARY'S PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

There is a striking feature in the report of the general secretary (Mr. D. J. Nichols) of the Central Northants Association, which has just been issued. It is very gratifying to record, he says, the steady growth of the Guilsborough district, which has increased in membership and added one new tower to its number during the year. I regret to say the Northampton district has lost 46 members who have been crossed off the books, which include the ringers of St. Sepulchre, Northampton, who have been members of the association for many years. I hope they will reconsider their decision, and before the year is out join the association again.

The number of towers now in union with the association is 65, a decrease of two from last year. There are now 450 members, a decrease of 46 from last year, being 43 honorary and 407 ringing members. I would like to call the attention of members to the fact that there are 26 towers out of the 65 in union with the association which have not a complete band of ringers to enable them to ring all their bells for the Sunday services.

A great many bands, continues the report, were depleted during the war, which is no doubt still being felt. But I venture to suggest that there are other reasons which have also some bearing on the question which includes:—

1. Differences between ringers and clergy.
2. Differences amongst ringers themselves.
3. Not enough probationers being brought along to fill up the gaps as they occur from various causes.
4. Those in control of the belfry not having sufficient patience in teaching beginners.
5. Not sufficient opportunity being given to promising young ringers to act as conductors.
6. Others staying away because they do not get ringing suitable to their taste when there are learners in the tower.

I would sincerely ask the members to give the question their consideration, and in doing so I would like to make the following suggestions:—

1. That the committee in each district bring before their members that it is desirable that efforts be made to get a complete band of ringers in each tower.
2. District committees should consist of members who are prepared to take an active part in visiting and assisting the local bands in the district.
3. That it is desirable that the association should draw up a list of ringers who would be competent to give instruction in their district.
4. That the association allow out-of-pocket expenses to instructors for a stated number of visits.

The report shows that 44 peals were rung during the year 1922, in which 18 ringers rang their first peal, and 17 were awarded the association's certificate for having rung their first peal on a working bell. The association had a satisfactory year, financially, the receipts on general account being £57 13s. 9d., and the expenditure £46 11s. 5½d., leaving a profit on the year's working of £11 2s. 3½d. Grants were made to Peterborough Cathedral and Grafton Underwood, of £5 5s. and £3 3s. respectively, from the Belfry Repairs Fund for bell restoration. This fund now stands at £28 15s. 9d. Thanks are extended to Mr. R. F. Turner on retiring from the position of district secretary after several years' hard work.

THE RECORD PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE To the Editor.

Sir,—I was always under the impression that I was the first to obtain the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major in the early part of 1907. In August of that year I rang a 5,024 in the method which was an offspring, also the same thing as publishing the full extent. The fact that the 5,024 turned out false makes no difference whatever. The 5,024 was the coveted peal or missing link of the day, and a lot of people were surprised of the discovery.—Yours, etc.,
39, Pleasant Valley, Safron Walden. F. DENCH.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The mention made in this column last week of a peal report being written out before the peal was rung, recalls the fact that at Guildford some years ago a board was actually written before the peal (Stedman) was attempted, and it was opened three days later! 'That,' remarks our correspondent, 'was a "bit hot." And we agree. Can anyone go one better?

On May 12th, 1788, at Wakefield, 'a new composition peal of Tripple Bob Tripples, called Wakefield Delight, consisting of 5,040 in 8 courses compleat,' was rung. 'The same set of ringers without changing a man or setting a bell began another peal of Oxford Single Tripples in twelve courses, consisting of 5,040 called Wakefield Surprise. Both these peals consisted of 10,080 changes were performed, including Raising and Settling the bells in seven hours and one minute, and were rang with a exactness and nice distinction, an instance never before done in ye Kingdome.'

The ancient report goes on to say, 'What adds to the singularity of this performance is—There were two fathers, five sons, five brothers, four cousins, one uncle, one nephew, yet only eight persons and only two names.'

May 15th is the anniversary of two long peals. One was 12,096 Grandsire Caters at All Saints', Fulham, rung in 7 hours 50 mins. on Whit Monday, 1837.

The other was the 8,800 Superlative Surprise Major at Loughborough in 1894, composed and conducted by Nathan Pitstow. The present president of the Central Council took part in that performance.

An interesting record has been made by Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, who have now rung together, handbell peals of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, and Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, as well as Double Norwich Major.

The peal at St. Margaret's, Westminster, the report of which was published last week, was Mr. H. Ellis' 200th peal. The asterisk notifying this got into the wrong place. Mr. F. G. Newman, against whose name the 'star' appeared, rang his 200th peal over 30 years ago—in January, 1893, to be exact.

The answer of the ringers of the long peal of Cambridge Major to 'A Flat,' re their alleged aspirations for the future, is simply this—'You're another!'

There will be no ringing on the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst, until further notice. A crack has developed in the tower, and the bells require rehanging.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Canterbury Cathedral for the wedding of the Duke of York calls for a line of explanation. A start was made for a peal of Caters, but one of the band being taken ill, it had to be abandoned, and Triples was substituted.

According to the 'Lincolnshire Standard' they do not do things by halves at Boston. It is reported that for the Royal Wedding, the Parish Church ringers rang '1,200 peals of grandsire doubles and 350 peals of grandsire trebles'! In reality it was something far less imposing.

STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD.

All being well, twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths will attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques (15,051 changes), at Southwark Cathedral on Whit Monday, commencing about 8.30.

DEDICATION OF BELLS, ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, EXETER.

WHIT SUNDAY.—The new ring of eight, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated on Whit Sunday, May 20th, at a service at 3 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Exeter. There will be a special ringers' service at 6.30 p.m. on the evening of the same day, at the conclusion of which a commemoration tablet, the gift of the ringers, will be unveiled. In the afternoon and evening the bells will be rung by the St. Sidwell's and the Cathedral bands.

WHIT MONDAY.—On Whit Monday the tower will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (by kind permission of the Vicar) to all visitors. Will secretaries of bands desirous of ringing please communicate with me, stating the time preferred? All visiting ringers who notify me not later than Wednesday, May 16th, are invited to tea at the Buller Hall, Cowick Street, at 6 p.m.—W. J. Southwood, 14, St. James' Road, Exeter.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, on Wednesday, April 25th, 1,708 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Norman 1, E. Mullens 2, A. Walker 3, T. Miller 4, J. F. Smallwood 5, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 6, T. Kelly 7, T. Miller, junr., 8. This was an attempt for a peal, and was brought round at above number owing to a faulty rope. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of Thomas Fearick, a ringer at this Cathedral.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Eleventh Council (30th annual meeting) will be held in the Chapter House, The Cathedral, Salisbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, 22nd May, 1923, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA, 1923.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
4. Election of Honorary Members.
5. Presentation of new Members to the President.
6. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees, viz.:—
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Literature and Press.
 - (c) Methods.
 - (d) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f) Records.
 - (g) Museum Exhibit.
7. To agree a card of instructions, on the Care and Use of Bells, suitable for hanging in a Tower.
8. That this Council, meeting in the Diocese of Salisbury, in which Sir Christopher Wren was born and baptised, expresses the fervent hope that no sanction will be given to any further demolition of the churches, with which he adorned the City of London, and which bear such a valuable witness to the Christian Religion in the world's busiest centre of secular activities.
9. This Council recommends that first or record peals should not be rung for a Society outside the limits of that Society's area.
10. That the Peals Analysis Committee be asked if they can add a column showing the ratio between the number of Members, and the points gained by each Society.
11. That in compositions of 5,000 changes or upwards on seven or any higher number of bells in which the plan of splicing various methods is adopted, it is essential that there should be no repetition of any row throughout—that is to say, that the whole composition shall be 'true' in the universally accepted sense of that word.
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

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SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Local headquarters will be established at the Cathedral Hotel, Milford Street, with Mr. T. Hervey Beams as the local officer in charge.

On Saturday evening, May 19th, 5—8.30 p.m., there will be ringing at city churches, followed by a social hour at headquarters.

On Whit Sunday, ringing at city churches for morning and evening services. In the afternoon, visit to Wilton House and Park (by special permission of Earl of Pembroke). Leave headquarters 2.30 p.m. Return fare 1s. 6d.

Whit Monday.—Charabanc trip of 60 miles through the lovely New Forest and Cranborne Chase district; ringing at Fordingbridge (8), Ringwood (8), Christchurch (10), Wimborne (10), and Cranborne (8). Leave headquarters 10.30 a.m. Fare 8s. 6d., including lunch. Ringing at city churches, 7—9 p.m. Social hour at headquarters.

Whit Tuesday.—The Council will meet in the Chapter House of the Cathedral (by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter), 11 a.m.—1 p.m., morning session, preceded by official welcome to the Council by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; 1.15 p.m., luncheon at Cathedral Hotel, tickets 1s.; 2.30—4.30 p.m., afternoon session; 5.15, tea in the garden of the North Canonry (by kind invitation of Archdeacon Carpenter). After tea a conducted visit to the Cathedral; 7 p.m.—8.30 p.m., ringing at city churches; 8.30 p.m., reception at headquarters by the Earl of Shaftesbury and officers of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Seats should be booked for (a) visit to Wilton, (b) charabanc trip, (c) luncheon by 11th May, and all communications in respect to these three items should be made to Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth, Buckhorn Weston, Wincanton, Somerset.

The visit to Wilton, and the charabanc trip will only take place should a sufficient number book; while provision for luncheon and tea will only be made for those intimating they will be present.

Handbells, newspapers, and facilities for writing will be provided at headquarters, where further details as to ringing and other matters of interest will be notified.

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FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR.

The Four Shires Guild held their half-yearly meeting and ringing competition on Saturday, April 28th, at St. Edmond's Church, Shipston-on-Stour, in glorious weather. Nearly one hundred members attended to take part in the various competitions which were held. The judging was ably done by Messrs. J. D. Johnson (Hinton) and J. Hemming (Hampton), who awarded the points as follows: Ilmington: Rising and Falling, 91; Call Changes, 90; Method, 95; total, 276. Willersey: Rising and Falling, 63; Call Changes, 93; Method, 91; total, 247. Blockley: Rising and Falling, 71; Call Changes, 66; total, 137. Moreton-in-Marsh: Rising and Falling, 63; Call Changes, 70; total, 133. Ebrington: Rising and Falling, 26; Call Changes, 73; total, 99. Wootton Wawen: Rising and Falling, 18; Call Changes, 63; Method, 10; total, 91.

The handsome challenge shield of the Guild goes to the band which obtains the greatest number of points during the year, and a certificate of merit is awarded to the band which is second.

A special service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m., the preacher being the Rev. W. H. Manton, Vicar of Long Compton. Afterwards tea was provided in the hostel, where justice was done to an excellent repast.

At the business meeting which followed, the secretary, Mr. A. R. White, intimated his desire to resign, and Mr. Horace Terry was elected in his stead. It was decided to hold the autumn meeting at Wootton Wawen on Saturday, October 27th.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

In presenting the report for another year, the committee consider it a matter for congratulation that it shows the Exercise to be in such a progressive condition. While the recovery from the effects of the war is gradual, such a condition is well in view. Each year the number of peals rung steadily increases, and as there is every indication of this growth being maintained, it should not be long before the big totals of immediate pre-war years are surpassed.

The analysis for 1922 shows that 253 more peals have been rung than in the previous year. The increase in tower bell peals exceeds this number, being 285, while peals on handbells have decreased by 12. The totals for the year are as follows:—

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Sextuples	—	1
Maximus	11	1
Cinques	33	13
Royal	54	16
Caters	106	29
Major	631	52
Triples	465	40
Minor	322	8
Doubles	94	9
	1716	169

A grand total of 1,885 peals, this being only 474 short of the record number.

The Norwich and Ipswich Diocesan Association retain their position at the head of the list for both peals and points, their total being 204 peals, including 23 on handbells, and 3,476 points. This is an increase over last year of 15 peals and 140 points. The number of other Societies which rang over 100 peals has increased by one, being three as against two, as follows:—

Midland Counties Association, 149 tower bell peals and 2,754 points; Kent County Association, 123 peals (including 3 on handbells) and 1,799 points; and the Lancashire Association, 102 tower bell peals and 1,646 points. It may be noted that while the last-named association has rung exactly the same number of peals as last year, the points value has increased by 197. The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association again have the highest average points per peal, 30.77 for 22 peals (including 1 on handbells) and 677 points. They are run very closely by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths with 23.18 for 11 tower bell peals and 310 points, St. Martin's Guild being third with 27.69 points for 36 peals (including 15 on handbells), and 997 points.

The total number of Surprise peals, excluding Minor, is 232, an increase of 44 over 1921, clearly showing the advance in quality as well as in quantity. Cambridge continues to advance in favour, showing an increase of 2 peals of Maximus, 2 of Royal, and 17 of Major; it is also much preferred by Minor ringers. London Major has advanced considerably, 37 against 24 peals; while Superlative Major shows a small increase of 5 peals; Bristol has only held its own with 15 peals. Other Surprise methods rung are: 2 peals each of Clifton and Middlesex Royal, 2 of Premier Major, and 1 each of Norfolk, Suffolk, Dublin and Lancashire Major. Grandsire and Stedman run a close race as the favourite method, there being 347 peals of the former and 332 of the latter, excluding Doubles.

Of Major methods, while Kent and Oxford Treble Bob show 172 peals, a decrease of 17, Double Norwich continues to ascend, showing 148 peals against 112 for 1921. Triples have increased by exactly 100 peals to a total of 505. Minor and Doubles have also gained ground, showing 433 peals against 368 last year.

The records show that 690 have joined the ranks of peal ringers, and in addition 7 have rung their first peal on tower bells, 12 their first away from the tenor, 73 the first inside, and 52 their first on handbells; 18 first peals have been rung by local bands, first on the bells 51, after rehanging, addition, etc., 28, and in the method on the bells 199; 85 made their debut as conductors. First pealers of Doubles numbered 18, Minor 88, Triples 34, Major 104, Caters 57, Royal 51, Cinques 31, Maximus 12. First peals in the method were rung in Doubles by 17, Minor 170, Triples 209, Major 627, Caters 120, Royal 94, Cinques 33 and Maximus 13. The number of muffled peals was 84, and there were 19 farewell peals; 74 peals were rung in honour of the Royal Wedding, 58 being on the day of the ceremony.

Performances worthy of special mention are: The first peal on 14 handbells, the method being Stedman Sextuples by the St. Martin's Guild; the first peal of Real Double Superlative by the Durham and Newcastle Association, and the record length, 21,363 changes of Stedman Caters by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

A pleasing feature of the year's work is the number of new methods: Clifton and Middlesex Surprise Royal; Dublin Premier and Lancashire Surprise Major, Cambridge Court Bob Major on handbells, and in addition the Granta Variation of Treble Bob Royal for the first time on tower bells.

A rather unusual feature is the peals on 7 bells, two omitting the 2nd, and one without the tenor. The novelty of the year was a peal on handbells rung in bed.

The recording of the peals shows that much more care is taken by those sending them in for publication. The committee, however, are still troubled by slight errors. For instance, the name of the same conductor sometimes appears with different initials or with them reversed, and it is difficult to decide without inquiry whether it is the same person or not. If such errors are not corrected by those responsible, the committee will be compelled in future to record them as published.

The conductors of five peals and upwards are shown on the following list. The figures in brackets show the number of handbell peals conducted: 64 peals, A. H. Pulling (43); 36 peals, G. H. Cross (2); 30 peals, W. Pye (2); 28 peals, C. F. Bailey (9); 26 peals, E. Jenkins; 25 peals, K. Hart; 22 peals, W. H. J. Hooton (18); 21 peals, E. Morris; 20 peals, G. Williams; 18 peals, F. Bennett, H. J. Poole; 17 peals, H. Langdon, J. Thomas (4); 16 peals, J. T. Dyke, A. Wright; 15 peals, T. Groombridge, senr. (1), R. Richardson (4); 14 peals, C. Camm, R. Matthews, R. Sperring, G. E. Symonds, A. Tomlinson; 13 peals, F. Cotton, F. H. Dexter, G. R. Newton, W. Poston, T. Price, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker (6); 12 peals, J. H. Chessman, T. Groombridge, junr. (2), A. E. Lock, F. W. Naunton (2), O. Sippetts; 11 peals, N. R. Bailey (3), H. Knight, S. H. Symonds (5); 10 peals, W. Clarke, W. Nye, W. Page; 9 peals, W. H. Barber (1), F. R. Borrett, O. T. Coles, A. E. Edwards, C. Edwards, W. Keeble (1), J. D. Matthews, E. Whiting; 8 peals, E. M. Atkins (3), F. Chamberlain, A. Harman, B. A. Knights, C. R. Lillev (1), W. Welling; 7 peals, J. Austin, H. M. Day, J. Flint, R. G. Rice, C. H. Sone, J. Sparrow (7), G. F. Swann (2), A. H. Ward; 6 peals, E. Barnett, senr., G. Cattermole, F. W. Dixon, M. F. R. Hibbert, E. G. Hibbens, J. Houldsworth, Rev. H. L. James (1), J. D. Johnson (5), W. Large, F. J. Lewis, R. C. Loveday, H. Ludkin, J. Oldham, G. R. Pye, W. C. Rumsey, W. Saunders (3), T. Tebbutt, B. Thorpe, J. A. Trollope (5), C. Wallater, C. F. Winney (3); 5 peals, W. Ayre, G. Billenness, W. B. Cartwright, G. T. Croft, E. C. Gobey, J. A. Gofton, J. F. Groves (2), S. T. Holt, P. J. Johnson (1), W. T. Last, J. Lord, G. Martin (2), W. Miller, A. E. Norman (3), F. W. Perrins (4), F. Pervin, C. Platt, J. Potter, Rev. A. Simpson, D. G. Wightman, B. W. Wittchell.

There were also 29 conductors of four peals (2), 52 of three peals (3), 109 of two peals (7), and 297 of one peal (8). In addition all the band took part in conducting two peals of Minor, and one handbell peal of Grandsire Doubles was non-conducted. Three lady conductors are included in these figures, Miss E. K. Parker having conducted two peals, and Miss A. Brown and Miss C. Hepburn one each. Six reverend gentlemen have conducted peals during the year.

In lighter vein it may be remarked that while the greatest number of peals have been conducted by the P's, the Q's are not represented.

Five peals of over 7,000 changes have been rung, viz., 13,440 of Bob Major and 10,400 of Superlative Surprise Major (the record length), with bobs behind and in front, by the Midland Counties Association; 8,096 and 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major by the Lancashire Association; and the record length in any method, being 21,363 of Stedman Caters, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

(Signed) E. W. CARPENTER, Kingerby Vicarage, Lincoln.

A. T. BEESTON, New Mills, Stockport.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, West End, near Southampton.

JOSEPH W. PARKER, Ambley Street, Sunderland

HANDBELL PEALS.

	SIXTUPLES	MAXIMUS	CINQUES	ROYAL	CATERS.	MAJOR.	TRIPLES.			
	Stedman	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Double Bob	Cambridge Court	Treble Bob	Single Norwich	Plain Bob	Stedman
Points per Peal.	38	15	32	13	22	16	16	12	28	10
Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bath & Wells	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bedfordshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cambridge University	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cheshire Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Durham & Newcastle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ely Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hertfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Middlesex	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norwich, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oxford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peterborough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Edmunds & Ipswich	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
S. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salop Archdiocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Soc. for Arch. Stafford	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Warwickshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Winchester Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worcestershire & Dist.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yorkshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Independent Societies	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	9	8
	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	9	8

(a) Little Bob and Plain Bob. (b) Little Bob. (c) 1 Plain Bob.

MINOR and DOUBLES.

TOWER BELLS.														Total	Total
No. of Methods.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	14	17	Peals	Points		
Anc. Soc. Col. Youths	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5		
Bath & Wells	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	56		
Bedfordshire	2	2	1	—	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	12	106		
Central Northants	1	—	4	—	2	1	4	—	—	—	—	12	108		
Cheshire Diocesan	3	—	1	1	2	2	4	1	—	—	1	15	179		
Cleveland & N. Yorks	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5		
Devonshire Guild	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	15		
Ely Diocesan	6	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	67		
Essex Association	6	—	2	3	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	18	240		
Gloucester & Bristol	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	25		
Hereford Diocesan	8	1	1	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	23	206		
Hertford County	5	—	1	—	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	13	146		
Kent County	7	3	2	8	1	2	6	—	—	—	—	29	232		
Ladies' Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5		
Lancashire Assoc.	4	1	2	1	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	13	138		
Lincoln Diocesan	7	1	3	2	2	—	3	—	1	—	—	19	146		
Llandaff & Monmouth	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6		
Midland Counties	8	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	79		
Norwich & Ipswich	15	2	6	3	2	—	18	1	—	1(a)	—	48	554		
Oxford Diocesan	1	—	3	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	9	137		
Peterborough & Dis.	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	2	22		
St. Edmunds & Ips. D.	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	19		
Salisbury Diocesan	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	11		
Soc. for Archd. ry of Stafford	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5		
Surrey Association	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	35		
Sussex County	1	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	28		
Warwickshire Guild	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	4	40		
Winchester Diocesan	1	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	5	49		
Worcestershire & Dis.	1	—	2	3	—	—	15	—	—	1(a)	—	22	271		
Yorkshire	—	—	1	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	8	109		
Independent	5	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	9	81		
Total	107	17	35	27	18	8	104	2	1	2	1	322	3125		
(a) 14 860's.															

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HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on May 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: Miss H. Chandler (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss G. Baker 2, Miss D. G. Feltham 3, J. J. Pratt 4, J. Bacon 5, H. Chandler (conductor) 6, W. Honer 7, F. Smith 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, May 6th, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Rivers 1, H. Folkard 2, H. Dyas 3, *H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, P. Skerington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, W. C. Stacey 8. * First quarter-peal away from tenor.

DOUBLES.

	TOWER BELLS.					Total	Total
No. of Methods.	1	2	3	4	5	Peals	Points
Bath & Wells	2	2	1	—	—	5	18
Bedfordshire	1	—	—	—	—	1	3
Central Northants	5	—	2	—	—	7	23
Essex County	2	—	—	—	—	2	6
Gloucester and Bristol	1	11	—	—	—	15	52
Hereford Diocesan	15	1	2	—	—	18	57
Kent County	5	—	—	—	—	3	9
Llandaff & Monmouth	2	—	—	1	—	3	11
Midland Counties	10	2	1	3	—	16	57
Norwich & Ipswich	—	—	—	1	1	2	10
Oxford Diocesan	5	—	—	—	—	5	15
St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich	2	—	—	—	—	2	6
Salisbury Diocesan	4	—	—	—	—	4	12
Salop Archdiocesan	—	—	—	1	—	1	5
Stafford Archdiocesan	1	—	—	—	—	1	3
Sussex County	1	—	—	—	—	1	3
Worcestershire & Dist.	1	—	—	—	—	7	22
Independent Societies	6	1	—	—	—	7	22
Total	61	17	6	6	4	94	325

(3) MINOR AND DOUBLES.

	HANDBELLS.					Total	Total
	MINOR		DOUBLES			Peals	Points
No. of Methods.	1	1	2	3	7	Peals	Points
Central Northants	1	—	—	—	—	1	5
Hereford Diocesan	—	1	—	—	—	1	9
Norwich & Ipswich	3	—	—	—	—	3	15
Peterborough & District	1	—	—	—	—	1	5
St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich	3	—	—	—	—	4	19
Salop Archdiocesan	—	1	—	—	—	1	3
Soc. Archd. ry of Stafford	—	2	—	—	—	3	6
Warwickshire Guild	—	—	1	—	—	1	4
Independent Societies	—	1	—	—	—	2	7
Total	8	5	1	2	1	17	73

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EFFORT TO ROPE IN UNAFFILIATED TOWERS.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Salehurst. Members attended from Battle, Brightling, Bexhill, Eastbourne (All Saints), St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Hailsham, Heathfield; Christ Church, Blacklands; Lewes, and Waldron, together with members of the local band.

No service was held, owing to the illness of the Vicar (the Rev. O. E. Ward). Fifty members sat down to tea at the Old Eight Bells, the Churchwarden (Mr. L. J. Hodson) being present. Following tea the business meeting was held, Mr. W. D. Smith being voted to the chair.—Two new members were elected, Mr. W. Hobbs, junr., and Mr. John Roberts (All Saints', Eastbourne). The election of officers then took place. The Chairman, with a few appropriate words, proposed that the whole of the officers retiring be re-elected.—This was seconded by Mr. Piper, and carried unanimously. Divisional secretary, Mr. G. W. Stokes; committee, Messrs. G. H. Howse, A. R. Miles and Walter Franks, each of whom replied briefly, and returned thanks for their re-election.

The place for the next meeting was then discussed it being decided, all things being favourable, to hold it at Hellingly.

The Chairman (Mr. W. D. Smith) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. L. J. Hodson for providing the sumptuous tea, and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells. He stated that great credit was due to the persons in charge of the belfry for the excellent way in which the bells were kept. He was sorry the Vicar could not attend owing to illness, and asked Mr. Hodson to convey their vote of sympathy.—Mr. G. H. Howse seconded.—Mr. Hodson, in thanking the chairman, promised to convey the vote of sympathy to the Vicar. Proceeding, he said he would like to see more young men taking up the useful hobby of bell ringing, instead of lounging about and propping up the walls. He had made a note of Mr. Stokes' remarks with regard to the roping in of towers in outlying districts, and as a member of the Ruri-decanal Council he would endeavour to bring the Association before the members of the churches not belonging to the Association, and so bring in unaffiliated towers.

The usual vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting. The ringers returned to the tower, and kept the bells going in the standard methods until about 8 p.m. Altogether it was a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 6th, at St. Mary's, for Divine service, 448 Double Norwich Major: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, E. J. Harding, junr., 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting, 5.15 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 12th. Ringing from 3. Will arrange tea. Also Hillingdon on June 9th; please let me know early for tea. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — A meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., meeting to follow. By kind permission of the Rev. A. G. Le Masurier, East Molesey bells (8) will be available from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above Association will be held at Olveston on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5, meeting to follow. — P.C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Tendring on May 12th. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers will be entertained by the Vicar of the parish.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on May 12th. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting, 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Festival will be held at Courteenhall (by kind invitation of Rev. A. Wake) on Saturday, May 12th, commencing with a service in church at 11 a.m. Ringers of neighbouring associations who wish to become unattached members will be heartily welcomed. Annual subscription 1s. 6d. — R. A. Hornsby, Acting Hon. Sec., Green's Norton, Towcester, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle (bells 6) on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. The next meeting will be held at Didsbury Parish Church on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready 3.30, meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Cars No. 42 and 45 from Piccadilly to West Didsbury, then Cheadle motor bus to Didsbury Hotel.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — A Monthly meeting will be held at Sheepshead on Saturday, May 12th (bells 8). Business meeting after tea.—J. Saddington, Hon. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Landsworth, Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers invited. A good meeting is desired.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, May 19th, being the reopening after rehanging by Mears & Stainbank.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District will hold a business meeting at St. John of Jerusalem Church, South Hackney, on May 19th. Ringing from 3.30 until 5.30. Service after; and it is hoped that tea can be arranged. Ringing will be continued afterwards until 9 o'clock. All welcome.—E. E. Holman, Hon. Sec., 98, Cassland Road, South Hackney, E.9.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Hursley (All Saints'). Augmentation to ring of 8. The new bells will be dedicated by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Guild, on Whitsun Eve, Saturday, May 19th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who inform the District Secretary on or before May 16th, Mr. W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wem, Salop, Saturday, May 19th. 2.30 ringing and prayers in belfry, 4 Peal Committee meeting in belfry, 5.15 tea at Kynaston's Tea Rooms, 1s. or 1s. 3d.; 6 meeting in Tea Rooms.—(Rev.) F. Tennison, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 19th. Bells ready from 3. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcomed.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Southwold District.—A practice meeting will be held at Southwold on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 4 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited.—F. W. Naunton, Dis. Sec., pro tem., Wrentham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Faringdon Branch.—Spring meeting at Faringdon on Saturday, May 19th. Service 4 p.m. (no address). Tea (8d. per head) 4.30 p.m. Ringing in afternoon and evening. Those intending to come please notify Rev. E. B. Lock, Faringdon Vicarage, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 44th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral with address by the Rev. W. H. Pelham, M.A., Vicar of Terling. 12.15 p.m., meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street. 1.30 p.m., lunch at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, price 2/- each. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8); no ringing permitted during service and meeting. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 15th.—C. H. Howard (Master), F. J. Pitstow, (General Secretary and Treasurer), 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Morpeth on May 21st. Committee meeting at 12 noon.

Dinner at 1 o'clock, followed by general meeting at the George & Dragon Hotel. Dinner, 2s. to members, 3s. to non-members. The Watch Tower bells are available all day. Those intending to be present at dinner please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 15th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Whit Monday, May 21st. 12.15, Service in Cathedral; Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. 1 p.m., dinner at Booth Hall, 3s. 2 p.m., business meeting, Bishop in the chair; 6 p.m., tea, 1s. Members intending to be present at dinner or tea must notify me by Tuesday, May 15th.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. General Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at Cullompton, Whit Monday, May 21st. Service at Parish Church, 12.15. Dinner, Half Moon Hotel, at 1. Tickets, 2s., to be applied for before May 12th. Meeting, 1.45. Towers open: Broad Clyst, Cullompton, Kentisbeare, Halberton, Pinhoe.—E. S. Powell, Gen. Secretary, the Vicarage, Holbeton, S.O., Devon.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandudno on Whit Monday. Service at 2.30 in Parish Church, followed immediately by meeting in Church House. Those intending to be present please advise C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bicker on Whit Monday, May 21st. Dinner at the White Swan at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Business meeting to follow. Service immediately after meeting.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, May 21st. Committee meet in St. Edmund's Vestry at 11 a.m. Service in St. Edmund's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Cinema Cafe, Market Square, at 1 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head, to all those who notify Mr. S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton, on or before Wednesday, May 16th. Bells available: St. Giles (10), St. Edmund's (8), All Saints' (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Sepulchre (8) from 10 a.m.—David J. Nichols, General Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting of this district will be held at Deal on Whit Monday, May 21st. The bells of St. Leonard's, Upper Deal (6) will be available from noon, St. Mary's, Walmer (8), from 2.30. The meeting to be held in St. Leonard's Parish Hall (by kind permission of the Rev. Bowser, Rector of Upper Deal) at 2 o'clock. Divine service at Upper Deal at 4 o'clock.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, May 21st. Management Committee meeting, 11 a.m.; service, Parish Church, 12 noon; dinner, 2s. 6d. per head, 1 p.m.; general business meeting, 2 p.m.; tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 5 p.m. Meals and meetings at Viner's Restaurant, Castle Street. Charabanc leaves Bristol Old Market Street 8.15 a.m., fare 8s. For the few seats that are left apply to Mr. P. C. Williams or to Edgar Guise, General Hon. Sec., 30, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, May 21st. Bells of the Parish Church (8), tenor 17 cwt., are available for ringing all day. Service in the Parish Church at 1 p.m. All members and friends are invited to attend. The address will be given by the Vicar of Thirsk. Lunch will be provided at the Three Tuns Hotel at 2 p.m.; members 2/6, non-members 4/-; those intending to be at lunch must notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, May 15th.—T. Metcalfe, Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 22nd; and *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting will be held at Bingham (8 bells) on May 26th. The Rev. H. R. M. Hutt will kindly entertain all ringers attending this meeting. Will those members intending to be present please advise local secretary, who will arrange party, if 12 or more, to travel by 2.20 train, Victoria Station, 1s. 1d. return fare, not later than first post May 24th? — F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Glinton on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Those intending to be present please let me know early. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Hawley (Blackwater) on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Parish Room, to be followed by the business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The peal of eight at Gravesend have been recast by Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough, and will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Rochester on Wednesday evening, May 30th, at 6 p.m., when all ringers will be welcomed.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Pulham Market on Saturday, June 2nd, at which the president will preside. By kind permission of the Rectors (the Ven. A. R. Buckland and the Rev. E. W. Field) the rings of eight bells of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Mary the Virgin will be available. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m. at the School Room. Tickets 2s. each, followed by the general business meeting. Members intending to be present at the luncheon must notify the same to Mr. F. R. Borrett, Pulham Market, not later than Tuesday, May 29th. Important business will be transacted concerning the affairs of the St. Edmunds-

bury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch of the Association. It is hoped that members from both branches will be well represented on that occasion. — Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Guild service in church at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting. A tea will be provided for those only who notify the secretary by first post Tuesday, May 29th, latest. Subscriptions for 1923 now due.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

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