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FEWER PEALS.

The most noticeable feature of the Peals Analyses for the year 1933, which we publish to-day, is the falling off in the number of peals compared with the previous year and indeed with several preceding years. The total of 1,833 is the lowest since 1927. Except in Maximus, which showed a slight increase, there was a decline last year in the peals on every number of bells, the only other slightly compensating feature being eight more hand-bell peals than in 1932. It is only possible to speculate as to the causes of the falling off. There may be several reasons; the most likely, perhaps, being fewer peal attempts. In some districts there has been an enforced curtailment of peal ringing through the reluctance of some of the clergy to grant permission for peal ringing. While it is a fact that in a few instances ringers may have themselves to blame for this by overdoing it when there have been no restrictions, it is certainly a great discouragement to ringing when peals are absolutely debarred. As the public are concerned when the bells are rung, because all within earshot are compelled to be listeners, there is some justification for a reasonable restriction, particularly in populous areas, but we believe a great deal too much attention is paid by some clergy to the complaints of a few individuals—usually persistent grumblers—who may dislike bells and lose no opportunity of making the parson's life uncomfortable when the bells are rung for any length of time. As a result the clergyman takes what seems to him the easiest way out and stops peal ringing altogether. We do not think that any ringers would desire to be a nuisance to the neighbours, but they have a legitimate claim to exercise their art in return for the voluntary service which they give to the Church and in order to keep up the standard of that service.

There may be, and probably are, other causes for the drop in the peals last year; one being that in the past an interest in this phase of ringers' activities has not been sufficiently maintained by bringing new blood into peal ringing, as shown in the previous year by the big drop in 'first pealers,' coupled with which it may be that some who previously were among regular peal ringers slackened in their keenness. Were it not such a gigantic task to get out the statistics, it would be interesting to know each year exactly how many ringers there were who took part in peals. This would be the real indication as to whether peals were growing or waning in popularity. The fact that more or less peals are rung in any one year does not in itself indicate that more or fewer ringers are taking part or are interested in this particular side of ringing, but some proof that peal ringing was

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shared by a larger number of ringers would be a very encouraging sign.

Out of the comparisons which are possible from the Analysis tables there is one thing which should be a matter of gratification, and it is that the percentage of peals in one method of Doubles, while still far too high, has dropped from about 65 per cent. in 1932 to 63 per cent. in 1933, and the number of peals of Minor in less than seven methods has fallen from about 73 to 62 per cent. Both in this and other respects the standard of peal ringing is, we believe, on the up-grade, and, if there were not so many different Surprise methods rung last year as the previous year, there were sufficient to indicate that there is still a spirit of enterprise being manifested among the advanced ringers. But, as we have so often urged before, there is plenty of scope for peal ringers of all grades to extend their repertoire. The analysis will be studied with interest by most ringers, and they will find it doubly interesting if they will put that for the previous year alongside of it. The work which is involved in producing the information in the table is prodigious, and the committee, whose labours are constant and exacting throughout the year, deserve the thanks as well as earning the gratitude, of the Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

HARRY MILES Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	*JOHN P. FELLOW 8
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS 3	*GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 9
SAMUEL HOONSLOW 4	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT 10
RICHARD A. POST 5	GORDON CAUDWELL 11
WILLIAM BLAKE 6	RICHARD WHITE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE
* First peal on twelve bells. Rung to celebrate the bi-centenary year of the above society.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

*REGINALD THRIFT Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 6
*LESLIE J. CLARK 2	*HERBERT DEVENISH 7
HENRY W. KIRTON 3	*JOHN REDGWELL 8
*HARRY ALLEN 4	JOHN WOOD 9
*SYDNEY TAYLOR 5	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

* First peal of Royal. William Lincoln's 250th peal. All ringers in this peal belong to the Sunday service band.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6057 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN Treble	†ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. 6
*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
JOHN GOODMAN 3	FRANK G. BURLEIGH 8
CHARLES W. COOPER 4	HENRY GOODMAN 9
HERBERT SHEPPARD 5	GILBERT CUEST Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters inside.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Boniface.
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
JOHN GRIFFITHS... .. 3	ROLAND PARK 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	†PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
* 500th peal. † 50th peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, March 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY Treble	WALTER LINTER 5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
ERNEST W. WHITEMAN 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal by R. C. H. Connolly, for whom it was especially arranged.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MISS MAGGIE J. JOHNSON Treble	†J. WILLIAM HEATH 5
JOHN HALL 2	†RALPH HARRIS 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 7
ARTHUR J. MASTERS 4	†MRS. RALPH HARRIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman Triples.
First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Miss M. J. Johnson on her 21st birthday.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
MISS MARGARET PACK 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition contains 2,944 of London, 608 of Bristol, and 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge, the two latter being rung in alternate courses. The ringer of the 3rd is only 17 years of age and is the youngest lady to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of Immanuel,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	FRED HINDLE 5
NORMAN BROWN 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 6
ISAAC WHALLEY 3	FRED READ 7
GEORGE JACKSON 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Arranged for Mr. G. JACKSON, of Southport, and was his first attempt for a peal.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

DAVID WHITING Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 7
WILLIAM STEGGALL 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This band represents seven towns and villages in Norfolk and Suffolk. This composition in 25 courses, with the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6, is the first to be rung in the county with a bob behind.

GORING-ON-THAMES.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas-A-Becket,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT Treble	GEORGE ESSEX 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	PERCY J. DYKE 6
STANLEY C. DAVIS 3	HARRY W. SMITH 7
GEORGE W. SIMMONDS 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM HIBBERT

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR GILL Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	ALBERT NASH 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 3	JOHN H. SYKES 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by A. NASH.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. Treble	WILLIAM DICKINSON 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	LAWRENCE CHADBURN 6
WILLIAM STIRLAND 3	THOMAS STORER 7
FRANK BRADLEY 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER Tenor

Composed by G. HAWKINS. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Thornley, sen.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

*ALBERT L. DIXEY Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL 5
*THOMAS BIRD 2	†MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 6
*CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	FRANK CLAYDON 7
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
50th peal together by the 4th and tenor ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Hilda Snowden, also to Mr. P. Curling, second son of Canon Curling, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Halstead.

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STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE ABLITT Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 5
KEITH W. WHITTLE 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
ERNEST F. POPPY 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
SHELFORD SPARROW 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

ALBERT D. COLLINS Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 5
WILLIAM FISHER 2	THOMAS J. ELTON 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 4	BERT HORTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. WALLATER.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to A. D. Collins, and his first peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to Father A. Dru. Drury, C.R., of Mirfield, Yorks, who is conducting the Lenten services during Holy Week.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FORD END, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true extents called differently.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

HENRY BOWELL Treble	*OLIVER J. LONGLEY 4
*LESLIE AINGER 2	*HENRY WAIN 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	HENRY BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells. The conductor has now called peals of Surprise on the lightest and heaviest peals of six bells in the county.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK OLLIER Treble	ARTHUR JERVIS 4
REGINALD W. WORRALL 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
KENNETH E. BIRTLES 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

J. GEOFFREY GBARY Treble	†HENRY FAULKNER 4
*GEORGE WALKER 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
A. NORMAN GBARY 3	RONALD H. DOVE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

BEENHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Treble	HERBERT W. BISHOP 4
*JOHN BUTLER 2	REGINALD W. REX 5
†EDWARD W. RICHARDSON ... 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Arranged to enable the conductor to score a peal in his 'native' tower, and rung as a birthday compliment to E. W. Richardson.

HANDBELL PEALS.

COLCHESTER.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At 29, BELLE VIEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 1-2	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 5-6
WILLIAM CHALK 3-4	WILLIAM DENT 7-8

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor. This is the first peal on handbells to be rung by a Colchester hand.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

In St. Margaret's Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5079 CHANGES;

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
PERCY L. HARRISON 3-4	*FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

* First peal on 'inside' pair

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Friday, March 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

At FRODINGHAM, 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's ORIGINAL.

HARRY R. PASMORE 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire—J. S. HAWKINS.

This peal was arranged by Mr. W. T. Cockerill to enable Mr. C. F. Winney, with a 'correct band,' to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the latter calling the same composition on March 21st, 1884, when Messrs. Cox and Tucker were umpires. Both the peals were rung at the second attempt.

THE PEAL AT DUDLEY.

The peal at Dudley on Saturday, recorded elsewhere in this issue, was rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. W. Green, also as a compliment to Mr. B. Gough and Miss M. Sheppard, daughter of the ringer of 5th. and to the Vicar of Dudley on his appointment as Archdeacon of Dudley. Mr. Green has now 'circled' this tower, and the conductor has 'circled' it six times.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENTS.

At the Church of St. George, Wrotham, Kent, on Saturday, Feb. 24th, in an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, the bells were brought round at half-way (2,528 changes) owing to a shift course: *H. Blackett 1, J. E. Lyddiard 2, F. Woolway 3, *R. Vigor 4, A. S. Richards 5, G. Butcher 6, E. J. Beer 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. * Longest length. First touch of Major by ringer of 3rd, to whom credit is due. Rung as a birthday compliment to the local captain, Mr. R. G. Rayfield, with many thanks to him and the Vicar for the use of the bells.

On Sunday, February 25th, for evensong at Kingston Seymour, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10 callings), 1,260 changes: E. C. S. Baker 1, Miss E. K. Matthews 2, E. R. Norton 3, H. A. Price (conductor) 4, Albert Harris (first quarter-peal) 5, H. W. Price 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Norton to celebrate the birth of their son on the previous Sunday.

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BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

A peal of Bristol Surprise Royal being now an accomplished fact—it was rung at Beddington on February 19th—it will no doubt interest many of the present-day ringers to learn that the late Mr. Arthur Craven was the first to publish the method in 'The Ringing World' on March 3rd, 1922.

The method was challenged the same year by Mr. York Bramble and by the Rev. E. B. James, the author of Bristol Surprise Major, because the lead-head was different from the Major, but it is safe to say that neither of these gentlemen at that time realised that a method when extended to the higher numbers does not necessarily have the same lead-head.

Mr. Arthur Craven was one of the first to realise this, and his method 'Ipswich Surprise,' with the fifth the pivot throughout, is a good illustration of this fact.

I, myself, during 1922 canvassed all the well-known composers of that time as to whether a certain plain single method of Royal and Maximus were one and the same method, pointing out, if they agreed, that there was no doubt about the Major because 9-0 were the only bells left out of the placemaking, and I wound up by asking, 'Is there a Minor to this method?'

Of the 23 composers written to 15 agreed with me that there was a Minor method, and that the Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus were all one method.

Two agreed as to Major, Royal and Maximus being the same method, but were doubtful about the Minor.

One called them Oxford extensions.

One said they were all different methods!

One preferred not to give an opinion.

Three did not reply to my letters.

The plain single method which was the object of the canvass had the following lead-heads:—

Minor	135264
Major	17856342
Royal	1089674523
Maximus	10866492735

The plain single method can be doubled, and the lead-heads then are:—

Minor	156342
Major	14263857
Royal	1352749608
Maximus	179563120486

To this double method, if the Treble Bob hunt is applied and the same essential moves used as in the plain method, together with the subsidiary moves necessary because of the Treble Bob hunt, we obtain a Surprise method that will extend to Infinity with a different lead-head for every pair of bells added, and, seeing that the Major

of this method is 'Bristol Surprise,' there can be no possible doubt that the method is one and the same from Minor to Infinity.

Following is a lead of the method together with the peal composition rung at Beddington:—

'BRISTOL' SURPRISE ROYAL.

1234567890
2143658709
1234685079
2143860597
2413885079
4231658709
2413567890
4231578980
2435179808
2345716980
3254179608
2345718068
3254791086
3527490168
5372941086
5739240168
7593420618
5739246081
5372940618
3527496081
3254769801
2345678910
2436579801
4263758910
2436578190
2345671809
3254768190
3527481809
5372416890
3527146980
5372419608
5732146980
7531249608
5713294068
7531920486
5713902846
5173098264
1537902846
5173920486
1537294068

1352749608
8th's place Bob.

THE PEAL.

5,040 BY F. E. DARBY.
23456 3 4 5
35264 — —
52364 — —
23564 — —
56234 — —
62534 — —
25634 — —
52436 — —
24536 — —
53246 — —
32546 — —
25346 — —
34256 — —
42356 — —
23456 — —

YOXFORD SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

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12537486
21357846
23158764
32517846
32158764
23517846
32571486
35274168
53721486
57324168
75342618
57436281
54763218
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42631587
24365178
23461587
32418857
23148675
23416857
32148875
31246857
13426587
31245678
13254768
13527486

23456 W. M. H.

42356 — —
35426 — —
43528 — —
52436 — —
42635 — —
56234 — —
25634 — —
63254 — —
26354 — —
32654 — —
63425 — —
54326 — —
32546 — —
65324 — —
36524 — —
53624 — —
62534 — —
45236 — —
24536 — —
53246 — —
25346 — —
34256 — —
23456 — —

This composition (5,152) has the 4th and 5th the extent in 6th's place. The first peal in this method was rung at Helmingham on February 9th, 1934, conducted by L. G. Brett.

Bob.

12357486

PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The interesting peal of Treble Bob Royal, by Mr. Nolan Golden, published in your issue of March 16th, may be the first exact 5,000 rung with these qualities. I composed the two following peals containing the same qualities in 1918. The 5,080 was rung at Sheffield Cathedral on December 26th, 1927, conducted by the author:—

5,080. (No. 275.)
23456 M. W. H.

54326 2 2
53246 1 2
36245 1 2
32465 1 2
23564 2 2
25634 1 2
52436 2 2
26435 1 2
32654 2 2
23456 2 2

5,000. (No. 276.)
23456 M. W. H.

54326 2 2
42356 2
26354 2 * 1 2
23564 1 2
26435 2 1 1
24365 1 2
23645 1 2
32546 2 2
45236 2 2
23456 1 1

* In and 5ths.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Chesterfield.

A DERBYSHIRE PEAL REHUNG.**PARISHIONERS' READY RESPONSE AT SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL.**

The six bells at St. Michael's Church, Sutton-on-the-Hill, Derbyshire, have recently been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who cast the bells over forty years ago.

A thanksgiving service was held on Wednesday evening, March 21st, when the preacher was the Rev. W. S. Penley, R.D., Rector of Boyeston.

After the service the local ringers, assisted by visiting ringers from Tutbury and Mr. R. H. Dove, representative of the bell founders, tried the bells, which are now a very smooth-running peal.

The bell frame has been secured and the Eliacombe chiming apparatus overhauled, and the parishioners of this small village deserve congratulations on having subscribed by 'straight giving' the whole amount required within two months.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—One sentence in your article on page 188 this week stresses a point I have on more than one occasion endeavoured to make, especially so at the last Council meeting. I refer to the sentence, 'If they were true in 1928, they cannot be false in 1934.' Exactly so, and if they are false in 1934 they cannot have been true in 1928, or at any other time. Therefore, whatever we say or do in this matter of falseness must have a retrospective effect. The president stated at the last Council meeting that members were legislating for the future. I respectfully submit that in this matter of falseness of certain compositions there can be no such course—if they are now false they were never otherwise. I am very glad to know you support me in this contention.

What do we do when we find a peal composition to be false? We at once withdraw it from records when it has already been rung, and we also do our best to ensure that it is not rung again. This is done without hesitation with false compositions of Triples, Major, etc., and why a different course should be adopted with Doubles and Minor I am at a loss to understand.

Now it is obvious that truth, in the sense that each of the 5,040 rows in a peal of Minor must be different, is an impossibility. (The same applies to Doubles.) The truth of this class of peal has, at any rate up to recent years, been decided by the truth of each of the several units of 720 that go to make up the whole. Thus a '5,040' of Minor, where each '720' has been 'true and complete' in itself, has been recognised as a true peal.

For the purposes of the case I now put forward I do not propose to go into any of the reasons why this practice has in some instances been departed from. The fact remains that peals of Minor have been rung, and are still being rung, which do not contain seven true and complete extents, but contain the 720 rows each the same number of times, in the whole peal. In other words, truth in the sense of there being no repetition of rows in the whole peal being an impossibility, it is claimed that any way of producing the exact equivalent in rows to the rows contained in seven true and complete extents is admissible as a peal. (This also applies to Doubles.) There are, unfortunately for the prospects of a settlement of this controversy, many different schools of thought on the question. I will divide them into groups, as follows:—

1. Those who insist that peals of Minor should contain at least seven true and complete 720's, any departure from this being considered as falseness.
2. Those who say that the initial row of rounds is admissible as a change, and that therefore the Bankes James Cambridge and similar compositions contain seven true blocks of 720 rows each, any departure from this (or No. 1) being considered as falseness.
3. Those who say that any combination of 5,040 rows would constitute a true peal, provided that each of the 720 rows appeared seven times.
4. Those who object to any departure from the 'seven true and complete' principle (No. 1), but who admit that compositions as in Nos. 2 and 3 are not necessarily false. (This group might be subdivided, some ringers only objecting to No. 3.)
5. Those who object to 5,040 rows of Minor or Doubles being claimed as a peal under any circumstances, on the ground that repetition must occur.

To show the difficulties in the way of a settlement I will instance my own troubles in putting forward the claims of Group 3. I not only find Groups 1 and 2 against me, but Group 4 as well. Generally, too, a ringer in Group 5 ranges himself on the side of Group 1, and thus I find myself in a minority, although the opposition is by no means unanimous on anything except that it does not want what I am prepared to accept as a peal.

I therefore suggest that, as the first step towards a settlement, the Council should decide definitely whether, in its opinion, any departure from the 'seven true and complete' rule in peals of Minor or '42 true and complete' in peals of Doubles, necessarily violates truth.

If the Council decides that any departure must under any circumstances mean falseness, the Exercise should face up to the consequences of having some hundreds of peals already rung being condemned as false. There is no virtue in denouncing certain compositions as false, as so many members of the Council have done, when at the same time they vote for the adoption of the peals analysis containing numbers of those peals. Nor is there any virtue in members asking the Council to declare peals to be false when numbers of these peals remain in records of the societies those members represent.

Let the Council therefore clear up this matter of truth and falseness in peals of Minor and Doubles, and I, as a Council representative, am quite prepared to agree to any definition which will exclude such compositions as six and five-bell ringers show they do not want. But I strongly object to a peal being condemned as false when it contains exactly the same rows, exactly the same number of times, as a peal rung under the existing definitions. It has never been explained why rounds should be singled out as the only row in a 5,040 of Minor which must be 720 rows apart. To be logical, those who make that claim should insist on all the rows being an equal number of rows apart, and thus make it impossible to ring a true peal of Minor unless each 'extent' is called alike.

C. T. COLES.

A BELLRINGING NOVEL.

TREBLE BOB AS CLUE TO MYSTERY.

'The Nine Tailors,' a novel by Miss Dorothy L. Sayers, to which we have previously referred in these columns, continues to be one of this season's 'best sellers.' It is a detective story which grips the reader from beginning to end, and is especially interesting to ringers from the fact that bellringing plays no small part in the mystery.

As those who read Miss Sayers' letter in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' will know, she made a patient study of 'Troyte' in order to get a first hand knowledge of the art, and she has adopted the novel plan of using ringing expressions for her chapter headings. Moreover, each part of the story has a ringing title. For instance, Part I. is called 'A short touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (two courses),' and this is followed by a 704 in the method copied from 'Troyte,' thus:—

704
By the Course Ends
64352
23456

8th the Observation.

Call her in the middle with a double,
before, wrong and home.

Repeat once.

Then comes 'The First Course,' 'The Bells are Rung Up,' 'The Second Course,' and 'The Bells in their Courses.' And thus the story is carried on. The second part is 'A full peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part Peal),' dealt with in similar fashion with such unusual chapters as 'Mr. Gotobed is called Wrong with a Double,' 'Lord Peter is called into the Hunt,' 'Lord Peter is taken from lead and makes third's place,' and so on.

The third part of the story is 'A short touch of Stedman Triples (five parts),' including 'The Quick Work,' 'The Slow Work,' 'The Dodging,' etc. 'A full peal of Kent Treble Bob Major,' in the introduction to which J. Wilde's 5,376 is given, brings the story to a close, and 'The Bells are Rung Down' on the elucidation of the mystery by Lord Peter Wimsey.

Miss Sayers had a dual aim in writing this book—to produce a good detective story, which she has done with the touch of a master, and to make more widely known to the general public some of the fascinations of change ringing. 'From time to time,' she says in her 'Foreword,' 'complaints are made about the ringing of church bells. It seems strange that a generation which tolerates the uproar of the internal combustion engine and the wailing of the jazz band should be so sensitive to the one loud noise that is made to the glory of God. England, alone in the world, has perfected the art of change ringing and the true ringing of bells by rope and wheel, and will not lightly surrender her unique heritage.'

Of the ringer she says, in describing his earnestness and enthusiasm in one part of the story, 'His passion—and it is a passion—finds its satisfaction in mathematical completeness and mechanical perfection, and as his bell weaves her way rhythmically up from lead to hinder place and down again, he is filled with the solemn intoxication that comes of intricate ritual faultlessly performed.'

The character sketches of the old country ringers will recall to readers many such specimens of their type in the course of their experiences, and except for the incident of the beer-drinking in the belfry—which has long been a thing of the past—ringers owe a debt of gratitude to Miss Sayers for introducing their art to the public in a new way.

The mystery of the story surrounds the theft of an emerald necklace and the discovery of an unidentifiable body in a newly opened grave. How one of the ringers was suspected of murder, how a cryptic message constructed in a diagram of Treble Bob led to the discovery of the jewels, and how the cause of the unknown's death was elucidated and his identification established, we leave our readers to find for themselves from the story.

'The Nine Tailors' is published at 7s. 6d. by Messrs. Victor Gollancz, Ltd.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN 720.

At Rock Ferry, Cheshire, on March 15th, 720 London Surprise: Miss D. I. Leatham 1, Miss E. M. Cooke 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, F. T. Parry 4, W. H. Parry 4, A. K. Leatham (conductor) 6. The band consisted of two sisters, two brothers and brother and sister, whose aver-

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**STEP TO ENCOURAGE 'FIRST PEALERS.'**

'None of our band have rung a peal, and none of them want to.' This was the reply from one tower to a letter from the hon. secretary of Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, inquiring whether there were any members of the band who had not rung a peal but who wished to do so.

A report was made to the district meeting at Sherborne on Saturday week of the results of the district secretary's canvass of the towers to ascertain if there were any ringers in the district who, not having yet rung a peal, had ambitions in that direction. It was found that where there was sufficient interest to desire to ring a peal it was chiefly in those bands who were anxious to achieve the laudable ambition of scoring a 'local peal.' Others who expressed a desire for a peal found a ready response among the members to accommodate them, and in due time it is hoped to add a number of 'first pealers' to the Guild's records.

The meeting was a very successful one, and was attended by about 40 members of the district and neighbouring towers. The Rector (Rev. Sir Paget Bowman) conducted the Guild's service and gave an address, but having only recently recovered from an illness was unable to be present at the tea. He was cordially thanked by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), who presided, for his kindness.

Sherborne has a numerous band of ringers. Two of them were elected members of the Guild, and others, who had lapsed, rejoined. The ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise, and was chiefly, as it should be, in the interests of those who wished to practise a higher method.

A LADY'S 200 PEALS.

Mrs. Harry Baker, of Frittenden, Kent, recently rang her 200th peal, and shortly afterwards she and her husband rang their 200th peal together. She is the first Kent lady to reach this total, and is heartily to be congratulated upon her achievement. Always a safe ringer and good striker, she is a real enthusiast. Most of her journeys have been made by bicycle, and, wet or fine, she can always be relied upon. The following is the list of her first 200 peals:—

Grandsire Doubles 2, Bob Minor 1, four Minor methods 1, seven Minor methods 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor 2, Grandsire Triples 47, Stedman Triples 29, Bob Major 20, Kent Treble Bob Major 39, Oxford Treble Bob Major 6, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 31, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Spliced Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Major 1, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Spliced Bob Major and Grandsire Triples 1, Grandsire Caters 3, Erin Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 7, Canterbury Pleasure Royal 1, Bob Royal 1; total, 200.

FIRST QUARTER PEALS.

BASINGSTOKE.—At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung for evening service on Sunday, March 11th: H. Munday (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Wilson 2, F. A. Munday 3, G. W. Munday 4, H. Balaam 5, E. Austin 6, H. Wooding (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. B. Woodley 8.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday evening, March 11th, at the Parish Church, 1,248 Painswick Surprise Major: *W. Birmingham 1, *G. H. Gutteridge 2, A. R. Pink 3, W. Welling 4, J. S. Goldsmith 5, G. Gilbert 6, *H. Wingrove 7, E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 8. * First touch in the method.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Harry Adams 1, W. Baggett 2, Herbert Adams 3, F. W. Britchett (conductor) 4, G. Cuss 5, F. Darvill 6. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor, and first 'inside' the ringer of the third.

BENEDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. George's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Ballard 1, W. H. Lambert 2, A. Stevenson (conductor) 3, H. Pope 4, A. Avery 5, G. Simms 6. First quarter for ringers of treble, 4th and 5th.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—At the Parish Church for evensong on March 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): R. H. Moore 1, B. D. Elliott 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, H. Furlonger 4, G. Ayliffe 5, H. Smithers 6, F. Bowden (conductor) 7, J. H. B. Hesse 8. R. H. Moore's first quarter-peal, and first quarter-peal of Bob Major recorded by the local band.

PULBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. D. W. Atfield (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Ryman 2, C. S. Greenfield 3, F. Paige 4, H. O. Greenfield 5, A. Holden 6, A. C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, F. J. Killick 8. Arranged for F. Paige, late of Sevenoaks, Kent.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday, Mar. 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise (1,280 changes): B. Copping 1, G. Dent 2, L. Cordell 3, W. Wedlock 4, W. Morris 5, J. Cavill 6, H. Smale 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1 and 4.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Wednesday, Feb. 28th, for a Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles by the Oxhey Society: *F. Steward 1, *P. Bishop 2, E. Bowley 3, J. Bowley 4, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 5, R. Goldsney 6. * First quarter-peal in the method.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Badger 1, T. Ferris 2, T. Brice 3, Ferris 4, H. W. Knight 5, L. Derrick (first quarter-peal) 6, N. Coombs (conductor) 7, T. Gunning 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There seems to be little liking for 'odd-bell' methods in Norfolk. Last year there was not, out of the 73 peals recorded, a single peal of Doubles, Triples, Caters or Cinques rung by the Norwich Diocesan Association, and we believe it is some years since a peal of Triples, Caters or Cinques was rung in the county.

Peal-ringing history in Norfolk since the association was formed fifty-seven years ago seems to have been mainly in 'even bell' methods. Out of a total of 4,566 peals rung by the association, all but 702, or about 85 per cent., have consisted of Minor, Major, Royal or Maximus. And many of the 'odd-bell' peals were not rung in Norfolk but in Suffolk when that county was in the Norwich diocese.

The comparison between the 'even' and 'odd-bell' peals is not uninteresting. On 12 bells, Maximus 90, Cinques 47; on 10 bells, Royal 140, Caters 88; on eight bells, Major 2,608, Triples 399; on six bells, Minor 1,026, Doubles 163.

At a meeting held near Leeds, on Saturday last, various questions were asked with regard to 'Tom.' Now Tom is a mighty Smith from the Bradford area, and he has been missing from these meetings for some time without leave. He is now asked to attend the next meeting and explain his conduct.

Fifty years ago, on March 21st, 1884, Mr. C. F. Winney called Holt's Original 'double-handed.' He celebrated the jubilee last Friday by repeating the performance. For any other 'youth' of 76 this would be no mean achievement, but Mr. Winney just takes these things in his stride. There are many of us who hope we shall have memories as good and brains as alert when we have passed the three-quarter century mark.

The oldest active member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, if not the oldest active ringer in the country, Mr. Henry Coombes, of 25, Swanmore Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, celebrated his 91st birthday on Wednesday. He will have the good wishes of every member of the Exercise.

Mr. Coombes has been a ringer at All Saints' Church, Ryde, since 1886, when the bells were dedicated, and still rings for service.

The peal list of Edwin A. Barnett, published last week, should have shown ten peals of Double Norwich, instead of one as printed.

The composition of the peal of Bob Major rung at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on March 15th, has been found to be by the late Rev. J. Holme-Pilkington and not by the conductor.

WOODBIDGE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While these bells were being rehung, I was asked by some of the church authorities to write a letter to the 'Woodbridge Reporter' about them. I did so, and the letter was approved by everyone. The 'East Anglian Daily Times,' however, copied it, but one sentence was not printed as it appeared in the 'Woodbridge Reporter.' This sentence, in its wrong form, misled you, as well as your anonymous correspondent. I wrote a second letter to the 'East Anglian Daily Times' giving the correct explanation of what I had actually written. Your correspondent says that he knew of this, but was quite satisfied with what was wrong. He seems to think also that he is reliable. Fortunately a letter appears just under his, explaining that a ring which he had twice assured us has never been recast, was recast in 1913.

If 'Old Ringer' had been at the enthusiastic meeting at Woodbridge on March 17th, perhaps his unreasoning jealousy of Woodbridge's good fortune would have been wiped out.

So far the only eight-bell rings, all the bells cast at one time and none recast since, earlier than 1799, appear to be at Thetford, Norfolk, and the unringable peal at Merton College.

Woodbridge.

HERBERT DRAKE.

L.C.A. AND SURREY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As secretary of the London County Association, statements that have appeared in 'The Ringing World' with regard to the difficulties of the Surrey Association are naturally causing a certain amount of interest to me. It is a pity that a member of the Surrey Association should make such a rash statement of his opinions without first securing any sound evidence.

Of course it is a common experience in these days of soaking fresh fields even if such advances may crush one's neighbours, but such actions seem to me hardly in keeping with principles that should be maintained in church work. Here again comes the question, Are we working in brotherly harmony for the causes of the Church, or are we simply out for our own personal pleasures?

Our name in connection with the Southwark Diocese was conferred upon us by the late Bishop of Southwark, whilst the present Bishop of Southwark has also stated that it is his pleasure to be our patron.

Finally, I would add that the 'L.C.A.' is an extremely happy one, and does not seek fresh fields at the expense of others, but whilst quite willing to work in conjunction with other societies will undoubtedly strenuously defend its own interests.

CHAS. O. MOORE.

67, Canonbie Road, Honor Oak.

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

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

Associations.	MINOR											Total	DOUBLES.							Total	Grand Total of Peals
	Number of Methods.												Number of Methods.								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 to 38	1		2	3	4	5	6	7			
Anc. Sec. Coll. Y.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1a	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Barnsley and Dist.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Bath and Wells	3	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	10	17	17
Bedfordshire	—	1	—	1	—	1	12	—	—	—	16	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	8	19	19
Chester Diocesan	5	3	2	1	1	1	4	—	6b	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	24	24
Cleveland & N. Y.	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Devonshire Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	4	4	4
Dur. and Newc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2a	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	13	13
E. Derbys. & N'ts.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Ely Diocesan	7	2	3	3	1	—	—	2	—	18	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	19	19
Essex Association	6	1	6	4	3	2	4	—	—	28	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	3	3	29	29
Glos. & Bristol	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	9	12	12	12
Hereford Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	20	1	1	—	—	—	—	22	23	23	23
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1f	8	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	6	14	14	14
Kent County	10	1	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	16	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	6	21	21	21
Lancashire	6	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	16	16	16
Lincoln Diocesan	4	—	2	3	2	—	16	4c	31	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	33	33	33
Llandaff & Mon.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	4	4
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Midland Counties	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	10	5	1	—	1	—	—	—	7	17	17	17
North Notts.	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	3
North Staffs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	4
Norwich Diocesan	5	1	2	3	3	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	14	14
Oxford Diocesan	9	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	16	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	8	24	24	24
Peterborough Dio.	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	7	1g	11	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	9	20	20	20
St. Martin's Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Salisbury Dio.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	4	—	—	—	2	—	—	12	18	18	18
Shropshire Assoc.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Soc. Roy. Cam. Y.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Stafford Arch.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2
Suffolk Guild	4	—	3	1	1	—	4	—	13	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	17	17	17
Surrey Assoc.	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	3
Sussex County	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	3	3
Tauro Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2
Warwickshire	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	6
Winch. & P'm'h.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2
Worcestershire	—	2	—	—	—	1	11	—	14	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	15	15	15
Yorkshire Assoc.	1	—	—	—	—	—	7	1d	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	10	10	10
Non-Association	2	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	6	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	10	10	10
TOTAL	88	16	35	26	17	5	99	17	303	77	26	10	4	3	2	—	—	122	425	425	425

(a) 14 methods. (b) one in 15 methods, one in 25 methods, two in 30 methods, one in 35 methods, one in 38 methods. (c) one in 8 methods, one in 10 methods, one in 12 methods, one in 14 methods. (d) one in 16 methods. (e) one in 8 methods, one in 9 methods. (f) one in 9 methods. (g) one in 10 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Associations.	Plain Bob Maximus	ROYAL		CATERS		MAJOR		TRIPLES		MINOR		DOUBLES		TOTAL				
		Stedman Cinques		Treble Bob		Plain Bob		Stedman		Grandsire		Treble Bob						
		Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Cambridge Sur.	Treble Bob	D'ble Norwich C.B.	Spliced D.N. & P.B.	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	1 Method		8 Methods	7 Methods		
Ancient Soc. Col. Y. ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2				
Bath and Wells ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				
Bedfordshire ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Cambridge Univ. Gld.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1a	1	2	1	2	1	1	4				
Chester Diocesan ...	1	1	1a	1	1	1	1a	1	1	1	1	1	1	5				
Durham & Newcastle ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Essex Association ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	7b	1	7	1	1	1	1	15				
Guildford Diocesan ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	6				
Hereford Diocesan ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Hertford County ...	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	10				
Kent County ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	1				
Lancashire Associat'n ...	1	1	1	1	1	1b	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	4				
Lincoln Diocesan ...	1	1	1	1	1	1b	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1				
Middlesex County ...	1	1	1	1	1	1b	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2				
Midland Counties ...	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				
Norwich Diocesan ...	1	1	1	1	1	1a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Oxford Diocesan ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
St. Martin's Guild ...	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				
Soc. Roy. Cam. Yths. ...	1	1	1b	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Suffolk Guild ...	1	1	1	1	1	1b	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2				
Yorkshire Assoc. ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
TOTAL	1	8	2	1	8	3	2	13	3	1	30	5	11	3	1	1	6	90

(a) Oxford. (b) Kent. (c) one in 1 method, one in 4 methods, (d) 3 methods. (e) 1 method.

'THOSE TIRESOME PEOPLE—DEFAULTERS.'

NORWICH ASSOCIATION DISTRICT SECRETARY'S APPEAL.

In the fifty-sixth annual report of the Norwich Diocesan Association, issued in anticipation of next Monday's meeting, Mr. F. Nolan Golden, reporting on the South Norfolk Branch, of which he is the hon. secretary, makes some trenchant comments. The branch, he says, has little to report. No long peals appear in the records, nor have any outstanding peals been rung except, perhaps, the Little Albion Treble Bob Major by Pulham ringers and Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major at Hethersett, both being first peals by the association. But as far as can be ascertained, he says, Sunday service ringing has been well maintained throughout the area, and the branch secretary notes with pleasure the progress of certain bands and a keen interest by a number of beginners. The attendances at the district meetings have been encouraging, but it is felt there are many members who might profit from the opportunities given for them by these meetings.

Then the branch secretary offers some candid, but, doubtless, needed advice.

'We have,' he says, 'several defaulters—those tiresome people who neglect to pay their subscriptions till the very last moment, causing a certain loss of hair and several tones of greyiness by the general secretary and treasurer, and myself, besides delaying the publication of the annual report. . . . I commend the following to all members of the association, including myself:—

1. To read the rules and carry them out.
2. To attend as many meetings as possible.
3. To look up at least two fresh members during the year.
4. To take part in twice as many peal attempts.
5. To remember bells are less a nuisance when rung with a definite interval between each blow. Some peals, we know, when struck indiscriminately, sound like the explosion of a shipload of corrugated iron pails.
6. To be regular and punctual in meeting for Sunday service ringing.

'It seems to me,' adds the branch secretary, 'that all these points need our earnest consideration and remedial action where necessary.' He concludes upon a happy note by referring again to the wonderful spirit of camaraderie throughout the bellfries, and expressing keen appreciation of the good-fellowship of all ringers.

An appeal to the less advanced members to attend the district meetings is also made in the North Norfolk Branch report by the branch secretary (Mr. W. B. Duncan). He says the standard of ringing was greatly improved owing to more of the advanced members attending the meetings than in the past. The difficulty in the district is to fix meetings at suitable towers for train and bus services, but members, especially the less advanced, should make every effort to attend the meetings in their district, as they should remember the gatherings are primarily arranged for them.

The hon. secretary of the East Norfolk Branch, Mr. J. G. W. Harward, also comments on the difficulties of members attending inland meetings owing to the geographical position of the branch.

In the West Norfolk Branch the average attendance at the quarterly meetings was 25. The hon. secretary (Mr. W. J. Eldred) points out that there are 81 members in the branch, and at first thought this attendance does not seem a very high average, but on the one hand many of the members are unable to leave their business on Saturdays, and, on the other hand, the district is a very scattered one, and 'getting there and back' is not always as easy as it looks. After all, therefore, the attendance at meetings was 'not so bad.'

The general report of the association records a gradual progress made by the association during the past twelve months. Fourteen members were lost by death and six by resignation, while 22 members lapsed by the non-payment of their subscriptions. The election of 36 new members and the re-election of eight old members took place, leaving the total membership at 843 against 841 in the preceding year.

There was an increase in the peal performances, 73 peals being rung in 13 different methods. In these 145 members took part, and there were 21 conductors.

FATHER AND SONS' 'FIRST.'

At St. Martin's Church, Ruislip, on March 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Geo. Bunce 1, W. Bunce, jun., 2, W. Bunce, sen., 3, J. Bunce 4, W. S. Beaumont 5, T. Collins (first in the method as conductor) 6. First in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, who are father and three sons.

MUFFLED RINGING.

At Ilkeston, Derbyshire, on Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Ann Grebby, whose family always take a great interest in the bells and ringing: G. Harvey (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Hufton 2, I. Hufton 3, F. Tarlton 4, S. Burgoyne 5, E. F. Gobey 6, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 7, W. Tarr 8.

MR. GEORGE HUGHES.**A ONE ARMED RINGER.**

One of the most notable figures in Midland ringing circles for many years has been Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, who has triumphed over the handicap of having only one arm—the left.

For nearly 30 years he has been ringing master at Wednesbury, and while advancing years—he is now 72—and failing health have lately restricted his activities, he is not only an excellent ringer, but a capable conductor and a composer of no mean ability. He has rung peals in a great variety of methods from Minor to Maximum and from Plain Bob to London Surprise, his disability



MR. GEORGE HUGHES,
of Wednesbury.

being no bar to his accurate striking. He used regularly to ring the eighth at Wednesbury, a bell which, as many who have visited the tower know, is no easy job even for those with both arms.

Among his peals have been the first peal of Double Oxford Royal and the first peal of Erin Cinques ever rung. His peals are as follow:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Bob Minor	1	
Minor in five methods	1	
Minor in seven methods	1	
Darlaston Bob Triples	1	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1
Grandsire Triples	17	6
Grandsire Caters	11	7
Stedman Triples	23	7
Stedman Caters	22	9
Stedman Cinques	3	
Erin Cinques	1	
Double Norwich Caters	1	
Erin Caters	1	1
Bob Triples	2	
Bob Major	18	10
Bob Royal	3	2
Bob Maximus	2	
Kent Treble Bob Major	3	

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**NOMINATION MEETING.**

On Saturday last the tower at Bramley was soon filled to capacity by the members at the monthly meeting, which was brought forward from the usual (last) Saturday in order to be clear of Holy Week. The bells were rung to various methods until teatime, when the assembled company crossed the road to the church schools, where the local company and ladies had prepared a splendid tea.

The business meeting was held in the same room, the president being chairman. Mr. W. H. Senior proposed, and Mr. T. W. Strangeway seconded, that the best thanks of the society be accorded the Vicar and churchwardens of Bramley for the use of the bells and to the local company for the arrangements.—Mr. S. Helliwell replied for the local company.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for their services at the tea tables was proposed by Mr. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. H. Marsden.

Nominations for the officers to serve the next 12 months were received, and these will be confirmed at the general meeting which it is hoped to hold on April 28th at Leeds Parish Church.

Suggestions as to the list of towers to be visited were asked for, and it was finally decided to request the secretary to arrange and bring forward a list at the general meeting.

A notice of motion, under Rule 9, was given by the treasurer, and as this affects all members a full attendance at the next meeting is requested.

RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND.**CHRISTCHURCH SOCIETY LOSES TWO MEMBERS.**

December 23rd saw the commencement of a very successful 10 days' ringing at Christchurch, New Zealand. In the evening 14 ringers met in the belfry and indulged in extensive ringing on the 10 bells until nine o'clock, when all repaired to the 'Dixieland' tea-rooms, where a much appreciated supper was made to 'look small.' The Master (Mr. G. H. Claydon) welcomed Dean Julius and outside ringers present. He referred to the loss to the society of the hon. secretary (Mr. J. R. de Lambert) and a keen member (Mr. G. A. Lightband), who had both been transferred, temporarily at least, to other parts of the country. In spite of this loss the prospects for 1934 were bright, and all looked forward to a successful year's ringing.

The Dean endorsed Mr. Claydon's remarks, and was sure the ringing would be carried on as well as ever. It would mean more work for those left, but as Christchurch was the only ringing centre in the Dominion they must uphold their status.

Messrs. Lightband and de Lambert each replied, recalling many happy and profitable hours spent in the ringing room, and thanking members for good wishes. Both expressed the intention of returning to Christchurch when the opportunity offered.

The Dean then took the chair at an informal general meeting. Mr. T. R. E. Witte was elected assistant hon. secretary, and a new member, Mr. J. Grimes, was elected and welcomed to the society. With the disposal of general business and the exchange of season's greetings, the meeting closed.

After ringing for evening service on Christmas Eve, nine ringers accompanied the ringers' cake to St. Saviour's Orphanage, and in the various dormitories rendered plain courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

Christmas was ushered in with ringing on eight bells at 6 a.m., and there was ringing again at 10 a.m. for the morning service.

The next 'special' ringing was on New Year's Eve to ring the old year out and usher in 1934. After an hour's various ringing at midnight the tenor was struck 12 times, and after the twelfth blow the ten bells joined in a joyful welcome to the new year. The ringing was broadcast, and those who took part thought of fellow-ringers at home similarly engaged, and wished them a happy and prosperous year.

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Kent Treble Bob Royal	2	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	2	
Double Oxford Major	2	
Double Oxford Royal	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	13	2
Forward Major	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	3	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	4	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	
Bristol Surprise Major	3	
London Surprise Major	3	
Total	151	47

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**CHELTEMHAM BRANCH'S PROPOSED OUTING.**

A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Badgeworth on Saturday week, about 30 members from the various towers in the district attending. Many methods were practised before the service, which was held in the pretty little church.

Taking for his text, 'I am the Vine, ye are the branches,' the Vicar (the Rev. W. Downes) gave a very interesting and inspiring address, which struck the members as being something quite different from the usual sermon at these services. His words were very much appreciated.

The chief item of the business meeting was the discussion on the forthcoming outing, it being eventually decided to tour the Thames Valley on June 9th, tower masters being asked to notify the secretary not later than April 1st as to numbers from their respective towers.

In voicing the thanks of the company to all who had helped towards such a successful meeting, Mr. W. Deveroux especially thanked Mr. W. Oakey for providing the tea, and the choir, whose presence gave so much pleasure at these services.

The tower was again visited, and ringing indulged in until nine o'clock.

MR. R. SPERRING'S 500 PEALS.

Mr. Robert Sperring rang his 500th peal on March 17th at Bunsbury, Cheshire. All of the peals have been rung on church bells, and, as will be seen in the list below, he has conducted a large proportion of them:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Doubles	1	1
Doubles in three methods	1	1
Bob Minor	3	2
Minor in three methods	6	2
Minor in four methods	7	2
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	
Grandsire Triples	111	69
Double Grandsire Triples	1	
Grandsire and New Grandsire Spliced	1	
Union Triples	2	
Double Oxford Bob Triples	2	
Stedman Triples	46	20
Oxford Bob Triples	3	1
Bob Major	41	21
Double Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	88	70
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major Spliced	5	4
Duffield Major	1	
Albion Treble Bob Major	2	
St. Clement's Treble Bob Major	1	
Single Oxford Bob Major	1	
Double Oxford Bob Major	2	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	77	51
Oxford Treble Bob Major	9	8
Superlative Surprise Major	13	3
Cambridge Surprise Major	17	6
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1	
Belgrave Surprise Major	1	
Bristol Surprise Major	4	3
London Surprise Major	9	6
Grandsire Caters	3	3
Stedman Caters	10	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	13	9
Bob Royal	3	1
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal Spliced	1	1
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	2	1
Grandsire Cinques	1	1
Bob Maximus	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	
Total	500	290

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Simons 1, R. Hayward 2, G. T. White 3, L. J. Noakes 4, W. A. Groves 5, J. Squire 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, J. W. Smith 8. Arranged for the conductor, who was paying a flying visit to the county town.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Sunday, March 4th, for evening service at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins.: C. Hosgood 1, R. Rundle 2, J. Hosgood 3, W. Willis 4, L. Willis 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 7, A. H. Goad 8. Quickest quarter-peal on the bells.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The meeting at Ogbourne St. George on March 31st has been postponed until April.—A. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The new peal of ten bells recently installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, of which the two trebles are a memorial to the late Mr. Sam Thomas, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield on Saturday, March 31st, at 3 p.m. Open ringing afterwards. By the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Foster) a Ringers' Day will take place on Saturday, April 21st.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—April meetings at St. Clement Danes, Strand: Easter Sunday, morning service ringing, 10 a.m. Practices April 9th at 7 p.m., April 23rd at 7.30 p.m. Quarterly meeting, April 9th, at 8.15 p.m. All ringer visitors welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 67, Canonbie Road, Honor Oak.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 54th annual general meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Committee meeting in All Saints' vestry at 11 a.m. Association service at 12 noon. Luncheon in the Corn Exchange at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open during the day: All Saints', Maidstone (10), Leeds (10), Linton (8), West Malling (8), Aylesford (8), Barming (6), East Farleigh (6), Boxley (6), and Bearstead (6).—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Leicester, on Easter Monday. Bells of St. Margaret's (12), Cathedral (10), St. John's (10), St. Saviour's (8) open from 11 a.m. during day (except short intervals for weddings, etc.). Committee meet 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 9d. per head) at Victoria Hotel, near Midland Station. General meeting follows. Convivial evening at Star Hotel, Clock Tower, 7 p.m. onwards.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), and St. Michael-at-Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5) will be at the disposal of the members from 10 a.m. Divine service will be held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. H. W. Benson, M.A., Vicar of Buxton. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. per head. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., to whom a presentation will be made to celebrate his 25 years as president. Service with address by the Dean in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 12.20 to 2, St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Ringing at Cathedral at 12 noon, St. Peter's 2 p.m., St. Stephen's and St. Michael's by arrangement. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Earnshaw Smith, Vicar of Watford. Meat tea in the Abbey Institute after service, followed by the Annual Meeting for the election of officers, etc. Please let me know whether you intend to take tea. This is very important.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Middleham on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at the Commercial Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting, Cirencester, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Management Committee meeting in Schoolroom at 11.30 a.m. Lunch at Viner's Restaurant (own arrangements) 2s. per head. Service at Watermoor 2.30 p.m. General meeting in Schoolroom at 3 p.m. Tea to follow, 1s. per head, at Viner's. Watermoor bells (8) available all day. Parish Church (12) after meeting.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 10.30 a.m. St. Peter's later. Luncheon at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday at St. Neots (Hunts). Bells of the Parish Church (8), Eynesbury (6), and Eaton Socon (8) available during afternoon and evening. Short service in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Shepherd's Cafe, Market Square, at 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting.—B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at New Alresford on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Corner

House at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming. Five towers available for ringing.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

LADIES' GUILD (Northern District) AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A joint meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at Rotherham Parish Church. Bells (10) available from 10.30 a.m. (not 10 a.m.). Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. each. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. N. Cawthorne and M. E. Wilson, Dis. Hon. Secs.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at South Normanton on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send number requiring tea to J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Seaton on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service, Parish Church, at 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.10 at the Geisha Cafe. Bells (6) 2.30, also Luppitt (6) and Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers are very welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bonvilston, near Cardiff, on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 3rd, St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 17th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual General Committee Meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 7th, at 3.15 p.m., in the Chapter House, Christ Church.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakford on Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Transport can be arranged from either Tiverton or Bampton for visitors if notification is sent to me by Saturday, March 31st (latest date), also for tea. Bampton bells also available.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by April 4th? Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Halifax Parish Church on Saturday, April 7th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will only be provided for those who send word not later than March 31st to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on April 7th. St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6). Service: St. Mary-le-Tower at 4. Tea at St. Matthew's Hall at 4.30. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wem (8 bells) on Saturday, April 7th, commencing at 3 p.m., with interval for tea, etc., at 5 p.m. All requiring tea should notify me by April 3rd.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) available at 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than Wednesday, April 4th.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at St. John's Church, Crossens. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the School at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. W. H. Rimmer, 1, Manx Janis Lane, Marshside, Crossens, not later than Wednesday, April 4th. There is an excellent bus service to Crossens from Lord Street, Southport. Please make an effort to attend this seldom visited tower. The May meeting has been arranged for Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, May 5th.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, April 7th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday, April 3rd, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea in Parish Room at 5. Meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —A combined meeting of the Grimsby District and the Lincoln Ladies' Guild will be held at Elsham on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the School at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. Business meetings to follow. Please note.—Numbers for tea to Mr. G. Elsom, Elsham, Brigg, by the Wednesday previous. Please roll up.—H. Mingay and Mrs. R. Richardson, Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting (quarterly) will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, Bristol. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, April 4th.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Sawley on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Subscriptions for the above are now due. Reports are ready.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. —A meeting of the Stockport Branch will be held at Mossley on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Arthur Whiting, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch. — The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gaywood on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. and Lynn St. Margaret's for short time in evening.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Hanley (10 bells) on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch. —A meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, April 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—Will those requiring tea kindly advise me before Thursday, April 5th? All ringers welcome. — Harry Parker, Branch Sec., 3, London Road, Davenham, near Northwich.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at St. Mary's Church. Bells available 5 p.m.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at East Crompton (6 bells) on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — H. Hamer, Branch Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea, 5, at White Hart Hotel. Service 6. Please let me know for tea by April 3rd.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Sec., 33, Chesterton Road, Cirencester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bradden on April 7th. Service 3 p.m. Send number for tea, before April 4th, to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brewwood on Saturday, April 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. Knights-

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 11th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Sidecup, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston, Blackburn, Fylde and Wigan Branches. — The annual joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting following. Please send number for tea no later than Thursday, April 12th, to Mr. John Roskell, 7, Prospect Place, Penwortham, Preston. Next combined branch practice at Whittle, Tuesday, April 10th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Preston.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Broadclyst on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 4.45 (1s.). Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 7th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Apply Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds, 12, not later than April 11th. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The sixth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, Gloucester, at 6 p.m., Councillor T. Hanam Clark (Mayor) presiding. Tickets 3s. (ladies invited, same price). Ringing facilities: Barnwood 2 p.m. if required, St. Mary-de-Lode (6) 2.45 to 3.45, St. Mary-de-Crypt (8) 3.45 to 4.45, St. Michael's (8) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. You may go east and you may go west, but come to Gloucester and have the best. Tickets obtainable, with remittance, from W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Tue Brook on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s., and meeting to follow. Special method London Surprise Major. For tea notify me by Wednesday, April 11th.—Claude I. Davies, 68, Dunbabin Rd., Liverpool, 16

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Royston on Sat., April 14th. Tea at 5 p.m. (1/- each). For those who apply before April 11th, a discount of 50% will be allowed. Ringers, come early to Royston and view a symphony in stone (the Church).—Write C. D. Potter, Prospect Villa, High Street, Royston, near Barnsley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central and Hunts Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Over, Cambs, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. We extend a hearty welcome to ringing friends.—H. Parker and F. Warrington, Dis. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ealing on Saturday, April 21st. Service at St. Mary's Church at 4.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Willesden. Further particulars later.—C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Miss E. E. Hardcastle is now residing at 23, Dafforne Road, Upper Tooting, S.W.17.

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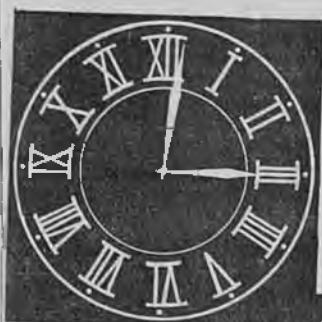
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