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JUST A PEAL OF STEDMAN

ONE Monday in February, 1903, a party of ringers rang a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells of St. Peter's Church, Hersham, Surrey, a well-struck peal which was listened to by several ringers outside the tower, some of whom wanted to see 'Parson' F. E. Robinson in the flesh. It was just a peal of Stedman rung by eight ringers in eight different walks of life, and young John H. B. Hesse scored his first peal of Stedman. The band had never met before and this was their one and only meeting, for they were mostly from different towers, but as seven of the ringers have passed on leaving only the writer to recall happy associations, perhaps their names will be remembered by others who appreciated their work for ringers and ringing.

The front four bells of the light eight were cast by Thomas Blackbourne. On the treble was George Woodiss, a well-known conductor and instructor. Then came Freddy Goddard, of Isleworth, a renowned character in various Middlesex towers. The 3rd was rung by Jim Hunt, a 'straight from the shoulder' type, yet one of the best and most lovable of ringers. Then we had John S. Goldsmith, who was a young newspaper scribe at Woking. There is no need for anyone to write thousands of words about his services to our art; just look above the date on this page of our journal.

On the other side of the writer was John Hesse, a rather nervous young ringer at something new to him in those days, but he lived to give us experience and advice of the best quality in matters of engineering skill, which proved invaluable to clergy and ringers alike. On the 7th was the one and only Rev. F. E. Robinson, who called his usual variation of the four-part. He had come a long way for this peal, but he did not forget his supply of dried fruit, always his companion when away from home. Even the tenor ringer possessed a well-known name, for he was a brother of Isaac Emery, who is still with us.

After the peal seven of the band walked to Walton railway station, for buses were almost unknown in country

districts, and in most cases travel meant train together with plenty of walking into the bargain.

Yes, it was just a peal of Stedman rung in the hearing of a few change ringers from the struggling local band, together with three call changers from neighbouring towers, but it was worth while. Peals were not so plentiful 50 years ago, but it is worthy to record that every one of the band who rang this peal maintained their work for ringing and never lost interest in the art, serving to the best of their various capabilities for the promotion of change ringing.

W. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of May 2nd, 1913

HENLEY, SUFFOLK

The Norwich Diocesan Association

On Saturday, April 26th, 1913, in 3 hours

At the Church of St. Peter

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5,184 CHANGES

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

George Whiting Treble	*Edward Jenkins 5
Rev. W. C. Pearson 2	George Abliitt 6
Ernest E. Lanham 3	Thomas W. Last 7
David Leggett 4	Sydney W. Pilgrim Tenor

Composed by W. Sottanstill.

Conducted by T. W. Last.

* First peal and first attempt.

[Mr. Jenkins has subsequently taken part in many celebrated peals, among them the longest of Cambridge Maximus, Cambridge Royal, Superlative, and Oxford Treble Bob, the two last of which he conducted.]

LONDON

The Middlesex County Association

On Saturday, April 26th, 1913, in 3 hours and 14 minutes

At the Church of St. James, Clerkenwell

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR 5,024 CHANGES

Tenor 22 cwt.

William J. Nudds Treble	Thos. Groombridge, jun. .. 5
Alfred W. Grimes 2	James Hunt 6
Isaac G. Shade 3	Ernest Pye 7
Reuben Sanders 4	William Pye Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by W. Pye.

The above is I. G. Shade's 1,000th peal.

[By which he joined the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. W. Pye in having reached this total. Altogether Mr. Shade rang 1,450 peals before his untimely death in a motor accident in 1926.]

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON, E.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 28½ cwt.

MRS. T. H. FRANCIS ..	Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ..	2	*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ..	8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ..	3	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ..	9
MARJORIE F. JACKSON ..	4	PETER N. BOND ..	10
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	5	ALFRED J. HOUSE ..	11
ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER ..	6	FRANK J. MATTHEWS ..	Tenor

Composed by H. G. MILES.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	Treble	†GRAHAM R. EYLES ..	6
†JACQUELINE S. EVANS ..	2	ROBERT E. COLES ..	7
†HAROLD L. PARFREY ..	3	†DAVID J. KING ..	8
†RICHARD J. BOWDEN ..	4	PHILIP W. WEEKS ..	9
THOMAS YEOMANS ..	5	ROGER O. FRY ..	Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Royal on tower bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.		Tenor 24 cwt.	
*NANCIE E. SWANN ..	Treble	GEOFFREY M. MAYER ..	5
JOHN FREEMAN ..	2	H. LESLIE PASK ..	6
CHARLES E. BROWN ..	3	JOHN WALDEN ..	7
RAYMOND F. SMITH ..	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Robert S. Godfrey, C.B.E., who, for 37 years, was clerk of works of this Cathedral.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 lb. in D.

PETER LAFLIN ..	Treble	HENRY O. BAKER ..	5
FRED DUNKERLEY ..	2	EDWARD JENKINS ..	6
BASIL JONES ..	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ..	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.		Tenor 20½ cwt.	
CLARENCE R. STEED ..	Treble	J. L. GARNER-HAYWOOD ..	5
FRED C. LYNE ..	2	HAROLD HUXLEY ..	6
*DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ..	7
FRANK E. PERVIN ..	4	FRANCIS J. POWELL ..	Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

KINGSTON, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in C sharp.

MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP ..	Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ..	5
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ..	2	A. RONALD LING ..	6
MARJORIE F. JACKSON ..	3	FRANK J. MATTHEWS ..	7
RONALD J. SHARP ..	4	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* 200th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 5th.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN ..	Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ..	5
PETER J. CAME ..	2	JOE E. G. ROAST ..	6
STANLEY W. COPLING ..	3	GEORGE SAYER ..	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ..	Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris's Twelve-part. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MARGARET SMITH ..	Treble	DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ..	5
DORIS H. SHEPPARD ..	2	JOHN WHITING ..	6
REGINALD JONES ..	3	LESLIE BARRY ..	7
THOMAS PRICE ..	4	CHARLES LARNER ..	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Triples.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ..	Treble	GEORGE GOWER ..	5
*BETTY SYRETT ..	2	WILLIAM J. FLATT ..	6
CHARLES CATCHPOLE ..	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE ..	7
CECIL A. THOMPSON ..	4	*CHARLES W. LOOME ..	Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal of Oxford.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	Treble	†WILFRID F. MORETON ..	5
*DOROTHY M. UDALE ..	2	†WILLIAM THORNLEY ..	6
†WILFRED M. BURTON ..	3	PETER J. STANFORTH ..	7
HARRY POYNER ..	4	†ERNEST MORRIS ..	Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method.

First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

DAVID GODFREY ..	Treble	WILLIAM ALLMAN ..	5
CECIL RADDON ..	2	JOHN SCOTT ..	6
HENRY PARKER ..	3	HAROLD WORRALL ..	7
ERIC HORNBY ..	4	HARRY W. HOWARD ..	Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

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On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.
JAMES A. HALES Treble | REG. K. C. WILKINGS .. 5
*GWEN L. FRISWELL .. 2 | DENNIS NEAL 6
*MRS. R. K. WILKINGS .. 3 | CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 7
GEORGE A. PARSONS .. 4 | CHARLES F. NEAL Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS NEAL.

* First peal. First peal for 21 years by treble ringer. First peal as conductor.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 31 years by a band including members of the local Society.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.
*MAUREEN M. FELLOWS .. Treble | PHILIP H. SPECK 5
MURIEL REAY 2 | MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 6
JOHN McDONALD 3 | ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.
WILLIAM WHITE Treble | HENRY L. BISHOP 5
RICHARD WHITE 2 | JAMES GORDON 6
GEORGE BISHOP 3 | ALFRED H. WEBB 7
*FRANK WHITE 4 | FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

* First peal in the method on eight bells.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., April 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.
FRANK LORD Treble | C. ALLAN HEWITT 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2 | JACK BRAY 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3 | HARRY HALL 7
FRED LACEY 4 | GEORGE W. MOODY Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Rung as a farewell to Rev. J. E. Swaby, who has left this parish to become Rector of Mablethorpe.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
JOHN P. FIDLER Treble | MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2 | ROGER LEIGH 6
PAUL L. TAYLOR 3 | ALAN E. JACQUES 7
*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4 | *PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

* 50th peal together. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 16, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.
HERBERT GATES Treble | AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 2 | TERENCE G. MORTON .. 6
DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 3 | GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 7
PAMELA A. MARTIN .. 4 | WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.
*JAMES G. NEWMAN .. Treble | ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
*J. MICHAEL STEVENS .. 2 | *DENNIS KNOX 6
†C. EDWARD JEFFERIES .. 3 | HARRY PARKS 7
*DEREK P. JONES 4 | LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal on the bells.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15½ cwt.
HARRY SEAR Treble | WILLIAM YATES 5
GEORGE E. GREEN 2 | ROGER KEELEY 6
ROGER CADAMY 3 | JOSEPH MARKS 7
REGINALD H. HOWSON .. 4 | GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells and the first peal of Surprise on them for 51 years.

Rung to welcome the Rector back to the Rectory, damaged by fire a year ago.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.
ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. Treble | WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 5
*JEAN DAWSON 2 | CHARLES CLEGG 6
ROGER LEIGH 3 | PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 7
†ERNEST J. GOWER .. 4 | †VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.

* First peal of Bob Major. † 25th peal together.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 21½ cwt.
*ERNEST J. LADD Treble | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2 | *DORIS E. COLGATE .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
†ROY T. PANKHURST .. 4 | ROBERT COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* 50th peal together. † First peal on eight bells.

Specially arranged as a wedding compliment to Miss H. M. Argyle, younger daughter of the Rector, and Mr. R. J. Knight.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.
*CECIL E. R. EVANS .. Treble | WILLIAM WENBAN 5
FRANCIS KIRK 2 | THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 6
D. KAY ADKINS 3 | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 4 | GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

* First peal of Surprise.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.
EDWARD C. GOBEY .. Treble | CLEMENT GLENN 5
*MARION BRADLEY .. 2 | PHILIP H. SPECK 6
*DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 3 | †FRANK BRADLEY .. 7
MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. 4 | EDWARD F. GOBEY .. Tenor

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 25th peal. First in the method on the bells.

HURST, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. Treble	PERCY NEWTON 5
ARTHUR NEWTON 2	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE .. 6
ALBERT FLEET 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 4	WALTER LEE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.

MOLLY DENBY Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 5
JESSIE M. KIPPIN 2	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 6
NELIA M. LEAHY 3	REGINALD A. REED 7
NORMAN HAYES 4	JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD (C.C.C. N. 25).

Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

The first peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 6th, on the bells and for the Guild. First peal as conductor.

MADRON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MADDERN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY TAYSON Treble	HARRY MILES 5
MARION L. LIDGEY .. 2	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 6
*DOUGLAS BURNETT .. 3	ALAN CARVETH 7
†MALCOLM E. RUDWICK .. 4	‡W. REGINALD CURTIS .. Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by HARRY MILES.

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

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*JOYCE ROTHWELL Treble	MRS. C. K. LEWIS 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	JAMES A. MILNER 6
†ELISE BRENTNALL .. 3	BASIL JONES 7
†MOLLIE MAY 4	C. KENNETH LEWIS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

STAINDROP, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE F. NEWTON .. Treble	THOMAS COOKE 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	*RICHARD BUSBY 6
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 3	ROLAND PARK 7
DENIS A. BAYLES 4	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

*First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First peal of Major on the bells.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles William Miller, worker in many capacities for this church and for 30 years secretary to Lord Barnard, of Raby Castle.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5000 HINGHAM LITTLE IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE W. LAND Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	BERT GOGLE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	ARTHUR G. BASON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal in the method. Rung to welcome the Rev. J. S. Barrass to Hingham.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman, Chase, All Saints, Marchington, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Martin, St. Peter, St. Leonard, St. Simon, Cassington, Eynsham, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob, Old Bob, April Day and Grandsire.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F.
*JUNE HILL (13) Treble	KENNETH D. PERKINS (15) 3
†JOHN HARROLD (15) .. 2	ALAN C. COZENS (16) .. 4
IVOR J. DICKIN (17) Tenor	

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

*First peal in 21 methods. †First peal 'inside in 21 methods. First peal in 21 methods as conductor. Youngest band to ring a peal in 21 methods for Peterborough Diocesan Guild, the average age being 15 years and 9 months

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

*PETER ASLETT Treble	*ROGER WOODCOCK 4
†FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 3	BRIAN TAYLOR 5
	ROBERT LAY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

*First peal on six bells. †50th peal.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JAMES W. PULLEN Treble	BRIAN J. LUFF 4
JOAN M. PHILLIPS 2	BERNARD G. MOORE .. 5
LEONARD STILWELL .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

*First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

A farewell to Joan M. Phillips, who is leaving the district to take up a nursing career.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

TOM GREENACRE Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 4
EDWARD GREENACRE .. 2	CHARLES F. TOVELL .. 5
HERBERT ELDRED 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. William J. Eldred, for 25 years secretary of the West Norfolk Branch.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch and Dallington Church Officers.)

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, DALLINGTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of All Saints, Newington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, six extents Grandsire, four extents Old, April Day, Kennington, three extents Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.
ERIC NOBLES (Tower Captain, Ch. Cldr. and Sidesman) Treble	
*ROGER OLD (Chorister and Server) 2	
†JOHN M. NASH (Church Councillor) 3	
‡JOHN G. CHAPMAN (Church Councillor, Chorister and S.M.) .. 4	
‡CHARLES T. WINDRAM (Chorister and Server) 5	
CHARLES H. BUSHELL (Sidesman) Tenor	

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

*First peal, age 14 years. †First peal 'inside.' ‡First peal in 12 methods. Eric Nobles has now 'circle conducted' the tower.

Rung as a thanksgiving to Almighty God for the safe return home of Michael J. Bushell, a ringer at this church, and son of the tenor ringer.

Believed to be the first peal rung with a local band holding other church offices.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST J. GOWER Treble	*JEAN DAWSON 4
*PATRICIA M. BOURN 2	*WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY 3	*VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven methods, viz.: Four different extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Clifford Pleasure, All Saints, Rushall and Plain Bob, and ten different extents and two different 240's each of Pitman's and Morris's arrangement of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*DEREK PREECE Treble	†DAVID W. BARR 3
†BRYAN E. CARSON 2	†JOHN R. JOYNER 4

*CLIVE M. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

* First peal of Doubles in more than one method. † First peal in seven methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles in seven methods on tower bells, first peal in seven methods 'inside' and as conductor.

Rung for the Easter Festival and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. W. Smith, father of the conductor.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob (C.C.C. 138, 150, 151) and four of Plain Bob (C.C.C. 34, 36, 28, 29).

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*CHRISTINE STRATFORD (13) Treble	V. THOMAS COOPER .. 4
*RITA STRATFORD (15) .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 5
†ROY HALL 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 4
PERCY SWINDLEY 2	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 5
J. BENJAMIN BUDD 3	*R. GORDON CORBY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* 50th peal together.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

P. COX Treble	*MRS. L. CROCKER 4
*BETTY MOCKRIDGE 2	F. J. WHITE 5
*STELLA ALLEN 3	*R. J. FARR Tenor

Conducted by F. J. WHITE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SOUTH KIRKBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Doncaster and District Society.)

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY Treble	DOREEN E. SMYTHE .. 4
C. DONALD WHEAT 2	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 5
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 3	RONALD J. SANDERSON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. L. Sibillas.

A 21st birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.



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WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (10 callings) and 240 Morris's Arrangement.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

REG. C. TIPLER	Treble	PETER J. THOMAS	4
*JOHN VERNON	2	NUN. L. WALKER	5
DENNIS ALLSOP	3	FREDERICK WATSON	Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

* First peal.

WINKFIELD, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being in eight methods, viz.: Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 gr. 13 lb. in E.

JEFFREY C. BIRT	Treble	*RONALD I. SHEPHERD	3
*DEREK W. STONE	2	BRIAN TAYLOR	4

FRANK T. BLAGROVE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal of Doubles.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 gr. 27 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON	Treble	ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	5
R. STEDMAN PAYNE	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores; 10 callings.
Tenor 10 cwt.

GERALD W. D. SMART	Treble	P.C. WM. F. SCUDAMORE	4
MERVYN WILTSHIRE	2	WALTER R. HENDY	5
*LESLIE I. FRANCOMBE	3	CYRIL W. BATTEN	Tenor

Conducted by P.C. WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Stedman for all, and on the bells. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Batten.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, York, Beverley, Annable's London, Norwich, Ipswich, and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 gr.

*JOHN R. G. SPICER	Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
*E. JACK PARISH	2	*ARTHUR CLEMENTS	5
*FRANK R. NICHOLLS	3	†HAROLD S. PEACOCK	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. † First peal in seven Surprise 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Peacock (aged 71), mother of the ringer of the tenor.

HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents called differently (using Extremes). Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DESMOND G. MITCHELL	Treble	DAVID W. BEARD	4
FRANK V. GANT	2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	5
DONALD M. SALISBURY	3	FREDERICK W. BLATCH	Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

* First peal.

HUNTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	Treble	REGINALD L. SILLS	4
GEORGE F. CANTRILL	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	5
LUTHER J. HONESS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

175th peal as conductor and 225th tenor 'turned in' for a peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

EDWARD C. GOBEY	Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE	4
RODNEY HARRISON	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
WILLIAM LANCASTER	3	EDWARD F. GOBEY	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Cecil J. Baker, who had the longest service of ringing at this church.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD T. GOODMAN	Treble	*SAMUEL W. CHAPMAN	4
*A. HUBERT EPLETT	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
*HORACE O. OVER	3	ROLAND BENISTON	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

Specially arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, a visitor from Newquay, Cornwall.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 gr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

HARRY SCOFFIN	Treble	G. ANGUS DIXON	4
RICHARD BAILEY	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	5
H. CECIL CAUNT	3	J. IVOR SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

Rung for the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II., and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

HANDBELL PEALS

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET.

A PEAL OF 5216 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MAURICE J. THURMOTT	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3-4	THOMAS F. VARNEY	7-8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

25th peal of Plain Bob Major 'in hand' as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5-6
DEREK G. GOODMAN	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 16, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH	1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE	7-8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3-4	ALFRED BALLARD	9-10
PETER J. STANFORTH	5-6	*FRANK K. MEASURES	11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. S. Aylett 1, J. W. Taylor 2, D. A. Carpenter 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, W. A. Stote (cond.) 5, G. Gardner 6, P. Stone 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.—On Mar. 29th, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Bob Minor: B. C. Kershaw (first quarter) 1, G. C. White (first quarter 'inside') 2, G. Jackson 3, H. S. Brown 4, C. Lees 5, A. Kershaw (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Martin (14, first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. D. Pearson 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, F. Bowden 4, C. N. Pearson (cond.) 5, H. Gauntlett 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On April 5th, at St. John-the-Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Cartwright (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Steere 2, J. W. Meade 3, N. Brown (first 'inside') 4, B. J. Luff 5, F. W. Burnett 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, G. H. Humphries 8, D. D. Cooper (cond.) 9, R. Abbott 10. First quarter of Caters for 3 and 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Jean Mitchell, daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell (first quarter) 1, E. B. Crowder 2, F. J. Hurrell 3, F. W. Richardson 4, Miss M. Ashdown 5, J. Hurrell 6, G. W. Ashdown (cond.) 7, P. K. Rablah 8. Also on April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, W. Rawlings 2, F. Hurrell 3, B. Aldridge 4, J. Warner 5, R. Begree (cond.) 6, W. Prockson 7, J. Hurrell 8.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—At the Bell Tower, on April 12th, on the back eight, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth D. Hale 1, G. C. Hemming 2, R. W. Kyte 3, F. G. Nurden 4, W. J. Newman 5, J. Thomas 6, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 7, T. W. Lewis 8. Rung for morning service and on Elizabeth Hale's birthday.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Whent (first quarter) 1, G. W. Barnes 2, J. Gould 3, T. Cole 4, F. Erith 5, P. G. Barnes (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of No. 2.

HARLOW TOWN, ESSEX.—On April 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Bird 1, F. Bird 2, S. Clark 3, W. Aley (cond.) 4, R. Hayden 5, L. Beale 6, R. Young 7, E. Rochester 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of Mrs. E. Fish, daughter of the tenor ringer.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On April 12th 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer (first quarter Norwich Surprise) 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, E. J. Parish 4, W. Ransom 5, A. Clements 6.

QUARTER PEALS

LILLINGSTONE-LOVELL, BUCKS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Stedman, 120 each of St. Nicholas, April Day and Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): G. W. Holland 1, Miss Doreen Spokes 2, R. Keeley 3, F. Vickers 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5. First in seven Doubles methods by all the band.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, T. Jefferies 2, E. Palmer 3, J. W. Jefferies 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, W. S. Wayman 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, C. Jefferies 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Betty J. Poole (local ringer) and Wilfred Millsom. Also on April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Jefferies 1, Mrs. N. Dart 2, W. Richings 3, E. Palmer 4, W. F. Scudamore 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, C. Jefferies 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of treble.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Aley 1, F. J. Stimson 2, J. Fenton (cond.) 3, T. Templeton 4, F. Shepherd 5, W. Smith 6, H. Clayton 7, J. Day 8.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On April 5th, 240 Oswald Delight, 240 Kent, 240 Oxford, 216 Norwich Surprise and 360 Cambridge Surprise: W. E. Gough 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, H. Franklin 3, W. Swain 4, R. M. E. Richards 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. Also on April 12th, one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob: P. H. Wright 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, M. Wright 3, W. Swain 4, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 5, B. A. Richards 6.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On April 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Gough 1, Miss Doreen Spokes 2, W. Yates 3, F. Vickers 4, G. W. Holland 5, R. Keeley (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. First of Surprise on the bells. Also first of Surprise for 1 and 2.

READING, BERKS.—On April 7th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, J. N. Diserens 2, Audrey Diserens 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, E. Lewis 5, C. Pullen 6, R. F. Diserens 7, V. Cherrill 8.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Beaumont 1, H. Springate 2, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 3, F. J. Cheale 4, P. Borer 5, R. Norris 6, E. E. J. Norris 7, D. Norris 8. Rung at the request of the Dean before a service appealing for funds for the repair of the Cathedral.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Manning 1, B. E. L. Roberts 2, C. Savage 3, W. Carter 4, R. Stokes 5, B. Blodon 6, P. Anger (cond.) 6, E. Grainger 8. Rung half-muffled.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Farthing 1, K. Clarke 2, A. Mingo 3, Miss M. Davis 4, P. Davis (cond.) 5, R. Pike 6, E. Rowe 7, B. Vincent 8.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. A. Softley 1, Miss K. Softley 2, Miss J. B. Softley 3, Miss E. Softley 4, C. N. Lea 5, Mrs. N. I. Lea (first quarter as cond.) 6.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Richards 1, Jean Harding 2, T. Locke 3, F. James 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, P. Harding 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. M. Queen Mary.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Mary Cowley 1, C. Gough 2, F. Vickers (cond.) 3, W. Yates 4, M. Hooton 5, F. C. Case 6, V. Holloway 7, F. Pateman 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on April 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: C. J. Gardner (cond.) 1, M. Richards 2, P. Manning (first of Treble Bob) 3, R. Townsend 4, G. Townsend 5, J. Berry 6, W. Sidwell (first of Treble Bob) 7, H. Bishop 8, A. Newman 9, T. Townsend 10. Rung for the birthdays of C. J. Gardner, R. Townsend and G. Townsend.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Horwood (first quarter) 1, D. Broyd (first quarter 'inside') 2, I. Newman 3, J. Sinfield 4, A. Broyd 5, D. Knox 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At St. Matthew's, on April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkins 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkins 5, G. A. Parsons 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, J. Hales 8. A birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Shaw Kew).

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 18th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss K. Mary Cowley 1, W. J. Chester 2, G. W. Holland 3, W. Yates 4, F. C. Case 5, F. Vickers 6, R. Keeley 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Clifton 1, W. Hayman 2, F. Burnett 3, F. Bastin 4, A. Truman 5, J. Deem 6, J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 7, J. Cox 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Glanvill, parents of the conductor; also a 21st birthday compliment to his daughter, Pat.

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St. Leonard's, Shoreditch,
bells were heard to a peal of
Stedman Cinques on April
18th. This is the first peal on the bells since
November 11th, 1939, when a half-muffled peal
of Stedman Caters was rung. The church was
severely damaged in the 1939-45 war and has
only now been completely restored through the
untiring efforts of the Vicar, the Rev. Meredith
Davies.

Waterloo Bob Triples, arranged by Mr. Nolan
Golden and published on page 254, is a simple
variation of the composition on page 49 of the
'Central Council Collection of Triples Methods.'

The ringers of St. Lawrence's, Long Buckby,
Rugby, express their best wishes to Mr. and
Mrs. J. Eales on the occasion of their silver
wedding. The peal attempt in honour of the
occasion was lost after 1½ hours' good ringing.

The peal at Lymington on April 18th was Mr.
John H. Gilbert's 13th peal and his first attempt
as a peal conductor. The only mishap was the
number of blisters he collected. This did not
prevent him winning a tennis tournament the
following day.

A special feature of the Ringing Day to be
held at Eardisland, Herefordshire, on May 9th,
when the new ring of eight will be available,
will be a recording of some of the ringing which
will be played back during the tea. This should
be rather interesting.

In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and
Mrs. J. F. Glanvill it had been arranged to
ring a quarter peal in their own church, Wood-
bury, Devon. During the Sunday morning
ringing the gudgeon of the tenor broke and the
bell fell and jammed in the frame. This was
a lucky accident as the bell weighs 25 cwt and
if it had fallen on the floor it might have gone
through the ringing chamber. Honours were
duly paid at Withycombe Ralcigh Church.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Eileen Sudell, a regu-
lar Sunday service ringer at
St. Peter's Church, Hindley,
Lancs, has been selected to be Coronation
Queen of Hindley from 104 entries. Eileen,
who is 14 years of age, is working hard to
qualify for the Ringer's Badge of the Girl
Guides. We wish Eileen a very happy reign at
Hindley and hope to hear of her success in her
Girl Guide examination.

Roderick Pipe, of Grundisburgh, has con-
ducted a peal of Bristol Surprise Major from
a working bell before reaching his 13th birth-
day.

The Suffolk Guild have sent a resolution to
the Central Council expressing a desire for a
closer contact with the B.B.C. The general sec-
retary of the Council had previously been in
touch with the B.B.C. concerning the early pub-
lication in 'The Ringing World' of broadcasts
of bells and has received a favourable reply.
The Editor is waiting for the first fruits of this
overture.

The peal at St. Michael-at-Coslany on April
11th will be remembered by the two young
men from Danbury, Essex, on their first visit
to Norwich. After some courses had been
rung and Cambridge Surprise was getting a
little boring, a local window cleaner entered
the ringing chamber rather unsteadily, having
doubtless spent a considerable time in a tavern
adjoining the nearby brewery. Threatened with
a dreadful fate if he did not keep quiet, the
visitor proceeded to the cloakroom and through
the trap door, which had been raised a few
inches, attempted to draw the ringers' attention
to his presence there by pelting them with
selected pieces of mortar. Eventually board
and lodging for the night was found for the
intruder in a certain part of the palatial City
Hall and later the man handed over a sum
of ten shillings for this privilege.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The third session of the 26th Council (56th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 26th, 1953, in the Town Hall, Bourne-mouth, by kind permission of the Mayor and Corporation, at 10 o'clock.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 14).

1. Election of Hon. Librarian in place of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.

Mr. F. Sharpe is nominated by Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.

2. Election of Life Members.

Nomination:—

Mr. W. M. Rowe, proposed by Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

3. Election of Honorary Members. The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. C. K. Lewis and Mr. W. Osborn. There are five vacancies.

4. Loss of members through death.

5. Minutes of the last meeting.

6. Report of the Hon. Librarian.

7. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1953.

8. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.

9. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—

To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

To alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable.

- (a) Standing Committee.

(i) Report of the sub-committee appointed to consider the reprint of the Carter Broadsheet.

(ii) Report of the sub-committee appointed to prepare the Council's Handbook.

(iii) Report of the sub-committee appointed to compile the Roll of Honour.

(b) Biographies Committee.

(c) 'The Ringing World' Committee.

(d) Peals Collection Committee.

(e) Methods Committee.

(f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee.

(g) Towers and Belfries Committee.

(h) Records Committee.

(i) Peal Boards Committee.

(j) Analysis Committee.

MOTIONS

10. (a) That the annual affiliation fee to the Council be increased with effect as from January 1st, 1954.

Proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

(b) That on and from the 1st January, 1954, a charge of one shilling shall be made for every peal and quarter peal published in 'The Ringing World.'

Proposed by Mr. H. Miles and seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock.

(c) That an effort should be made by the Central Council to establish closer relations with, and recognition by, the B.B.C.

Proposed on behalf of the Suffolk Guild by Mr. C. W. Pipe and seconded by Mr. G. E. Symonds.

11. To fix the place of the next meeting.

12. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.
26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Hopes of Additional Income

Approximately 50 ringers and friends were present at the annual general meeting of the Derbyshire Association held in Derby on April 11th. Many took advantage of the full programme of ringing admirably arranged by the Derby District Ringing Master, Mr. Francis Lowe.

During the morning the ring of ten at St. Andrew's was available and the bells of St. Luke's, St. Peter's and the Cathedral were rung during the afternoon and evening. The duties of Ringing Master were shared between Hr. Freebrey, Mr. Mould and Mr. Lowe, and it was pleasing to note the number of learners present.

The committee met at St. Peter's Parochial Hall during the afternoon and the service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Association's president, the Right Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall, Assistant Bishop and Provost of Derby. The sermon was preached by Canon Edmund, who reminded members of the importance of the duties carried out by ringers.

A substantial tea was provided by the Derby District members in the Diocesan House and this was followed by the annual meeting.

Before the business the president asked members to stand in silence in memory of Mr. J. Glew, who was Ringing Master at St. Peter's, Derby, for more than 50 years and who died suddenly shortly after attending the annual dinner of the Association.

The secretary's report revealed that activities of the Association were very healthy in the Derby District but some difficulties were being experienced in the Chesterfield and Peak Dis-

tricts. Owing to difficulties in filling official positions in the Ilkeston District it had been decided to merge membership with the Derby District until further notice.

ADVANCE IN SURPRISE RINGING

The report of the peal secretary showed a slight reduction in the number of peals rung during 1952 as compared with the previous year, but the analysis of methods rung revealed a considerable advance in Surprise ringing in the Derby District. This advancement is obviously due to the excellent facilities offered for practices at the Derby towers.

The financial statement indicated a loss on the year but it was confidently expected that a special drive for the collection of overdue subscriptions and the continuation of the gentleman's agreement for the payment of peal booking fees would ensure a much more favourable position in 1953. It was expected that additional income would be obtained from the inclusion of advertisements in the annual report.

The resident general secretary and one trustee (Mr. Francis Lowe) were unanimously re-elected for a further period of two years and all officers were thanked for their services in the year 1952.

Mr. D. Carlisle reported on the arrangements made for the first annual dinner and all agreed that the very successful venture should be repeated in 1953.

A very comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had contributed in any way to a very successful day was proposed by Mr. Carlisle and carried with acclamation. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Peter's were rung until members began to leave for home about 8 p.m.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch's Appreciation of

Mr. C. H. Lathey

The quarterly meeting was held at Hawkchurch on April 11th. Members attended from Beaminster, Charmouth, Evershot, Netherbury, Lyme Regis, Hawkchurch, with a visitor from Hardington Mandeville.

Ringing started at 3 p.m. when the usual methods up to Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung. At 4 p.m. a break was made in the ringing to make a presentation to Mr. C. H. Lathey, late secretary of the Branch. Mr. Lathey resigned last December after 21 years' service. Canon C. C. Cox presented Mr. Lathey with a cheque for £8 1s. 6d., subscribed by members of the Branch. On behalf of the Guild Canon Cox thanked Mr. Lathey for all the work he had done during the 21 years he had held office, which was a long period. He hoped Mr. Lathey would be able to buy himself something to enjoy and associate with it memories of the Guild.

Mr. Lathey, expressing his surprise and thanks to all, said although he had started another hobby which absorbed much of his time, they should see more of him in the tower before long.

The service was conducted by the Rev W. J. Ludlow and the lesson read by Canon Cox. The company then adjourned to the Village Hall for tea followed by the business meeting.

New members elected were Geoffrey Lombard, Graham Street and Billy Keates. They are all pupils of the Beaminster and Netherbury Grammar School.

Canon Cox then thanked the Rev. W. J. Ludlow for the service and use of the bells, Mr. Hayball and ladies for preparing the tea, and the organist. This was carried in the usual manner. After handbells, members returned to the tower for further ringing.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Closer Liaison With B.B.C. Wanted

The annual general meeting held at Ipswich on Easter Monday attracted ringers from far and wide and good use was made of the bells of five churches in the town, which were ringing from 10 a.m. onwards. The service at St. Lawrence's was well attended and was conducted by the Rev. C. P. Newell, who gave a most inspiring address. The collection, which realised nearly £2, was placed to the Guild Restoration Fund.

At the business meeting the vice-presidents were re-elected and new members voted to serve on the committee were Messrs. James Bennett, Max Page, Harry D. Lister and Sam Twitchett. Re-elected were Messrs. Frank L. Fisher, Leslie D. Mills and Derek Woodward. Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe was officially recognised as minutes steward.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley, having completed 30 years as Ringing Master, was re-elected and gave his report. Mr. C. W. Pipe was re-elected hon. general secretary and treasurer and in a short speech asked all members to keep keenly alert for recruits. He wanted to see all ringers master at least one Surprise method, make general progress—especially in striking—and, finally, to back up the Guild and help to put it among the leading Associations. Mr. J. W. H. Preastner was re-elected hon. auditor, and the Rev. C. P. Newell clerical secretary.

It was agreed to send a resolution to the Central Council expressing the desire of closer contact between the Central Council and the B.B.C.

No decision could be reached on Guild badges due to the fact that the full support necessary to launch the project was not forthcoming. Further ringing, which included well-struck Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters, London, Bristol and Yorkshire Major continued until 8 p.m.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A Year of High Endeavour

THE annual general meeting was held on April 11th with favourable weather and a very good attendance representative of the county. Notable features were the great improvement in the financial position of the Association, the publication of the 1952 annual report by the day of the annual meeting and a change of title for honorary member.

For those who were able to make a day of it the bells of St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, were open at 10 a.m. and good striking in Sfedman Caters, Cambridge Royal, etc., resulted. The Cathedral twelve at St. Albans and the six at St. Michael's (which are soon to be increased to eight) were available at 2 p.m., while St. Peter's ten were open from 2.30 p.m. until 3.45 p.m., when the ringers converged on the Cathedral for Evensong at 4 p.m.

The address was given by the Vicar of Royston (the Rev. A. E. Devonshire), who spoke on the origin and early uses of bells and mentioned some of the early founders and their methods of lettering. The Deans of St. Albans have always been great supporters of the Association and the present Dean (the Very Rev. C. C. Thicknesse) is no exception. He gave the members a warm welcome and kindly allowed the collection to be taken for the Association's Benevolent Fund.

Tea was arranged at the Abbey Institute at 5.15 p.m. presided over by Mr. T. J. Southam (acting president), supported by the Dean, the Vicars of Royston, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's (St. Albans). Before leaving, the Dean thanked the members for their work and for their invitation to have tea with them. He also thanked the Vicar of Royston for his address. The acting president suitably replied and the Association stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Albert E. Symonds, of Hitchin (late president), who had died in office, also to the memory of Charles H. Walklate (St. Albans), Ralph Coburn (Harpenden) and Nathan Brackley (Ting).

The hon. general secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost) read letters of apology for absence and messages of goodwill from the Lords Bishop of St. Albans and Bedford, Canon D. R. Feaver (Sub-Dean), the Rev. S. E. Woods (Hatfield), the Rev. E. Giles (Sandridge), the Hon. John Grimston, M.P. (St. Albans), Mr. L. Parkiss-Ginn (Hertford) and Mr. T. J. Lock (North Mymms).

New members elected included the Rev. J. B. Rigby (Clotthall), honorary member: Messrs. J. White (Bengeo), J. Southey (Aldenham) and Alan Firth (St. Michael's, St. Albans) as ringing members.

MEMBERS' SPLENDID RALLY TO HELP FUND

The annual report stated: 'In the annals of this Association the year 1952 will appear one of high endeavour. Having accepted the loan of £150 interest free from a generous friend, great efforts have been made by the members to raise additional funds to repay the loan in the shortest possible time and also to raise the Reserve Fund to over £100. Further results due to the increased interest taken in the Association have been the enlargement of our source of regular income by the election of many new honorary and ringing members. We also appreciate the action of many lapsed members who have rejoined paying their arrears in full, and several non-resident life members who are paying an annual subscription.'

Bell restorations consisted of the retuning and rehang in a new steel frame of Great Hornmead bells; rehang North Mymms bells on new bearings; removal of Redbourn bells for recasting in a new steel frame. Regret was expressed that the bells of All Saints', Hereford, and St. Stephen's (St. Albans) were silent. The towers at Knebworth, Royston and Bishop's Stortford had been restored and the bells could

now be rung again; the bells of St. Michael's (St. Albans) were to be increased to eight.

During 1952 there were 44 peals rung for the Association, the most outstanding being a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods on handbells, while the Apsley ringers were to be congratulated on the peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods. The peal of Adelaide Surprise Major was the first ever rung. Mr. F. W. Croft headed the list of conductors with eight peals.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Debenham) presented the accounts, the Voluntary Bell Fund showing a balance of £41 5s. 8d., grants of five guineas each having been sent to St. Mary's, Redbourn, and St. Stephen's, St. Albans. The Benevolent Fund showed a balance of £70 9s., no applications having been made for assistance.

The General Fund showed an excess of income over expenditure of £26 16s. 2d. Special donations amounted to £96 15s. 3d., of which £55 0s. 6d. had been raised by the Western District by means of socials, jumble sales, etc. All debts had been paid with the exception of the loan of £150 and it was agreed to pay £75 back to the generous friend who had lent the money interest free.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. Sidney F. Carter (Bengeo) was elected president on the proposition of Mr. H. V. Frost, who mentioned the peal of Bob Major (18,144 changes) at Benington in 1932 which Mr. Carter conducted, also the ringing of four peals in one day in which Mr. Carter took part, conducting two of the peals. He had been the means of many young ringers scoring their first peals in the Eastern District for many years. Mr. J. M. Page seconded, and the silver bell badge of office, presented by Mr. G. W. Cartmel in 1929 once more changed hands. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. T. J. Southam for his services as acting president and assistant secretary during the past year.

Other officers re-elected were Mr. H. V. Frost (hon. general secretary), Mr. G. W. Debenham (hon. treasurer), Mr. T. J. Southam (assistant secretary), Mr. C. F. Sayer (librarian) and Mr. H. H. Hole, C.A. (hon. auditor).

The resolution from the St. Albans District—'That in view of the fact that honorary members pay an annual subscription, the term "honorary" be discontinued in favour of a more suitable title,' was proposed by Mr. R. A. Cochrane (Hatfield) and seconded by Mr. T. W. Sheppard (Bushey). This was agreed to. After much discussion it was decided that the honorary members be known as associate members.

Arrangements for Coronation ringing were discussed and Mr. W. Ayre urged that no ringing be done between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and that advantage be taken of publicity by co-operation with the Press.

A vote of thanks to the hon. general secretary and all others concerned in getting the annual reports printed in time for the meeting was proposed by Mr. E. G. Buck, who said that as long as he could remember, it had always been desired.

Mr. W. C. Hughes proposed a vote of thanks to the hon. treasurer for his difficult task during the year in dealing with the accounts and getting them in such good order.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for use of the bells, the steeplekeepers and all who had contributed to the success of the meeting was proposed by Mr. H. V. Frost.

Further ringing at St. Peter's and the Cathedral concluded another enjoyable gathering.

H. V. F.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. R. Sherlock 1, Mrs. T. Francis 2, Miss A. E. Salter 3, Miss M. Lawrence 4, G. Spencer 5, P. J. Coles 6, T. H. Francis 7, T. J. Lock (cond.) 8. First quarter of Treble Bob by 1, 3, 4 and 6.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Mr. J. T. Dyke

ON Easter Monday some 150 members met at Bath, where after ringing at Twerton-on-Avon and at the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, the service was held at the latter. The Rev. E. H. G. Sargent, the Vicar, conducted it and the organ was played by Mr. D. Hawkins, of All Saints', Weston, Bath. The choir consisted largely of Association members and greatly helped the singing. The address was given by the Master of the Guild, Prebendary A. J. Hook, who told eloquently of the Easter message. More than 100 members then took luncheon at the Christopher Hotel, where the subsequent business meeting was held.

The chief business of the meeting was the election of officers and the following were elected:—Master, Prebendary Hook, who asked the members to consider a successor to him, for he felt that he should be relieved of his office next year. Another officer, the Diocesan advisory expert, Mr. W. A. Osborn, at the end of his extensive report and current advice, also hoped that a successor would be found for him. The work entailed much time freely given. It needed a younger man with a knowledge of engineering. Mr. Osborn was re-elected.

The committee had considered the nomination of other officers to take the place of Mr. J. T. Dyke and recommended that Mr. Roger O. Fry, of 5, Morford Street, Bath, be elected general secretary and Mr. H. J. Sanger peal secretary. A question was asked if any other nomination could be accepted at the meeting. The Master said there was no objection, but as there was no other name brought forward the committee's nomination was accepted. Mr. L. W. Pullin took the office of treasurer, he having been elected at the previous meeting.

In addition to the report by Mr. Osborn the retiring secretary reported a numerical strength of fully paid-up resident ringing members as 1,441. There were about 100 members in arrears, who would no doubt pay up, but they could not be counted on the roll for the purposes of this statement. The assets of the Association were given as £335 10s. 7d. cash balance and £171 investments at face value. He said that the report for the years 1948-51 was nearly complete and the peal book was written up. He also proposed to write the new name book to hand over to the new secretary. He thanked the members for their co-operation and paid a tribute to the local secretaries, who were the mainstay of the Association.

Mr. S. G. Coles gave a lucid and interesting account of the Central Council meeting at Lincoln. The quiet touches of humour which interspersed his report were thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. H. J. Sanger then rose to ask the Master to present to the retiring secretary a pipe, tobacco and a cheque for £36. Mr. Sanger spoke of the hard work done in the past by Mr. J. T. Dyke and he was supported by Mr. W. J. Prescott, Mr. W. H. Coles and others. Mr. Dyke was too much overcome to reply adequately. Another honour, that of being elected an honorary life member, was conferred on him.

The meeting ended with votes of thanks, Mr. S. Woodburn being especially mentioned, for he had been of inestimable help in making the meeting arrangements.

Ringing took place at no fewer than twelve towers during the day and much admiration was expressed of the Weston bells, where the six bells had been rehung, retuned and augmented to eight.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on April 12th, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: F. G. Leaker 1, F. Hansford 2, G. Briggs 3, A. M. Tyler 4, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 5, W. Parker 6, A. A. Hillier 7, I. H. Trueman 8, R. J. Bowden 9, F. C. Morford 10. Rung for the 90th birthday of Mrs. Rowlands, the oldest communicant at the church.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHERE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES WAS BORN

Dear Sir,—As the writer of the report on Hartest dedication, I am stating where the report of the birth of Grandsire Doubles came from.

It was taken from the records of Samuel Slater, who was a local historian on ringing matters and lived at Glemsford, three miles from Hartest. The date was given me but when writing I could not remember exactly so I wrote 18th century. The exact date can be found in these records by anyone visiting Bury St. Edmunds.

Richard Duckworth was inducted at Hartest in 1660, not 1650, and on his arrival must have given the order to John Darbie for a ring of five in 1661. Stedman was at that period about 20 years of age and it was about this time that half-pull changes were first rung.

As J. A. Trollope admits in 'The College Youths', there was a lot of guess-work of the true happenings which took place in those days, as with very poor communications I can well imagine people being credited with composing when other people had already achieved it elsewhere. Even in recent years this has happened, because Pudsey was composed, but not published, at Lavenham six months before it was published and named elsewhere.

A few months ago Challis Winney was stated in 'The Ringing World' as coming from Polstead, when S. Slater says the Winneys all came from Nayland, and I have a copy of a peal rung there in July, 1828, with two Winneys in the band. I estimate it would take a lifetime to examine all this old literature, compare it, and really arrive at the truth.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

RUSHALL DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I have read the several replies to my letter about 'Newington' Doubles with considerable interest. As Mr. Moreton makes no claim for any name, Mr. C. E. M. Smith's 'Rushall' appears to be the correct one for the method, if such it be, and I gladly yield to him. I would, however, like to correct one statement of his. He says that there are 'four different callings available as in All Saints'; in point of fact there are only three, for a bob the fourth lead, twice repeated, brings up rounds at the 119th change, the 120th being 12435.

Another of these 'mixed Doubles methods' was rung, to the best of my knowledge for the first time, at Cheriton on April 15th this year. It is Reverse St. Bartholomew with a St. Dunstan's plain lead as its bob. We have provisionally named it 'Edinburgh' but are quite prepared to bow to any prior claim.

As Mr. Short's 'St. George's Doubles' appears to have been previously christened 'Marchington,' perhaps he would not mind us calling another variation of All Saints by this name. This has a St. Dunstan's plain lead as its bob, giving three callings.

Finally, I would like to disagree with Mr. Smith when he says that he prefers Doubles methods with their own distinctive plain courses. A quarter peal of, for example, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Besthorpe, Old, Norfolk and Seighford—all having the same plain course—is far more difficult than one of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Grandsire and Stedman.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Saltwood, Kent.

HEAVIEST FIVE FOR A PEAL

Dear Sir,—The recent peal at Ogbourne St. George (tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.) raises the following question: 'Is there a heavier five that have been rung to a full peal?' Will you enlighten us, please?—Yours,

C. SAVAGE.

Aldbourn, Marlborough.

JOSEPH EAYRE

Dear Sir,—First I must compliment your paper and also thank Harry King for producing information about Thos. Power, gent., who made the Buckden clock in 1681. I had almost thought that to ask for information about a clockmaker of the 17th century, whose name is not recorded in Baillie's list of 35,000 clockmakers, was expecting too much of 'The Ringing World.' But their capacity seems boundless.

Having received an answer to a hard question, may I trouble you with one which should be much easier? Are any clocks made by Joseph Eayre still in existence, and in what towers can one find a specimen? Every bell-ringer knows of Joseph Eayre, so I will not enlarge upon his fame as a bell founder.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. NIXSEAMAN.

Northill Rectory, Biggleswade.

TWO NEW DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—In the peals of Doubles at Rugeley (April 17th) and King's Bromley (April 18th) there are two methods which, as far as we can trace, have not previously been published. I give details below:—

St. Augustine's Doubles: Plain Lead, Grand-sire Single; Bob, Grandsire Extreme.

Lapley Doubles: Plain Lead, St. Nicholas'; Bob, Grandsire Single.

It is possible that these have been rung before under other names, although we have been unable to find any record, and if this is the case I would be glad to have details so that I can amend my records.—Yours faithfully,

Rugeley.

J. H. JOYNER.

'DIABOLICAL CONTRAPTION'

Dear Sir,—It is with surprise and dismay that I read in the current issue of 'The Church Times' of the proposed installation of a 'carillon without bells' at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

St. Bride's is famous in the annals of our art as the tower where many of the earliest peals were rung, and it is to be regretted that it is now to become the first in this country to have this diabolical contraption, which has been decried by so many ringers in recent years.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Kettering.

ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET

Dear Sir,—I am surprised that no comment has yet appeared in 'The Ringing World' on the news that a 'carillon of synthetic bells' is to be placed in the tower of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, to commemorate the Coronation. I have no doubt that London ringers have done everything possible to induce the authorities of this church to install another ringing twelve in this historic tower—the very cradle of change ringing. However, I, for one, would much like to know the reasons which have finally led to the sorry decision to have electronic 'bells.' On the face of it, and in the circumstances, a less worthy commemoration of the Coronation could hardly be imagined.

J. E. SPICE.

Liverpool.

THE OLD BELLS OF CHOBHAM

Dear Sir,—I suggest Mr. Collins reads the article again and he will find no mention of the church or the ringers. I have visited Chobham over 50 times since 1903 and several vicars have told me the parishioners prefer the bells as they are: hence no steps being taken to accept any schemes for improvement. Looking back over my article again, I cannot see that I implied the bells as being bad, even though I wrote saying they were not musical, an opinion generally accepted.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A New Secretary Appointed

The annual general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held in Cambridge on Easter Monday and was attended by ringers from a wide area.

The bells of St. Andrew-the-Great, the R.C. Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, St. Bene't's, Trumpington, and Chesterton were in use during the day. The twelve of St. Mary-the-Great are still at the Loughborough foundry.

The service was held at St. Andrew's, the Vicar (Canon Woodard) officiating, and Mr. T. R. Dennis acting as organist. Tea was served in St. Andrew's Hall by some of the local ringers' wives and friends.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Canon Woodard. The general secretary (Mr. W. W. Cousins) mentioned that he had been privileged to serve the Association as district and general secretary for the past 18 years and now felt that perhaps a change of secretary would be a good thing. He asked that his resignation be accepted and proposed Mr. W. J. Ridgman as the new secretary. This was agreed to. It was decided to hold the annual general meeting again in Cambridge next year.

After a lengthy discussion on the subject of badges it was agreed to leave the matter to the Diocesan Committee for them to choose a new design and act as they thought best.

W. W. C.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION

Increase in Subscription Approved

The annual general meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was held at Tibshelf, Derbyshire, on Easter Monday. The attendance was very good, representatives from most towers being present, and also visitors.

The bells were raised early in the afternoon and ringing enjoyed until 4.30 p.m., when a service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave an inspiring address. Tea followed, provided by the local band.

The annual business meeting took place immediately after tea. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, organist and ladies who provided tea and so ably waited upon the ringers.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. W. England; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hobbs, W. Dobb, H. Draycott and J. Brothwell; treasurer, Mr. C. M. Heathcote; secretary, Mr. B. A. Sollis; Ringing Master, Mr. A. Smithson; Central Council representative, Mr. C. W. Evans.

The resignation of Miss F. M. Price as secretary was received with regret and thanks were recorded by those present for her services to the Association. Fourteen new members were elected.

After much discussion it was decided to raise the annual subscription to 2s. per member (1s. members under 18) and abolish the entrance fee.

Ringing was then resumed until after 9 p.m., a very enjoyable afternoon and evening being spent by all present.

B. A. S.

THE 'PROFESSOR OF CAMPANOLOGY'

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. G. A. Peck, of Rugby, I am afraid the source of the information is unknown. Some years ago the first editor of this paper showed me a cutting which he had received, and after discussing whether such a performance was possible I took a copy of it with the intention of seeking further information. Probably the cutting was from a magazine and the eye-witness used plenty of imagination when he described the actual performance, especially the 'Professor's' rolling of himself round the central pivot on the floor. There seems no record of any repeat performances in any other tower.

W. S.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE LINCOLN MEETING

MINUTES of the second session of the twenty-first Council (55th annual meeting), held in the Chapter House, Lincoln, on Whitson Tuesday, June 3rd, 1952.

A very warm welcome was extended to the Council by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln. Prayers were offered by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln.

PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

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

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

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. E. M. Atkins, Mr. S. E. Darmon.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. D. Smith, Mr. J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. D. Carlisle, Mr. A. Mould.

Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. E. W. Biffin, Mr. J. E. Lilley.

Dudley & District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack, Mr. E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association.—Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Miss D. M. Drew, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

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

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

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. J. Willis.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. F. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. C. Sharples, Mr. L. J. Williams.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley, Mr. E. C. Turner.

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

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton, Mr. B. G. Key.

National Police Guild.—Mr. T. R. Butler.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffell, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. B. P. Morris, Mr. R. C. Noon, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. F. E. Haynes.

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

Sheffield and District Association.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. T. W. Francis, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Raithby.

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

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Mr. G. E. Symonds.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. Cooper.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

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

Life Members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. E. A. Young.

Honorary Members.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis.

Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. W. H. Viggers.

SUMMARY.

	Members	
	Associations Present	Absent
Wholly represented..	28	71
Partially represented..	21	43
Not represented ..	5	5
	54	114
Life Members ..	4	35
Hon. Members ..	12	8
	130	43

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 54 Associations were affiliated, entitled to elect 149 representatives. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members and there were 4 Life Members—a total of 177. There were two vacancies in Representative Members and four in the Honorary Members.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Rev. W. H. K. Trewhella, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, Messrs. P. Baker, K. Beardsall, G. W. Cecil, P. A. Corby, F. H. Dallaway, G. E. Debenham, E. G. Fenn, F. W. Goodfellow, G. L. Hewitt, A. J. Hughes, D. Hughes, J. W. Jones, F. B. Lufkin, T. G. Myers, W. Osborn, A. B. Peck, F. Precey, B. D. Price, H. J. Sanger, G. H. Spice, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, J. J. Webb, C. W. Woolley.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Mr. J. E. Lilley (Devon), Mr. W. G. Wilson (London County), Mr. J. Raithby (Southwell), and Honorary Members—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Messrs. J. P. Fidler, E. Shepherd and P. L. Taylor.

LOYAL ADDRESS

On the motion of the President it was decided to send the following telegram:—

'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers at annual meeting at the Chapter House at Lincoln assembled, desire to convey to your Majesty their expression of their loyal devotion and pray that your Majesty may be preserved for many years to preside over this Realm and Empire.'

to which the following gracious acknowledgment was received:—

'The Queen sincerely thanks the members of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers assembled at their annual meeting for their kind and loyal message which Her Majesty much appreciates.'

ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Nominations were the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, proposed on behalf of the Selection Committee by the President, supported by 24 members of the Standing Committee, and Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. F. E. Haynes. The voting by ballot resulted in Mr. E. A. Barnett's election by 76 votes to 52. Mr. E. A. Barnett expressed his thanks.

The President expressed the thanks of the Council to the retiring Honorary Secretary and to Mrs. Fletcher.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring member, Mr. W. Rowe, was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens, and it was also decided to retain the four vacancies.

ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS

On the proposal of the President, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes on behalf of the Standing Committee, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher was unanimously elected, and on the proposal of Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett, Miss M. E. Snowden was also elected.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The death of the following members was reported by the President with members standing in silence: T. Groombridge, S. J. Hector, T. Laver, J. C. E. Simpson, J. Swindley, T. W. Taffender. The President also reported the death of Miss Nora Johnston, sister of the late Mr. Cyril Johnston.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens, the Minutes as published and circulated were approved and adopted.

REPORTS

The various reports have been published as indicated:—

REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN

('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, page 378.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. The Hon. Librarian appealed for the return of publications still held by associations on sale or return.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, pages 378 and 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, 'The Ringing World' accounts being subject to audit.

Notice of Motion was given to increase the affiliation fees.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, page 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, page 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

HANDBOOK

On the President's motion, it was agreed to leave the completion of the book in the hands of Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher.

ROLL OF HONOUR

('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, page 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson, and on the proposal of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, a vote of grateful thanks was passed to Mr. F. Cullen for generously undertaking the writing and to Mr. Miles for the successful completion of this work.

It was agreed that further consideration be given as to where the book should be deposited.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, page 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, the Council agreeing that the committee be dissolved.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, page 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre. The recommendation by the committee that it be disbanded was rejected.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,151, June 20th, 1952, page 393.)

The committee's recommendation to add to the Rules relating to Doubles Methods was adopted on the proposal of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers. The rules are:—

- (1) The working bells need not be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the Plain Course.
- (2) No bell shall strike more than four consecutive blows in any one place, such four consecutive blows only to occur when the treble is at the front or at the back.
- (3) As far as possible there shall be as many leads in the Plain Course as there are working bells, but this requirement to be relaxed to include single hunt methods which have three leads in a plain course.

On the proposal of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. C. Wallater, it was agreed to defer further consideration until next year of that section of the report devoted to Extension of Methods. On the proposal of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, the question of the use of 3 lead course Royal Methods was referred back.

It was also agreed to add Mr. C. H. Kippin to the committee, and the committee was given power to co-opt others.

REPORT OF THE PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,150, June 13th, 1952, pages 379-380.)

The committee was instructed to delete from the Analysis for the year all those peals which did not comply with the Decisions of the Council. With this deletion the report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,152, June 27th, 1952, page 409.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

Mr. F. Sharpe reported on behalf of the committee (see 'Ringing World,' No. 2,152, June 27th, page 409). The report was seconded by Mr. E. H. Lewis and adopted. It was agreed to add Mr. J. W. Clarke and Mr. F. Collins to the committee.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS & BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,149, June 6th, 1952, page 361.)

Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

The President congratulated Mr. Edwards on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

Mr. J. W. Clarke reported verbally that it was proposed to make a formal appeal so that the work could be finally wound up.

The report was seconded by Mr. W. Ayre and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,149, June 6th, 1952, page 361.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers. It was also decided to add Mr. L. Stilwell to the committee.

REPORT OF 'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,152, June 27th, 1952, pages 409-410.)

The committee recommended (1) that the price be maintained at 4d. for the present and (2) that Mr. A. A. Hughes be appointed 'Ringing World' treasurer.

The report and recommendations were adopted on the proposal of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

MOTION

Proposed by Mr. A. E. Lock, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker and carried:—

'The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, as represented by its General Committee, views with apprehension the possibility of the Central Council rule requiring all methods rung in peals to have Plain Bob lead ends, and requests the Council to preserve the status quo and to re-examine the whole question of irregular methods in the light of present-day knowledge and practice.'

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

On the proposal of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. R. G. Blackman, it was decided to visit Bournemouth, and the Council also agreed that the meeting commence at 10 o'clock instead of 11 as hitherto.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the President's motion, thanks were expressed to the Bishop of Lincoln, the Dean and Chapter, the Archdeacon of Lindsey, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, particularly the Dean (President), Mr. J. A. Freeman (Master) and Mr. J. Bray (Secretary) for arrangements, all incumbents of churches for the use of bells and to all towerkeepers.

A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Members of the Council and their friends were the guests of the Mayor and Corporation at tea, presided over by the Mayor, Councillor J. W. Giles, supported by the Bishop, the Dean and the Archdeacon of Lindsey. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President.

The South-West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers are arranging a coach trip to Loughborough (May 8th-10th inclusive). The inclusive charge is £4 and names should be sent to either Mr. A. L. Bennett or Mr. E. W. Biffen.

DEDICATION

BOTUS FLEMING, CORNWALL

Situated at the bottom of a steep hill, some three miles from Saltash, is the pretty village of Botus Fleming. For some years the bells had not been going at all well, and in addition the fifth bell was cracked.

It was, therefore, a great pleasure for the local company on April 11th to have their bells rededicated after being restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Limited.

The ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. John Wellington, Assistant Bishop of Truro, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. W. Bazalgette, and the church was packed with parishioners and over 100 visiting ringers.

After the service a very nice tea was enjoyed in the Parish Hall, prepared by the ladies of the parish.

The bells are a mixed ring of varying dates with a tenor weighing 10½ cwt. They have been tuned and rehung with ball bearings and the fifth bell recast.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon represented the bell-founders and received congratulations on behalf of his firm. Ringers were present from the following towers: Calstock, Lanreath, Luxulyan, Morval, St. Cleer, St. Dominic, St. Ive, St. Martin-by-Looe, St. Stephen's-by-Saltash, St. Teath (all in Cornwall) and Tamer-ton and Yealmp-ton (Devon). The usual well-struck rising and falling, with rounds in between, was enjoyed by each band in turn right up to 9 p.m.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

The fine octave at Chew Magna attracted a good attendance at the quarterly meeting on April 18th.

The Association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. Luxmoore-Bell), who in welcoming the Branch recalled that the last visit to Chew Magna was for a Corporate Communion, which he warmly commended as an activity of the Branch.

At the business meeting three new members from Barrow Gurney were elected. Long Ashton was suggested for the next quarterly meeting with a practice meeting at Backwell in May and Publow in June. Mr. G. Yeo proposed the vote of thanks to all who had contributed to a successful meeting, especially Mr. and Mrs. H. Babb.

Ringling up to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major was under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following contributions received to meet the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

Personal.—Clerical Guild £1 1s., Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Glanvill 5s.

Peals.—Hook Norton (Oxon) 4s., Hemingford Abbots 1s. 6d., Bletchley 4s., Oswaldtwistle 3s., Sevenoaks 2s. 6d., King's Bromley 3s., Rugeley 3s., Lymington 2s. 6d., Alford 3s., Sutton 2s. 6d., Madron 2s. 6d., Bulwell 2s., Wareham 3s., Madeley 2s., Taxal 3s.

Quarter peals.—Holywell 1s., Morton 2s. 6d., Stoke Mandeville 2s., Padbury 2s., Lillingstone Lovell 2s., Eynsham 3s., South Shields 2s. 6d., Aspley Guise 3s., St. Kea 2s. 6d., Great Bromley 2s., Rochester 2s., Withycombe Raleigh 3s., Wicken 2s. 6d., Swindon 3s., Upper Clapton 2s., Sidmouth 2s., Allesley 2s., Harlow Town 2s.

Mr. W. W. Cousins, who for the past 18 years has served the Ely Diocesan Association as a district and general secretary, has resigned. The new secretary is Mr. W. J. Ridgman.

THE BELLS OF OATLANDS, SURREY

Henry VIII. built one of his finest palaces at Oatlands and from then onwards the district was closely bound up with the comings and goings of royalty until the palace was destroyed under the Commonwealth of Oliver Cromwell.

The church is away from the village and the tower is clearly seen by travellers on the main line between Walton-on-Thames and Weybridge.

The eight bells of the ring by Warners are all dated 1911, yet it was not until March, 1913, that they were dedicated. In the interim period this octave was heard by millions of people although not installed in any church tower. During the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace in 1911 these bells were played by that well-known London ringer, Fred Newman, and it was intended that the ring should be sent to India for the Durbar, but this arrangement was cancelled and they were conveyed to the Olympia, where they played a part in Max Reinhardt's famous spectacle, 'The Miracle.'

The interior of this great building was transformed into a grey-walled cathedral and in this setting the tragic and beautiful story was enacted without words. It is the tale of a beautiful nun, whose life was one of joys and sorrows. She heard the world calling; she heeded it and she tasted its sweets and bitters. Then she came back to the Sanctuary, different yet the same.

Full of majestic music and picturesque scenes, the bells broke in from time to time with joyous peals, and the tolling for matins and vespers was also impressive. All very magnificent and stirring.

The founders had many offers for these bells, including one from a nobleman in Scotland, who wanted them for his mansion, but Warners kept to their original offer, i.e., to let Oatlands have the first refusal of them. Each bell bears the same inscription, viz., 'Cast in the first year of the reign of King George V., 1911.' The tenor is 12 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Hingham Little Imperial Bob Major

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24631785	— — — —	2 32654
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24316578	— — — —	— 25634
42136587	— — — —	— 62534
41263857	— — — —	S 46235
14628375	— — — —	— 2 42365
	— — — —	— 3 52463
14263857	— — — —	— 52634
Bob	— — — —	3 23546
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	with singles for bobs	
16423857	half-way and end.	
Single	Rung at Hingham	
14628375	on April 19th, 1953.	
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OBITUARY

MR. C. H. PERRY

For many years captain of the St. Illyd, Bridgend. South Wales, band of ringers. Mr. C. H. Perry passed away at the residence of his daughter (Mrs. Eastwood) on April 22nd.

Mr. Perry, who was aged 67, was a very enthusiastic ringer and rang and conducted peals in many parts of the country.

Owing to ill-health, he had to cease active participation in ringing in 1949, much against his will.

NOTICES

Scale of Charges

The charge of Notices for meetings is one penny a word, minimum 2s. 6d. For additional insertions with no change of type one half of the above charge for each insertion.

Other Notices one penny per word, minimum 3s.

All Notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received on the Monday preceding publication.

DEATHS

MATKIN.—On April 20th, 1953, at 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth Mary Jane, aged 49 years. Beloved wife of Daniel Thomas Matkin. 2503

PERRY.—On April 22nd, 1953, at the residence of his daughter, Belle Vue, Brede, Sussex, C. H. Perry, aged 67. 2529

TEMPORARY ADDRESS

The temporary address of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby for the next few months will be 2, Kirby Hall Cottages, Kirby Bellars, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. Permanent address remains Forest Hill. 2533

PUBLICATIONS

'ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS,' by Edgar C. Shepherd. A survey of this ancient Society from 1755 to 1846, with index to John Day's 'Memoirs.' Post free 1s. 6d. from the author, 2, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. 2304

'BELLS OF ALL NATIONS.'—An encyclopedia of bells of all types the world over. Profusely illustrated. Price 21s. direct from the author, Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L., The Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. 2329

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

MISCELLANEOUS

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (close to Colliers Wood Underground Station).—Practice night has now been changed to Monday, 7-8.30. Six bells (tenor 7 cwt.). Everyone welcome. 2468

BUY ONE FOR HIS BIRTHDAY. — The 'Delight' 'Ringing World' Home Binder. 8s. and 12s., postage 1s. 3d. (add 1s. if year and volume number required). — William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 2120

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — Saturday, May 2nd. Burton Dassett (6), afternoon; Farnborough (5), evening. Arrange own tea. Blue Bus service Leamington to Kineton via Gaydon, and Kineton to Banbury via Gaydon and Northend. — R. J. Edden. 2506

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch. — Meeting, Tedburn St. Mary, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. (juniors half price). 2481

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, May 4th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth. Saturday, May 9th, St. Lawrence's, Brentford, 3-4.15: All Saints', Isleworth, 3: service 4.30: tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.15: further ringing in evening. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2541

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting on May 2nd. Woodford (8) 2.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Service, Wanstead, 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to B. Petty, 13, High Street, Wanstead, E.11. 2463

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Braughing (8 bells). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Langleybury (6), Saturday, May 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names, please.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 2478

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), St. Mary's (8) 2.30-4.15 p.m. Service at St. George's 4.30. Tea 5 in Dover Street Rooms. Social evening 7.30-11 Victoria Hotel. — W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2436

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Spring meeting, Saxlingham Nethergate, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Prince of Wales. Also Shotesham bells (5) after tea. — A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 2490

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dedication of the Canon Coleridge Memorial, Saturday, May 2nd, 1953. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Ebbe's, Oxford (8) 6-7 p.m.; Appleton (10) 6.45-8 p.m.; Radley (6) 7-8 p.m. 2536

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Kingston-on-Soar (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Barton buses leave Granby Street, Nottingham, 2.28 and 3.28. Take sandwiches; cups of tea and cakes provided free. All ringers welcome. 2467

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 2nd. Ringing from 2.30. St. Peter's, St. Nicholas; Good Shepherd after meeting. Service St. Peter's 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. (under 16 1s. 3d.). Usual allowances.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 2430

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Shedfield, May 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton.—John H. Hunt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2487

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Selby on Saturday, May 2nd. The Abbey bells (10) available 2-4.15 p.m. and after the meeting till 9 p.m. Auditors meet 11 a.m., Hawdon Institute. Service 4.15 p.m. in chancel. Tea (4s. per head) served at 5 p.m. at the Corunna Cafe, Ousegate. Names to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. Meeting same room immediately afterwards. Reports will be available and subscriptions are now due.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 2462

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Michael's, Creech, May 9th. Bells 6.30-9 p.m. —A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 2525

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Barnesley District. — Meeting, Thornhill, near Dewsbury, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify, not later than May 6th. Mr. C. Hodge, 68, Thorn Avenue, Thornhill, near Dewsbury.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2539

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.45. Tea at the Oak Inn 4.45. Short service 5.45. Names for the annual outing. Let's have a good meeting.—L. H. Bwaters, Sec. 2531

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Nunburnholme on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 6th, to Mr. F. Wilkinson, 7, Denison Road, Pocklington. 2522

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Please send names for tea, by Wednesday, May 6th, to Mr. A. Potts, Hon. Sec., 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 2507

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth (8) on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, May 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 29, West Avenue, Rudheath, Northwich. 2542

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Clowne (6), Saturday, May 9th. Good attendance requested. Tea for those who send names to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 2482

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, North Shields, May 9th. Details of committee meeting, etc., by circular.—D. A. Bayles. 2538

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.—A Ringing Day will be held on May 9th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Names for tea to L. Evans, The Broach, Eardisland, Leominster. 2150

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Westerham (8), May 9th (Wadhurst not available). Names for tea to Miss M. Cosgrove, The Green, Westerham. Book early for summer outing, July 11th.—C. A. Bassett. 2519

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham (6), May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 2515

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Belchamp St. Paul (6), Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea by Wednesday the 6th. Wickham St. Paul (5) available after 7 p.m.—H. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree. 2493

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Cock at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 2473

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Malmesbury (8), May 9th. For tea advise H. Blanchard, Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury. 2512

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), May 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by May 6th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 2528

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham, May 9th. Bells from 3: Service 4.30. Tea at Fox Tea Room 5. Numbers, by Thursday, please, to W. E. Matthews, Ellenscroft, Mount Pleasant, Effingham. 2532

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington, May 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woolfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 2504

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Redbourn (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent, by May 6th, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2491

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District.—Meeting at Pudsey, Leeds, May 9th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Also cafe nearby.—A. D. Kelly, Dis. Sec. 2499

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Childwall (6), May 9th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. All names to Mr. F. S. Almond, 138, Vale Road, Woolton. All welcome.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 2540

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton, Saturday, May 9th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. Smalley, 15, Sunny Garth, Westhoughton (free tea).—Joseph Thornley, Assist. Sec. 2516

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116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 2486

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Oldham Parish Church, May 9th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Cafes nearby.—F. Pritchard. 2535

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Northern Branch, Lincoln District) and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Basingham (6) on May 9th. Tea for those who notify, by the Wednesday previous, Mr. J. Woodsall, Basingham.—C. Brown and P. White, Hon. Secs. 2483

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Southgate, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Tea may be obtained locally.—T. J. Lock. 2510

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Leek, Saturday, May 9th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs. 2511

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual Ringing Guild meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3.30 to 4.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxford. 2448

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pangbourne (6) and Whitechurch (6) May 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service, Pangbourne. 4.30 p.m. Tea, Lantern Cafe, 5 p.m. Names, by May 4th, to Nancie Swann, 49, Whitnights Road, Reading. 2498

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Benson on Saturday, May 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea afterwards for those who notify me by May 4th.—H. Badger, Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 2494

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Cuddesdon (6), May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service after tea. Names for tea, not later than May 5th, please, to T. S. Bowles, 6, Kempton Crescent, Littlemore, Oxford. 2508

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, May 9th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 2527

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Calne, Saturday, May 9th. Annual meeting, Town Hall, 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. High tea, Town Hall, 5 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d., obtained before May 5th, from Mr. F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. Towers available: Wootton Bassett, Calne, Melksham, Bishop's Cannings, Devizes (St. John's), Bradford (Christ Church), Brimhill, Broad Hinton, Hilmarton, Lyneham, Heddington and Yatesbury (from 12.2.15 and 6.8.30).—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. Melksham. 2497

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Newport, May 9th. Recently rehung octave. All welcome. Service 4.30. Tea at Austin's Cafe 5.15. 2505

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting, Mavesyn Ridware, May 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Important committee meeting 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. A coach will leave Wolverhampton (Wal-

sall bus stop) at 2 p.m. Names for tea and coach, not later than May 6th, to Mr. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley.—Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 2518

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Thorpe Bay, May 9th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 (cups of tea provided; bring own food). Ringing after tea till 7.30 p.m.—P. A. Sadler. 2524

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Practice meeting at Cowfold (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by May 6th.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2523

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Storrington, May 9th, 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, please, by 5th, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 2521

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The dedication of the George Williams Memorial Bookcase will take place in the belfry of St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, May 9th, at 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 6th, to Mr. M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. Bells available before and after the dedication.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2514

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Holland, May 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Rectory for those only who notify me by May 12th.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 2469

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual District meeting, May 16th, St. John's, Leicester (10). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, April 12th, to Mr. S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester. All welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 2526

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual, Gainsborough, May 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 2530

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Blewbury, May 16th. Service 3.30. Names for tea, by the 12th, to A. E. Lock, 35, East Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 2517

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Bletchingley, May 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Double Norwich. Notifications, by May 13th, to F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Bletchingley. 2520

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival at Ledbury on Whit Monday, May 25th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. General meeting 5 p.m. Ledbury (8) and Eastnor (6) bells available from 11 a.m.; also neighbouring towers for parties. Names, by May 21st, to Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 2534

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at Raunds on Whit Monday, May 25th. Committee meeting at 2 p.m. in the School. Service at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. followed by the business. Names for tea must reach me by Saturday, May 16th. Towers open for ringing: Great Addington, Woodford, Islip, Lowick, Titchmarsh, Higham-Ferrers, Stanwick, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thrapston 12 to 2; Ringstead 11 to 2.30; Raunds 1.30 to 3 p.m. All towers open in the evening.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 2513

RUSHDEN ST. MARY'S, NORTHANTS.—Restored and augmented ring of eight. Dedication service by Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Saturday, May 30th, 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Bells available until 9 p.m. Names for buffet tea, by Tuesday previous, to A. R. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden. 2509

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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and Jubilee Dinner at Wrexham on Saturday, June 6th. Parish Church bells available 1.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. followed by annual general meeting. Dinner at Stevens' Cafe, Hope Street, 7 p.m. Early application for tickets (8s. 6d.) to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 2537

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