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THE DISTRICT HERITAGE

MR. G. H. SPICE, in his concluding report as hon. general secretary of the Kent County Association, took as his theme the district heritage. Each of the six districts enjoys its own autonomy, but together they form a miniature 'commonwealth.' The story of this 'commonwealth' he told in a graphic form in his report.

'There is first the Ashford District away in the south-east stretching down to the coast at Folkestone and Hythe, including among its towers such glories as Ashford itself, Tenterden and Wye, with a tradition for ringing at Willesborough unsurpassed in the county, where still flourishes our only living founder member, Mr. Edward Ruck, "Old Ted" as he would have us say.

Next the Canterbury District bounded by sea to the north and east, among its fifty towers the varied sea places of Whitstable, of oyster fame, Margate, the holiday haunt of many thousands (though only a stone's throw from quiet Birchington and the curious Quex Park), and Dover, whose white cliffs emit welcome to our shores; and at its heart the great Cathedral City, and in its ringing the real family spirit, reflected in the many honorary members.

In complete contrast think of the Lewisham District, our hosts to-day, industrial and merging into Greater London, bristling with towers in the crowded places, Beckenham, Dartford, Erith and Woolwich to name but a few; an area where many of our Association records were accomplished, and where Crayford and the name of Barnett have brought us honour.

The central Maidstone District, having common boundary with the other five, goes to the opposite extreme in being solidly rural with thirty satellites spread round the majestic Church of All Saints. In former years James Barham and the Lenham Youths brought lasting fame with the extent peal of Bob Major at Leeds, a ringing landmark; maybe Barham's spirit engenders the adventurous outlook of the present time.

In the north the Rochester District, stretching from Gravesend to Sittingbourne and embracing the Medway towns, combines urban and rural qualities in happy proportions, with the Isle of Sheppey lending further variety. Here I step back into the shoes I once wore, and which

Mr. Mitchell wore before me, and it is satisfying to find them in good repair and giving excellent service.

Lastly to the Tonbridge District in the south-west, distinguished by having a lady secretary, I believe the first ever in the Association, to whom we wish great success in an area which, besides the home at Westerham of the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, includes such historically famous places as Chiddingstone, Hever and Penshurst, and among its bells the fine six at Horsmonden, where ring the family Lambert.

My message is that you should profit from your district heritage, and that you should feel encouraged to develop your district activities. For your influence there will determine the prevailing atmosphere for ringing, and will do more than anything else to ensure that the sounds of recorded bells will not emanate from more churches than necessity justifies. Our very strong ally is the love of bells deeply ingrained in the hearts of our countrymen, of which we have had abounding evidence in recent years, and which has called us to ring out the bells when the Queen sets foot again on English soil after her global tour. What greater assurance could there be than this and, since my health dictates it, what more appropriate moment for stepping out of the shoes I have worn these last eight years?

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' May 1st, 1914

LEISTON, SUFFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 20th, 1914, in 2 hours and 30 minutes
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5,040 CHANGES

*Allen F. Bailey 1-2

Ernest S. Bailey 3-4

Charles F. Bailey 5-6

James M. Bailey 7-8

*Frederick W. Bailey 9-10

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Chas. F. Bailey.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal 'in hand' by all. It was also the first peal of Royal to be rung by five brothers.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 39½ cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble	WALTER ALLMAN 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 2	JOHN S. MASON 8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 5	JOHN CHILCOTT 11
CLIFFORD A. BARRON 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in the county.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Tues., April 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
MURIEL REAY 2	*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 8
DOROTHY E. L. BEAMISH 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	LEONARD TREVOR 10
J. EDWARD CAUSER 5	FRANK E. HAYNES 11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* Annual peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRADROKE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., April 7, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5032 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

*L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 6
*STANLEY W. COPLING 2	*ERNEST WHITING 7
†EDWARD G. CURSON 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 8
†DAVID HEIGHTON 4	ARTHUR G. BASON 9
*CEDRIC CURSON 5	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. The first peal of Royal on the bells.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt.

PERCY SWINDLEY Treble	*WILLIAM A. FARMER 6
ROGER B. MORRIS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 3	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 8
J. BENJAMIN BUDD 4	BRIAN HARRIS 9
F. HECTOR BENNETT 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

Mr. J. W. Griffiths has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	WILFRED G. WILSON 7
PAT LEWINGTON 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 8
WILLIAM BUTLER 4	FRANK H. HICKS 9
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 5	NORMAN V. HARDING Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN Treble	†JOE E. G. ROAST 6
FRANK V. GANT 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
FRANK B. LUFKIN 3	†PETER J. EVES 8
*PETER J. CAME 4	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 9
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 5	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON Tenor

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 3, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

*SYDNEY SAGE Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
RUTH M. JACKSON 2	*WILLIAM A. SMITH 6
JEAN C. BROWN 3	ALAN N. BROWN 7
*ALLEN TWYMAN 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Composed by SIR. A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar. the Rev. J. G. McClintock.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., April 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON 5
*DAVID A. CARPENTER 2	*L. MICHAEL CALLOW 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 3	*GEORGE GARDNER 7
PERCY STONE 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung by the Sunday service band.

A compliment to L. Michael Callow and Iris Meek on their engagement.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

ANNE B. SPEED Treble	D. KAY ADKINS 5
ROBERT G. LAY 2	WILLIAM G. MORRIS 6
FRANCES A. THRELFALL 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 7
ROLAND W. MORANT 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY and SAINT CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5086 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

SAMUEL C. WALKER Treble	RICHARD A. GOFTON 5
*ENID SOFTLEY 2	DENIS A. BAYLES 6
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY 3	ROLAND PARK 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 4	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN (C.C. Coll. 14).

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. S. C. Walker has now 'circled' this tower.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., April 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
LEONARD TUFFREY Treble	JOHN F. BUTLER 5
EDWARD T. LLOYD 2	JOHN EATON 6
JOHN N. LINDON 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 7
MOLLY P. FLYNN 4	ARTHUR V. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. John Eaton.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.	
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble	DEREK P. JONES 5
C. HENRY HARDING 2	WILLIAM YATES 6
RONALD J. SHARP 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 7
JOHN KING 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

Rung prior to Evensong on Easter Eve.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.	
CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
*ROGER BALDWIN 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS .. 6
†BRIAN J. LUFF 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Surprise away from the treble. † First peal of London.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.
ENID SOFTLEY Treble	NANCY I. LEA 5
MARGARET GIBSON 2	CHARLES N. LEA 6
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. 3	*STANLEY HEWITT 7
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY 4	J. BRENDA SOFTLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the joy of Easter.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt.	
ANGELA WILLES Treble	DAVID L. GULLICK 5
REX M. DIXON 2	JOHN CHURCH 6
PETER W. CROFT 3	JACK S. DEAR 7
COLIN HARWOOD 4	FRANK W. CROFT .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.

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

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.	
THOMAS H. TOCOCK .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
PETER NASH 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 3	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 7
J. M. N. LAKIN 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by H. H. WILDE, No. 14. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

First peal in the method for all except ringers of 6th and tenor.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Reeves' Five-part.	Tenor 13 cwt.
*LESLIE SMITH Treble	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 5
SAM SCATTERGOOD 2	RONALD BIRCH 6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 3	DENNIS HOLLAND 7
FRANK MILLINGTON 4	BARRY HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Roger C. Preston (of Sheffield Cathedral) and Miss Jean M. Duncan, who were married at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Weston-super-Mare, on this day.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.	
JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER Treble	STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 5
JOHN HILL 2	GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 6
KATHLEEN E. WELLER .. 3	RALPH BIRD 7
*JANET M. BESANT 4	ARTHUR H. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN HILL.

* First peal of Plain Bob on a working bell. The 800th peal for the Guild.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5408 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.	
PETER L. WOOD .. Treble	THOMAS BIRD 5
F. KEITH WILLIAMSON .. 2	REG. RIPPINGALE 6
FRANK W. J. ROPER 3	TERRY EARLE 7
JACK BRETT 4	JOHN R. LEEMING .. Tenor

Composed by T. WEST.

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.	
*JOHN R. WORSDELL .. Treble	RONALD J. HILL 5
RONALD RUSSELL 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 6
LOUIS WILLDERS 3	FREDERICK J. HUBBARD .. 7
PERCY D. BALDOCK 4	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Worcester Variation.	Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.
*VALERIE GUTTERIDGE .. Treble	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 5
SAMUEL PINDER 2	W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 6
*DOROTHY TEMPLEMAN .. 3	DAVID MARSHALL 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY .. Tenor

Composed by EDWARD F. GOBEY. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

* First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. This composition is rung for the first time.

STRATFIELD-MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.	
*GILLIAN E. BROWN .. Treble	THOMAS H. TOCOCK 5
J. M. N. LAKIN 2	PETER NASH 6
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 3	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 7
REGINALD W. REX 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal on eight.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
MARIK K. ROBERTS Treble †RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN 4
*BRIAN PRATT 2 WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
MICHAEL N. BLAND .. 3 CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble WILLIAM OLDMAN 4
CECIL WADE 2 *HENRY P. COLLIN 5
JAMES W. HAW 3 JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. Kenneth R. Corby and Miss Eva M. Smith, a ringer at the above church, whose wedding was solemnised previous to the peal.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.
ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Treble ALLAN SIMPSON 4
CLEMMENT GLENN 2 CHARLES W. TOWERS 5
JOAN HOODLESS 3 *SYDNEY ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by CLEMMENT GLENN.

* First peal 'inside.'

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and five extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Old Doubles. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HUGH FALKNER Treble WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 4
*BRIAN R. MYLES 2 ††RALPH E. W. WENBAN.. 5
†WILLIAM WENBAN 3 RAYMOND PEARSON .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH E. W. WENBAN.

* First peal in six methods † First peal in six Doubles methods.
† 25th peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

GRAVELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.
DAVID L. GULLICK Treble WALTER BROWN 4
*FRANK E. WORBOYS .. 2 WILLIAM J. HITCH 5
*SIDNEY MYNOTT 3 JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.

* First peal.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being in seven methods, an extent each of: Neatherscale, Annable's London, Norwich, Wells, Durham, York, London. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED C. HARRIS Treble EDGAR W. WINTERS 4
GEORGE CHERRY 2 PETER W. CROFT 5
JACK CHURCH 3 FRANK W. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

A 16th birthday compliment to Peter W. Croft.

HARPOLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings), and 12 of Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*MRS. H. HAYNES Treble VICTOR A. PERRY 3
*JOYCE M. WATSON 2 MALCOLM R. TOMALIN .. 4
HAROLD HAYNES Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD HAYNES.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

BRIAN HENRY Treble HARRY CALDERBANK 4
*JOHN V. BLACKLIDGE .. 2 J. RICHARD JENKINSON .. 5
JOHN BAILEY 3 FRANK STEAD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal 'inside.'

A 'welcome home' to the treble ringer on completion of his National Service.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in twelve Plain methods: (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck and Canterbury, (2) Double, Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Childwall, (5) Hereward, (6) Double Court, (7) Single Oxford. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD DENMAN Treble GEORGE CHALLANS 4
*FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. 2 W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5
*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 3 HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in twelve methods.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's with 93 changes of method: 1, Newcastle and Alnwick; 2, London and Wells; 3, Netherscale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; 4, Carlisle, Chester and Munden; 5, York and Durham; 6, Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose; 7, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN W. PIDGEON Treble HERMON J. OLIVER 4
HARRY TURNER 2 RICHARD VALENTINE 5
ROBIN N. PITTMAN 3 LAURENCE H. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

First peal in 18 methods by all.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

HANDBELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sun., April 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT 35 MARKET STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER BERESFORD 1—2 GEORGE E. OLIVER 5—6
JOAN BERESFORD 3—4 DENNIS BERESFORD 7—8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 16, 1954, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
AT 31, DRAYTON GROVE, W.13,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

*DEREK R. JUDD 1—2 GILLIAN R. LAMONT .. 3—4
WILLIAM T. COOK 5—6
Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First handbell peal.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana Gough 1, Pamela Law 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 4, B. K. Turnbull 5, E. E. Trusler 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Sear 1, Squire Croft 2, F. Stonton 3, W. Daniells 4, R. Cadamy 5, D. J. Meager 6, W. Sear (cond.) 7, W. Smith 8.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—For children's service, 1,246 Spliced Triples in eleven methods (by A. J. Pitman): A. Mallen 1, F. Jukes 2, J. Lloyd 3, A. Peakman 4, T. Hemming 5, B. Lawton 6, C. Skidmore (cond.) 7, S. Mallen 8. First quarter in eleven methods by all.—Also for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Mallen (first away from tenor) 1, R. Allport (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Skidmore 3, W. E. Masters 4, B. Lawton 5, J. Lloyd 6, T. Hemming (cond.) 7, A. Mallen 8.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Oswald, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hague 1, C. Hague 2, Susan Dinsdale 3, Elsa Murray 4, G. Thackray 5, Margaret Barker 6, W. M. Scheerer (cond.) 7, Carol Steel 8.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): B. Bellamy 1, Miss R. Marwood 2, G. Miles 3, A. E. C. Noble 4, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 5, D. S. M. Jones 6, T. Holt 7, A. Dye 8. First quarter for 1 and 7.

GREENS NORTON, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): G. Mansfield 1, Betty Mansfield 2, A. Booth 3, C. Rigby 4, C. Massingham 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6. First in three methods by 2 and 5. Rung by Sunday service ringers.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss W. Brand (first quarter) 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, C. E. Wright (cond.) 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, S. Penfold 7, F. V. Gant 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Grandsire, Plain Bob): C. E. Hill 1, W. T. Hill 2, Judith D. Shedel 3, Gwenda A. Davies 4, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 5. Rung after dedication of new bell-ropes.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Doubles (two 120's each of All Saints', Reversed St. Bartholomew, Reversed Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire, and 300 Plain Bob): Miss J. Burroughs (first quarter) 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. F. Romney 1, S. A. Hill 2, C. W. Linington (first 'inside') 3, P. Hollingdale 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Harniss 1, C. D. Linington 2, S. A. Hill (first as conductor) 3, J. Backshall, sen. 4, P. F. Romney 5, F. Cox 6.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. D. Linington 1, S. A. Hill 2, P. N. O. Robinson 3, J. Backshall, sen. 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Steele 1, R. Richards (first 'inside') 2, Marion L. Lidgley 3, P. A. Clifton 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, S. Richards 6.

LISS, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): T. Fry 1, H. Tice 2, J. Newman 3, G. Norris 4, A. Betsworth (cond.) 5, D. Wheeler 6, P. Heath 7, K. Wright 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, D. W. Beard (cond.) 2, Sonia Lloyd-Evans 3, M. J. Soper 4, A. W. Beard 5, R. Fraser 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples by the same band in the evening.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John Mawdesley, sen. 1, Gordon Halls 2, Peter Millward 3, Kenneth Edwards 4, John Ashcroft (cond.) 5, Alan V. Lucksmith 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. D. Harris 1, R. G. Leale 2, R. Baldwin 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. York Bramble 6, F. W. Rogers 7, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 8.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Bainbridge 1, F. Ward 2, H. Thorpe 3, S. F. Palmer 4, R. Birch 5, P. Ketteridge (first quarter) 6, B. Holland 7, F. Udall 8, G. K. Chaddock 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. R. Scott 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Mrs. W. Butler 3, W. Butler 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, B. L. Taylor 7, J. Birt 8.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Stella Lazenby 1, Ann Matthews 2, F. J. White (cond.) 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, A. Bown 5, E. Jones 6.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, A. Richardson 2, W. G. Soar 3, Mrs. A. Richardson 4, P. Marriott 5, A. J. Marriott (cond.) 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, J. Hales (first as cond.) 2, J. A. Hales 3, Miss G. L. Friswell 4, Miss N. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal 7, D. A. Sydenham 8.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Evans 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, Miss D. Marshall (first quarter) 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.—Also 1,440 Westminster Surprise Minor: A. E. Dobb 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, G. Challans 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter peal in the method by all.



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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT BROMLEY

RETURN VISIT AFTER 20 YEARS — MEMBERSHIP DROP AFTER POST-WAR BULGE — PEALS WERE LESS, BUT 42 CONDUCTORS — CHANGES IN OFFICERS — EASTER MONDAY MEETINGS QUESTIONED

EASTER Monday was spent by many members of the Kent County Association this year at Bromley. The bombed Church of SS. Peter and Paul's has been partially rebuilt in a modern style of architecture which made a deep impression on the large congregation of ringers and their friends who attended the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. N. M. Walton). A touch on handbells preceded the service, during which the lesson was read by Mr. E. H. Lewis, a vice-president of the Association.

An excellent lunch was served at the Royal Bell Hotel. Mr. John Willis presided over a company numbering 175 and the guests included the Mayor of Bromley and the Vicar.

In a short speech of welcome the Mayor recalled that it was 20 years since the Kent County Association visited Bromley. He mentioned that the foundation stone of the new church was laid by the Queen when Princess Elizabeth.

The Vicar added to the Mayor's welcome. Mr. E. H. Lewis congratulated Bromley on its new church. He was so pleased they went in for something modern and not 'churchyard Gothic.' It was sad to think that the old Jan-naway bells were gone; they were the only complete ring by this foundry. Nevertheless, they had a very good ring in their place.

Luncheon was followed by the annual meeting. Mr. Willis was an expeditious chairman and he was supported by Mr. G. H. Spice (hon. secretary), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. treasurer) and Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. E. S. Ruck (vice-presidents).

Apologies were received from Messrs. S. Walter, G. H. Cross, Peter Bond (in Wales for Easter), P. A. Corby and Mr. Fred White.

Mr. G. H. Spice, in his report (reference to part of which appears on the front page of this issue), stated that last year a full complement of 42 meetings was carried out.

MEMBERSHIP DROP

Practising members last year fell by 99 to 897. Several factors contributed towards a trend which became visible last year when, after four successive years in which numbers exceeded the traditional four figures, membership dropped to 996. One reason was that fluctuations spread over not one, but several years. For instance, it took four years after the war to build up again to the 1,000 mark, and this was really an amazing speed. It was made possible by the abnormally high recruitment rate, giving rise to a bulge which was bound to subside. In doing so it had contributed to the present decline.

'Some of you may think that the increase in subscription to 3s. had played a part, but if so I feel it is only a minor one. Had there been a really unfavourable reaction to this wise and necessary step the fall in membership would have been much heavier. . . . We all should be concerned about the fall in membership, but we need not be alarmed so long as we realise our individual and District responsibility.'

Subscriptions were received from 80 honorary members compared with 88 in 1952, and new practising members numbered 125 compared with 148, District contributors being: Ashford 11 adult 1 junior, Canterbury 11 and 12, Lewisham 14 and 5, Maidstone 20 and 6, Rochester 24 and 3, Tonbridge 13 and 5.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood while the following were remembered: C. Head (Wye), Robert Edwards (Tentenden), Joseph Neve (Rolvenden), Randall G. Port (Canterbury, District Ringing Master 1945-50), Percy W. Smith (Canterbury District secretary 1926-36), Albert Johnson (Littlebourne),

Mrs. Thompson (Sturry), Alec Webb (Lyminge), H. E. Holden (Bexley), G. W. Pound (Boxley), G. R. Lawrence (Chatham), V. A. Jarrett (Chatham), H. Gearing (Cowden), F. J. Lambert (Horsmonden) R. Dalby Reeve (Margate, hon. member) and Mrs. Sone (Linton). Non-resident members were: Messrs. George Dawson (Leytonstone), W. H. J. Hooton (Tring), W. J. Ladd (East Grinstead) and C. Brasier (Rotherfield).

The committee, meeting in November, proposed the creation of a new office, that of Ringing Master, to be responsible for all ringing arrangements on the day of the annual meeting. This was unanimously adopted, and Mr. P. J. Spice, of Bromley, was admirably fulfilling those duties that day for the first time.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. B. Collison, seconded by Mr. F. S. Macey. The presentation of an honorarium to Mr. Spice with the sincere thanks of the Association to him for his services then followed, which was reported in our last issue.

THE ACCOUNTS

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, commenting on the General Account, said last year they increased their subscriptions to 3s. per head and they had lost 109 adult and 14 junior members. Twenty-five members must have had a conscience, because they had paid up their arrears. Collections at meetings of £19 9s. 10d. had been allocated to the Belfry Repair Fund. Badges had gone very well, the total sale being nearly 700. Income, including balance in hand, of £111 2s. 5d., amounted to £354 19s. 8d., and a balance in hand of £115 14s. 3d. was being carried forward. The big bugbear was the printing of the annual report, which cost £70.

The Benevolent Fund had a balance in hand of £176 6s. 1d. Three grants to the extent of £20 had been made. The Belfry Repair Fund, with a balance of £194 10s. 8d., had made three grants of ten guineas to Farningham, Bethersden and Lynsted.

The total value of the assets of the Association on December 31st, according to current market prices, was £1,164 19s. against a value at par of £1,273 2s. 5d.

The financial report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. F. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Knight.

FEWER PEALS RUNG

The report of the peal secretary, Mr. Mark S. Lancefield, stated that 130 peals were recorded during 1953, a decrease of 25 on 1952. For the Coronation 15 peals were rung.

Compared with the peal analysis of 1952 there was an increase in six-bell peal ringing but a decrease of one third in the number of Surprise Major peals rung. This decrease was partly due to the reduced totals in the Tonbridge and Lewisham Districts which in the past contributed largely to the total of peals rung in more advanced methods. There were 37 first-pealers, a pleasing increase of nine.

Two performances deserved special mention—a peal of Doubles at Chelsfield, in which all the band rang their first peal, and a peal of Doubles at East Farleigh, in which there were four first peals.

There were 42 conductors, 12 less than in 1952, including four 'first as conductor.' Leading conductors were Mr. M. S. Lancefield 15, Mr. T. E. Sone 10, Messrs. F. J. Cullum and T. A. Naylor 9 each.

No peals of Cinques or Maximus were recorded during the year and no handbell peals were rung. Two peals had been rung in the county by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. During 1953 the first peals for the Association in three and eight Spiced Surprise

Major and a record length of Doubles—6,840 changes in three methods—were rung.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. John Cooper, seconded by Mr. E. Barnett.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected and the name of Mr. G. H. Spice was added to the list of vice-presidents; Messrs. F. S. Macey, G. H. Spice and J. Willis were re-elected trustees; committee, Messrs. E. Barnett, G. J. Butcher, R. A. Constant, W. R. Rainer and J. A. Russell; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. M. Mitchell; hon. secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher; hon. peal secretary, Mr. M. S. Lancefield; hon. auditor, Mr. Rainer; Central Council representatives, Messrs. T. Sone, T. Cullingworth, J. Willis and Dr. Hatcher.

Upon the proposition of Mr. E. Barnett a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. George H. Cross for his services as hon. auditor for over 25 years. Seconding, Mr. F. M. Mitchell said Mr. Cross only caught him out once in 22 years—he had undercharged himself a shilling for postage.

DAY OF ANNUAL MEETING

Opinions were sought by the committee as to the day of the annual meeting—on Easter Monday or a Saturday?

The chairman explained that the cost of the luncheon was higher on a Bank Holiday as, under the Catering Wages Act, special rates had to be paid for Bank Holiday.

Mr. E. Barnett advocated a Saturday. Today 19 out of 20 worked a five-day week. The cost of the lunch was subsidised by nearly 100 per cent.

Mr. Donk took exception to Mr. Barnett's figures as to those working a five-day week. He favoured Easter Monday.

Mr. John Cooper: Fifty per cent. in my tower work on a Saturday afternoon. Easter Monday was suitable to everybody.

Mr. George H. Spice: We shall lose the Easter atmosphere which permeates our meetings by a change.

A letter from Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, regarding the position of 'The Ringing World' was read. The letter pointed out that if each affiliated tower had one postal subscriber there would be no cause for anxiety.

The chairman's suggestion that a copy of the letter be sent to each District for appropriate action was agreed to.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. H. Spice to those responsible for the local arrangements, and the Vicar of Bromley for making the meeting such a happy gathering. The resolution was carried with acclamation.

OBITUARY

MR. DAVID SLEET

With regret we announce the death of Mr. David Sleet, captain of Christ Church, Otter-shaw, for many years, early on Easter Sunday.

His place will be hard to fill in the tower for he was a good conductor in the methods that he could ring. Besides ringing, his other activities were playing in the British Legion drum and fife band, also in the Territorial band, of which he was a member before the last war, being taken a prisoner at Dunkirk.

The funeral service was on April 22nd at Otter-shaw, and a quarter peal of Grandshire Doubles was rung to his memory by his fellow ringers in the evening. The band consisted of P. Underwood 1, J. Ribbans 2, R. J. Andrews (conductor) 3, Mrs. Molly Hancock 4, H. Hancock 5, H. Kingston 6.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

ASH, SURREY.—1,272 Kent Treble Bob: M. Whelan (first of Kent Treble Bob) 1, Miss S. Sherwood 2, P. Sherwood (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. M. Pepler 4, T. Denyer 5, S. Russell 6.

CLAINES, WORCS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pat Lewis (first on 8) 1, J. J. Stanier (first 'inside' on 8) 2, Susan Jackson 3, R. G. Morris 4, D. Beacham 5, R. Woodat 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, J. N. Diserens 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: Patricia E. Smith (first of Major) 1, J. Armstrong 2, A. C. Chaplin 3, Marilynne Turner (first 'inside') 4, I. Campbell 5, N. J. Fleetwood 6, J. R. Fleetwood 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Tanner 1, Miss L. Beeny (first 'inside') 2, G. Tonkin 3, F. Beeny 4, G. Beeny (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Pye 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whiterod 3, D. Bacon (first quarter) 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, A. Elliott 6.

LEYTONSTONE, E.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. J. Ranzetta 1, L. J. Batley (first in method) 2, C. A. Hughes 3, C. R. Smith 4, C. W. Ottley 5, C. E. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. H. Crampton (cond.) 8.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): J. B. Dincage (first quarter away from the tenor) 1, Mary Wallace (first in two methods) 2, Ann Barr 3, D. W. Barr 4, M. W. Fahey (first in two methods as cond.) 5, F. T. Warrington 6.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—1,260 Doubles (600 Bob, 660 Grandsire): D. Watkins 1, Miss M. Hart 2, R. H. Lucas 3, E. Baughan 4, L. Fogg (cond.) 5, D. H. A. Drayton 6. Also a farewell to D. Watkins, who will shortly be leaving for military service.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7. 6. 8 covering): B. D. Partridge (first quarter) 1, H. W. Bird 2, Jean Chown (first 'inside') 3, A. H. Fitter (cond.) 4, B. C. Webb 5, T. A. Griffin 6, D. Benton 7, B. C. Webb 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7. 6. 8 covering): Miss G. Burman 1, W. Gammage 2, Miss S. Parker 3, Mrs. G. F. Roome 4, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 5, B. Linnell 6, T. Jennings 7, G. F. Roome 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—Before morning prayer. 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford. 720 Kent): C. Bingham (first quarter) 1, S. King 2, L. Cordell 3, R. Bridges (first quarter 'inside') 4, H. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Stevens (first quarter) 1, A. Diserens 2, Miss P. Saxton 3, Miss A. B. Diserens 4, Mrs. A. Diserens 5, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 6, R. W. Rex 7, F. Lewis 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Allcorn 1, E. Avery 2, G. King 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, F. Hook 8.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Bunce (first quarter) 1, R. Pankhurst 2, Miss D. Colgate 3, Miss D. Corke 4, P. Turley 5, L. Turley 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, G. Davy 8. Also a 'welcome' to Susan, grand-daughter of the Rector, who was born on April 12th.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. J. Thompson (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Payne (first 'inside') 2, Miss C. E. Payne 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, R. S. Payne 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION

A Visit to an Outpost

For the Easter Monday meeting the Surrey Association paid a visit to its outpost at Egham. This, no doubt, accounted for the smaller attendance than usual, which had its effect at the business meeting. An eminent authority on the subject states that the church was built last century at a dark period in English architecture, and is not attractive, but its memorials are full of interest and its weird catacombs are eerie and unusual. He could have added that its bells, an account of which was published in the issue of April 15th, are a pleasure to ring.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. under the leadership of Mr. F. E. Collins, the District Master, and continued until 5 p.m., when tea was taken at a nearby cafe. The meeting followed in the Church Hall. Seventeen members, representing nine towers, attended, with visitors from ten towers to make the total up to 30.

At the meeting the general secretary, Mr. Oatway, dealt with the letter about 'The Ringing World,' but, owing to the unrepresentative gathering, it was not possible to appoint an officer to deal with the matter. The secretary agreed to carry on with the duties until the next District meeting.

Mr. Collins was nominated for both the General Mastership and Liaison Officer to the Guildford Guild. There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed after the usual collection for the Bell Fund and votes of thanks for the use of the bells. Ringing continued until 8 p.m.

W. P.

MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS.—On April 11th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Dennet 1, Miss D. Jacques (first quarter) 2, A. J. Brown 3, J. Brown 4, L. W. Jacques (cond.) 5, B. Jones 6.

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LATE NEWS

The many friends of Mr. J. C. Adams, the
former popular towerkeeper of St. Mary's,
Walthamstow, will regret to learn that at present
he is in the London Hospital, where one of his
legs has had to be amputated.

By one vote Mr. C. W. Roberts failed to secure election to the Central Council at the annual meeting of the Middlesex Association. He will be a big loss to the Council as, on many occasions in debate, he has given a lead from the floor of the house. The new member is Mr. R. F. B. Speed.

Mr. F. E. Collins has been nominated as the new Master of the Surrey Association in succession to the late Mr. Donald T. Cooper.

Somerton (Somerset) ringers who scored two quarters in Easter week have very great hopes of recording, as an early date, a quarter of Minor. So far, they have not got beyond 360 of Minor.

At the annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association on Easter Monday there were no less than eight members of the Central Council present.

Because of his business as a pharmacist, Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway, of Smethwick, is debarred from peal ringing except on holiday. Members will note that he scored his annual peal.

Great St. Mary's bells, Cambridge, before being rehung, were the only anti-clockwise ring of 12 in the country. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have rehung the bells in a new cast iron frame, recast two trebles and tuned the bells and have now hung them clockwise.

In connection with the Bournemouth Festival on May 8th, Mr. Albert Walker, of 86, Scribes Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham 28, has been given permission to attempt a peal at Christchurch (12 bells). Any 12-bell ringer attending the dinner and wishing to take part is asked to write to Mr. Walker. There will be ringing facilities for visitors at St. John's, Surrey Road, and St. Peter's, from 2.30-5 p.m.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Members of the Middlesex Association, at their annual meeting last Saturday, were pleased to see Mr. E. C. S. Turner, who has been on the sick list since last November, and is only allowed up for four hours a day. He is shortly to undergo an operation and hopes to be back in full harness in five or six months' time.

Mr. Andrew C. Sinfield has twice 'circled' Maulden (Beds) tower, and Mr. Patrick I. Chapman once.

Messrs. Sydney Sage and Edward Jenkins rang together in a peal at Pendleton on April 3rd. The last time was 30 years ago.

The Rev. W. N. M. Walton, who preached to the Kent County Association at their annual meeting at Bromley, has a son on the staff of Oundle School, who is a keen ringer.

Mr. A. Waddington has produced from 'The Peregrine Press,' Egerton, Kent, a second edition of 'Beginners' Grandsire' (1s. 6d. post free). It is printed in two colours and should well fulfil its purpose.

The Central Council has lost its oldest member. Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, who has represented the Llandaff and Monmouth Association since 1907, did not seek re-election this year. His record of 46 years' continuous service is a great achievement.

History has been made at Oundle, Northants. Until seven years ago call changes were rung. Mr. A. B. Clarke then introduced method ringing, although he was then limited to Grandsire Doubles. On April 14th the crowning glory was achieved by six of the tower's nine ringers with a quarter of Grandsire Doubles, the first in the tower by a Sunday service band. The tower's repertoire also consists of Plain Bob Doubles, and hopes are entertained for an early start on Stedman Doubles. Keep it up Oundle!

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GREAT ST. MARY'S BELLS BRING ELY DIOCESAN RINGERS TO CAMBRIDGE

WE shall probably never know whether it was the bright, sunny weather or the prospect of ringing on the recently-restored twelve at Great St. Mary's which brought such a goodly crowd to the Ely Association's annual meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday. But, in spite of the afternoon's ringing on these bells being curtailed at the request of the authorities of a nearby college which considers itself renowned for church music of a different sort, almost everyone had a ring on the diocese's only ring of twelve.

On Palm Sunday, when the bells were rededicated, certain members of that ancient and august body, the Society of Cambridge Youths, alleged that the back bells were very difficult to handle but, during the ensuing week, Mr. Fidler and one of his second strings came and, by judicious use of rope-shutes, put both our minds and the ropes at rest.

Not desiring to go from the sublime to the ridiculous, the meeting started at St. Andrew's, an eight very much in need of the bell-hanger's attention, with a seventh described by a literary Canon of the last century as having a note similar to that obtained by striking an old tin bath. This tower is the main home of the Cambridge University Guild which, fortunately, contains many notable amateur bell-hangers. It was not surprising, therefore, that the appointed Ringing Master thought it necessary to visit the bells half an hour before proceedings were due to begin. He emerged 20 minutes later with the words, 'Do you use anything technical, such as oil?'

ST. BENE'T'S AND STEDMAN

The next tower to start emitting musical sounds was St. Bene't's, one of Cambridge's most ancient churches and the one ever linked with the memory of Fabian Stedman. His method is a great favourite in these parts but does not seem to follow the normal laws of Q-sets and the like, since a round block starting with rounds seldom ends with rounds. Appropriately enough we started our ringing in Stedman's tower with a touch of Cambridge Minor.

A little later, ringing started at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, a really majestic ring, alleged to be the heaviest and best eight in East Anglia. Certainly they are excellent bells for testing one's ability at handling, having a very long draught without guides of any sort. Usually at meetings the main sport in this tower is trying to hang one's neighbour, but to-day everyone must have been in very solemn mood for not a single ringer was hanged and not a single stay broken. Thus by one o'clock our 'tower-grabbing' visitors had three in the bag and we ceased for an hour so that members could refresh themselves.

NO BRICKBATS

As two o'clock struck, the pavement outside the west door of Great St. Mary's was lined with ringers who soon began to ascend, with much puffing and blowing, to the prize they had eagerly awaited. This ascent was not without hazard as, having raised more than £2,500 to rehang the bells, this church is now undertaking the repair of its roof, which is badly attacked by death-watch beetle, and scaffolding impedes progress to the ringing chamber. Mr. Fidler himself was present to receive the brickbats and take them back to Loughborough, but all agreed that the tone of the bells had been greatly improved by tuning, that the two recast trebles were perfect and that the bells went like bells.

There was yet another tower to be visited before the service, namely, St. Andrew's, Cherterton. Everyone thought these were the second best six in the diocese. (The best six seemed to depend very largely upon the speaker's home tower.)

The service, held at St. Andrew-the-Great, was conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. L. Woodard) and the address was given by our vice president, the Archdeacon of Wisbech (the Ven. J. P. Pelloe). Being a ringer himself, the Archdeacon refrained from preaching about ringers and ringing, but gave us a very inspiring sermon about our religion, which was greatly appreciated.

The service was followed by tea, arranged by the local ringers' wives, who wondered why, after three weeks' notice had been given, they had received only 24 applications for tea and yet found 90 people sitting down expecting to eat it. Still, ringers' wives seem to understand ringers, and had provided plenty for all.

POINTS FROM THE BUSINESS MEETING

A business meeting followed with the vice-president in the chair. After the usual election of officers a motion was put that we add to our Rules the words, 'The Association shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and shall abide by the latter's Rules and Decisions.' Needless to say, the motion was carried.

Another motion carried was that the Association may make grants, as funds permit, towards the expenses of its Central Council representatives, a resolution which may well be helpful in the future, although as regards this year it was decided that funds do not permit.

Finally the secretary read the letter he had received from the Central Council concerning the finances of 'The Ringing World,' and all were urged to take this journal. Many suggestions were put forward as to how 'The Ringing World' might increase its circulation by making its contents more acceptable to a wider reading public. Most of these suggestions have been made before, but one was new to many of us and might, therefore, bear repetition. Why not a section dealing with answers to problems (ringing problems, of course, not the usual 'write-to-Auntie-Mary' sort)?

After a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned we returned to St. Mary's, St. Bene't's and the Roman Catholic Church and continued enjoyable ringing until nine o'clock and, joy above all joy, a touch of Stedman Cinques came round.

W. J. R.

THE DEDICATION

In the presence of a large congregation on Palm Sunday, the Lord Bishop of Ely (Dr. Edward Wynn) rededicated the recently reconditioned bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. The two trebles were recast and a new frame provided.

These bells had been silent for two years. A sum of £2,500 was required, and this has been raised. But since the estimate was given by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., costs have risen by £150. The collection at the service, which was attended by the Mayor and members of the City Council, was for the Bell Fund.

After the dedication the Bishop passed the bell ropes to the Vicar (Canon G. E. A. Whitworth) and said to those present: 'You are to take notice that these bells are committed to the custody of the Vicar of the Parish, to be used only with his consent, subject to the authority of the Bishop of the Diocese.'

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NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS

Response to 'Ringing World' Drive

The following response has been received to 'The Ringing World's' drive for new postal subscribers:—

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Subscription rate from this week to the end of 1954 is 15s. 4d. Please remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, or to the Editor.

THE QUEEN'S HOMECOMING

The Port of London Authority has issued the following time-table in connection with the Queen's homecoming on May 15th.

H.M.Y. 'Britannia' will enter the river at 9.30 a.m. and the approximate times of arrival at different reaches of the river are:— Lower Hope 10.40, Gravesend 11, St. Clement's 11.30, Halfway 12, Gallions 12.20, Bugsby's 12.45, Greenwich 1, Lower Pool 1.15.

At 3 p.m. the Queen will embark in the Royal Barge and, preceded by the motor launch 'Nore,' will pass up stream with escort to Westminster Pier.

The times above mentioned should be helpful in arranging morning ringing in Thames-side towns.

A MUSICAL PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS

This peal, published on page 253 of the issue of April 16th, contains an error, which is regretted. The 20th line should read:—

164352 16
and not
164352 5 16

(Continued from previous column)

The bells were then rung by: A. T. Chenery 1, C. W. Cook 2, G. Smith 3, J. Gipson 4, E. G. Hibbens 5, T. R. Dennis 6, C. W. Smith 7, C. Hurst 8, H. Martin 9, P. H. Pigg 10, H. F. Brown 11, W. J. Ridgman 12.

THE BELLS

Treble.—2ft. 2in.: 5 cwt. 22 lb.: G sharp; Taylor: 1952.

Second.—2ft. 3½in.: 6 cwt. 23 lb.: F sharp; Taylor: 1952.

Third.—2ft. 4½in.: 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.: F; Phelps: 1722.

Fourth.—2ft. 6in.: 5 cwt. 3qr. 4lb.: D sharp; Phelps: 1722.

Fifth.—2ft. 8in.: 6 cwt. 3qr. 4 lb.: C sharp; Phelps: 1722.

Sixth.—2ft. 9in.: 7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.: C; Phelps: 1722.

Seventh.—2ft. 11in.: 8 cwt. 10 lb.: A sharp; Taylor: 1923.

Eighth.—3ft. 3in.: 10 cwt. 22lb.: G sharp; Phelps: 1723.

Ninth.—3ft. 6in.: 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.: F sharp; Phelps: 1723.

Tenth.—3ft. 8½in.: 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.: F; Phelps: 1722.

Eleventh.—4ft. 2½in.: 20 cwt. 1 qr. 3lb.: D sharp; Dobson: 1825.

Tenor.—4ft. 7½in.: 27 cwt. 13 lb.: C sharp; Pack and Chapman: 1770.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Record Membership of 301 Reported at Annual Meeting

FAVOURED with fine weather, about 90 members and friends attended the annual meeting at St. Wollos' Cathedral, Newport, on Easter Monday. Among those present were visitors from Staunton (Glos), Sevenoaks, Kingston-on-Thames, Wolverhampton, Wednesbury and Swansea.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon in various methods from rounds to Surprise. In the unavoidable absence of the Dean the service was conducted by the Rev. G. S. Maile Jones (curate). After service, visitors were entertained to a bountiful tea in the Parish Hall and, although only 60 had been catered for, there was ample for the 90 who attended. On the proposition of Mr. Jack Worrall, the churchwardens and ladies were duly thanked.

The business then proceeded with the Rev. G. S. Maile Jones taking the chair. Before reading the minutes, the secretary read a letter of good wishes from Mr. E. Stinch. The treasurer presented the balance sheet which showed that, despite extra expense in connection with reorganisation, a sound financial position with a balance of £74 5s., and £34 balance in the Bell Restoration Fund. On the proposition of Mr. A. Hoare, seconded by Mr. E. Coles, the balance sheet was accepted.

The secretary, in his report, said that after a twelvemonth's experience on the working of the two branches he thought the experiment had proved a success. Chief thanks were due to the two Branch secretaries, Miss Jacqueline Evans and Mr. Ted Coles. Membership had reached a new high level of 301, annual subscriptions had also reached a new record of £17 1s. On progress, the secretary thought that, taking an over-all view, the Association was improving, although there were still a few black spots. Progress was reported from Llandaff, Peterstow, Rodge, Caerleon, Coity, Bonvilston, Bridgend and Bedwelty. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the large number of young beginners of both sexes present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. David King was elected Master for the ensuing year. Auditors and secretary were re-elected. Mr. T. M. Roderick was re-elected as Central Council representative, and Miss Jacqueline Evans was elected to take the place of Mr. J. W. Jones, believed to be the oldest member of the Council, who did not seek re-election.

It was decided to hold (subject to permission) the next annual meeting at Llandaff. The next quarterly meetings have already been fixed, viz. Bridgend and Llangibby.

The circular letter regarding the finances of 'The Ringing World' was brought to the notice of the meeting, and the secretary urged members to become postal subscribers. Mr. Jack Worrall supported this, stressing the urgency of the matter.

On the suggestion of Miss Evans it was decided to order five dozen more badges.

Mr. D. King concluded the meeting with a hearty vote of thanks to the curate for presiding and conducting the service. More ringing followed.

A FALSE PEAL

Dear Sir,—Peal No. 23, by Sir A. P. Heywood, on page 266 of the Central Council Collection of Peals, Section II., is false if rung as a 5,008 as stated. Calling a Middle in the second course produces natural course-end 25634, and Middle in the fifth course produces natural course-end 53624. Both courses are rung in full in the second part of the peal.—Yours faithfully,

RAYMOND GVERY.

Haywards Heath, Sussex.

OUTING NORTH MYMMS

Easter Monday's glorious weather and some breath-taking scenery provided a welcome background to a well-organised outing. The standard of ringing varied throughout the day, but some seven or eight different methods were performed by the 16 ringers and friends who cruised from tower to tower in a variety of vehicles.

The first church to receive the well-meaning and vigorous attentions of the somewhat youthful band was Beaconsfield (21 cwt.), where they were met by Harry Wingrove and the Misses Fletcher. The only casualty was the treble rope, which broke at the start of an impeccable let-down. At Farnham Royal (12 cwt.) where, regrettably, there is little ringing nowadays, Bill Henley joined the visitors in several touches. Before leaving, the graves of J. J. Parker and W. H. Fussell were visited.

The luxurious furnishings at Cookham (14 cwt.), pride of Tommy Fowler, were most impressive, but the motto over the door, 'Audi, Vide, Tace,' failed to leave its mark on the rather high-spirited band. Several free and off-hand renderings of this motto caused extreme anguish to one or two classical scholars, while someone remarked that he thought the 'Hachets' on the walls added distinction to the ringing chamber.

After a picnic lunch, the party made its way to Marlow (15 cwt.), which, although a charming town, has, it is felt, something to learn of sign posting and town planning. It was here that one enthusiastic ringer worked his fingers to the bone and caused the floor to become liberally covered with blood, to say nothing of the unfortunate next to him! At Haddenham (19½ cwt.) the party were visited by the Vicar, who expressed his pleasure at hearing changes being rung on the bells. He also led most of the party through the roof timbers to see some recently-discovered mural paintings.

After an excellent tea in Aylesbury, Stoke Mandeville (9½ cwt.) was visited and some difficulty was experienced with this light eight, including a missing stay, which necessitated one well-known ringer holding the bell on balance for the whole of the visit. It was here that one member of the company discovered that his Ford does not run on a certain brand of 'fizzy' drink! The last tower visited was Northchurch, where the tired band hardly managed to do justice to the bells. Farewells were taken at this tower, and the company split to join the homeward trek. Needless to say, one group found its way to the oldest inn in England, where they suitably congratulated the organiser on his masterly co-ordination and timing. All who took part in this outing wish to extend their hearty thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to those ringers who gave up their time to meet them.

M. F. L.

Great Amwell Have Now Six Bells

Through the generosity of a local resident a new treble has been presented to Great Amwell, Herts, giving this church a ring of six. The new bell was dedicated on Easter Sunday by the Rev. C. E. C. Walker.

This six is of interest as three of the bells date from 1550. These have been tuned and rehung in a new frame. Two bells were added as a memorial to King George VI.

The inscriptions and weights of the bells are as follows:—

- No 1 (treble) 4 cwt., 21lb.; 'Charles.'
- No 2, (treble) 4 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.; 'Elizabeth.'
- No. 3 (old No. 1) 4 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.; 'Come All ye Faithful.'
- No. 4 (old No. 2) 5 cwt.: 'Praise The Lord.'
- No 5 (old No. 3) 5 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.; 'Crown Him Lord Of All.'
- No 6 (tenor) 7 cwt. 1 qr.: 'George.'

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRED G. WILSON

XIV. ODD BELL METHODS

All through these articles I have been conscious that two of the most common methods—Grandsire and Stedman—have not been dealt with, because they do not fit conveniently into the two classifications for which this technique of conducting is useful.

In the case of Grandsire, the conductor who can conduct efficiently the even-bell methods we have dealt with will not find any great difficulty in keeping track of the bells, but I will add a few notes which may be helpful.

Stedman, which in the older textbooks is called a 'Principle,' not a method, is in a class of its own—it has no bell in the hunt, but each bell does the work of the method. And bobs or singles can be called at intervals of six changes—that is at 14 different places in a plain course of Stedman Triples. But almost invariably calls are made which do not affect the 7th (in Triples); 7, 8, 9 in Caters and 7, 8, 9, 0 and E in Cinques—the observation bell being 7, 9 or E respectively. Further, the alternation of the sixes between Quick and Slow means that the Coursing Order of the bells is broken up within each course.

While Stedman conductors do not necessarily ring the observation bell themselves, they almost all make their calls by the position of that bell. Some of our well-known conductors of Stedman undoubtedly know the method through and through, but the average conductor of Triples calls the bobs by the position of the 7th and by watching the bells go down to the front, alternately quick and slow, is able to correct a trip. He checks the accuracy of the ringing by knowing certain course or part ends.

In Caters and Cinques he has the advantage of a fixed 'framework' of the larger bells and he knows the Coursing Order of those bells for several sixes before and after the Course Ends. But in the middle of the course that Coursing Order will be broken up as the larger bells go into the front alternately quick and slow. Actual experience of Stedman ringing on nine and eleven bells is probably more necessary to the conductor than it is in other methods—the chief reason for this being, of course, that Stedman is one method on its own, whereas other methods are variations of one another and practice and experience of one makes the next one easier to ring or conduct.

ST. MARY'S, SOUTHAMPTON

The Parish Church of St. Mary, Southampton, which was destroyed by enemy action in November, 1940, is now being rebuilt. The tower and bells were restored in 1948.

After a lapse of six years a licence has been granted to rebuild the whole church.

This means that temporary steel stanchions, erected to support the tower, will now be removed in order to build the permanent walls.

As a result of this, ringing has been stopped until the architect is satisfied that it is safe to ring again.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On March 14th, 1299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. T. Lock 1, C. McKay (first of Stedman Caters) 2, T. J. Lock 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 5, A. Cave 6, F. J. Matthews (first quarter as cond.) 7, J. R. Leeming 8, T. H. Francis 9, F. E. Hawthorne 10. — Also on April 11th, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. F. J. Matthews 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, F. J. Matthews 5, A. R. Ling 6, T. H. Francis (cond.) 7, W. Williams 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEALS IN HOLY WEEK

Dear Sir,—Is it really necessary to ring a peal in Holy Week, the most solemn week in the year for all Christians? Most, if not all, ringers—both scientific and call change—forego their weekly practice then. It seems to me that a principle is at stake. I am aware that ancient custom permits muffled ringing in some towers on Good Friday, to which no one can object.

E. V. COX, President,
Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

POSTAL DELIVERIES

Dear Sir,—May I suggest to Mr. Woolley and any other ringers whose 'Ringing World' fails to arrive by the first post on Friday mornings, that he writes to the local head postmaster (O.H.M.S.), enclosing the wrapper, and ask for an explanation. He will receive a reply setting forth the great difficulties of that individual in his efforts to serve the public, together with his regrets, but future deliveries of 'The Ringing World' will not be late.—Yours, etc.,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

THE BELLS OF WYMINGTON, BEDS.

Dear Sir,—May I correct what appears to be a misunderstanding by both Mr. R. H. Dove and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead?

The latter, in his article 'Ringing in Bedfordshire,' in your issue of April 16th (page 249), states: 'Out of 78 of the churches with rings of bells given in Dove's book, only two with six bells and eleven with five bells remain to be conquered.' He goes on to state that the former are Caddington and Wymington.

May I, as one who has been up this last-named tower on three occasions, at once say that Wymington is not regarded as a six-bell tower, and never has been! Its contents is a ring of five bells, and a steel bell, which is quite apart from the rest, and at present stands at the foot of the steeple, where it was placed a short time ago, after hanging in the bell chamber since put there in 1873 by a Mr. Monk to no purpose. The five bells of the true alloy are hung in two tiers and have been unringable many years, I believe. Mr. Henry W. Gayton remembers the last time they were rung—about 1913. To-day, some have wheels complete, some with half-rims, and one with just the spokes and no rim whatsoever to the wheel. The framework is so weak that nothing short of rehanging in a completely new frame would be possible—a conclusion I came to when visiting this belfry one Sunday afternoon last summer, visiting Odell at the same time.

With Wymington a growing parish (almost a suburb of Rushden, Northants, 1½ miles away, whose bells, unringable for 34 years, have just been rehung and augmented to eight) a possibility is that this may stir the people of Wymington to follow Rushden's example. I have heard it stated 'that Wymington had its bells hung stationary a few years ago.' Those who got that story about can take it from me that it is not correct! All that was done was the useless steel bell taken down and placed at the foot of the tower as a relic.

Of the eleven five-bell towers remaining to be conquered, will the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead tell us where Odell comes in? Conditions in this belfry suggest to me that it must be getting on for a century since these bells were safe to ring to a 5.040. They are hung, four in a line, on one side of the tower, and the tenor in a corner on the other side by itself. Again, these are not hung stationary as some people seem to think.

P AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

WOODSTOCK, CAPE TOWN

Dear Sir,—At St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, we ring on an octave by James Barwell. Each bears an inscription of the donor's name, the year 1901, and is followed by the words 'Barwell, Birmingham, Eng.' and the founder's crest—a shield wreathed in oak leaves. These bell diameters are:—Treble, 25½in.; 2, 26½in.; 3, 28½in.; 4, 28½in.; 5, 30in.; 6, 32½in.; 7, 36½in.; tenor, 41½in.

Since I have seen no mention of this founder in 'The Ringing World,' I hazard a guess that they may not be in business any longer. Should this be the case, could you please approximate the weight for me?

However, if the firm or its records are available, will you be kind enough to forward this inquiry to them?

We customarily speak of our tenor as 12 cwt., but this is only hearsay, simply because, when the bearings were renewed about 1938, a 12 cwt. block and tackle did not fail.

With this information I can finish a report on the tower of St. Mary's, and in due course will submit it to 'The Ringing World.'

With every good wish,—Yours faithfully,
V. SHEPPARD.

P.O. Box 1073, Cape Town,

Note.—We trust a reader will answer this query.—Ed.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

Dear Sir,—Following publication of a notice in 'The Ringing World' a week or two ago, I have received several inquiries from persons interested in the possibilities or sightseeing and ringing tours on Whit Sunday and Whit Monday. The number of inquiries is, however, at present only about enough to half-fill a coach on each day by combining applications for Tours 1 and 2 on the Sunday, and similarly for Tours 3 and 4 on the Monday.

It may be that many delegates will have to wait until an annual meeting held on Easter Monday to find out whether they will be coming to Newcastle, and there may, therefore, be further inquiries. Before abandoning the idea I would, therefore, like to make this last appeal for anyone else—official delegates or other ringers—who is interested, to communicate with me within the next week.

It is obvious that all four tours cannot be run, and the now revised proposal is to try to run Tour No. 1 on Whit Sunday, and Tour No. 4 on Whit Monday.

I would like to thank all who have written to me and I will communicate with them individually when the decision is taken.—Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Hon. General Secretary.

RINGING VERY CHEAP

Dear Sir,—The Committee should not hesitate to increase the price of 'The Ringing World.' Our ringing is obtained very cheaply in comparison with many other pleasures and hobbies. Our greatest expense is travelling to new towers to attempt peals. Many of the Guild and Association subscriptions are far below what they ought to be to function properly.

Let us all realise our responsibilities and shoulder them, for I am convinced that our art and our paper are well worth it. Personally, I will willingly pay a fair price for the paper which I eagerly anticipate from one Friday to the next. And, finally, when we do send letters to 'The Ringing World,' let us all have the decency to put our names at the bottom.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Southwold, Suffolk.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND RINGING PROGRESS

Dear Sir,—There must, I imagine, have been many raised eyebrows at some of the sweeping statements made in your leading article in your issue of April 9th by 'J. T. D.' Probably the most extreme of these was the contention that without the Central Council publications 'ringing could not possibly have reached the present day increasingly high standard of method splicing.' I do not believe that the compositions of Spliced Surprise by such people as H. Law James, A. J. Pitman, H. G. Cashmore or E. C. S. Turner resulted either directly or indirectly from the efforts or encouragement of the Central Council.

Consider the many excellent publications by individuals, such as 'The Ringers' Handbook,' 'The Jasper Snowden Series,' or 'Corrigan's Collection of Surprise Methods,' all incomparably superior to the Central Council publications in the way of helpfulness to beginners or usefulness to more advanced ringers. Who can doubt, with these as examples, that there would have been no worthwhile publication lacking if the Central Council had never existed?

Far from accepting the thesis that the Central Council promotes ringing progress, I would go so far as to say that it has, on occasions, tended to stultify progress; for example, by its decision last year to disallow certain Minor methods simply because they did not have Plain Bob lead ends. As to the mild reproof administered to 'J. T. D.' to ringers in 'rebellious or puckish mood,' I would point out that, more often than not, progress is made by breaking, rather than by deferring to, the rules of an autocratic body.

Again, 'J. T. D.' states that 'the growing prestige of ringers is almost wholly due to its Council.' I would suggest that the prestige of ringers anywhere depends solely upon their relationship with the local clergy. Is it not significant that the Archbishop's tribute to ringers, printed on the same page, contains no mention of the Central Council, but is concerned very much with the ringers whom the Archbishop has met personally within the tower?

Finally, I would comment on the subject of 'The Ringing World,' as introduced by 'J. T. D.' Even allowing for present day circumstances I find it difficult to understand how a paper founded by an individual and successfully maintained by him for 31 years, causes so much trouble to a body, which, according to 'J. T. D.' is composed of men and women with 'a background of solid achievement, of specialised knowledge, of long experience in most branches of the art, or of culture and scholarship.'

We have, at the moment, a drive for more subscribers, but is it not clear that no journalistic enterprise can be a success on the support of charity? Subscribers conscripted without enthusiasm will not be retained if they are not satisfied with their purchase. The only reliable way of obtaining more support for 'The Ringing World' is to replace the pages and pages of peals, quarter peals, accounts of meetings and outings, which are so terribly much alike, by worthwhile articles and discussion on the proper subject, viz., the art of bellringing. What better source of these articles, if 'J. T. D.' is correct, than the Central Council? Would it not be a good idea if, at its forthcoming annual tea party, the Central Council passed a resolution requiring every member to write an article for 'The Ringing World'? There might then be some real justification for its existence.—Yours faithfully,

T. W. SHEPPARD.

Bushey Heath, Herts.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE BOURNEMOUTH MEETING, 1953

MINUTES of the third session of the twenty-first Council (56th Annual Meeting), held in the Town Hall, Bournemouth, on Whit Tuesday, May 26th, 1953.

A welcome was extended to the Council by Canon A. L. E. Williams (Rural Dean of Bournemouth) and Canon C. Carew Cox (Lyne Regis) on behalf of the Dioceses of Winchester and Salisbury.

PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. G. W. Cecil, Mr. A. B. Peck, Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

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

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

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Worth.

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

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

Devon Guild.—Mr. E. W. Biffen, Mr. J. E. Lilley, Mr. T. G. Myers.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley.

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

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. B. Lufkin, 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. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

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

Hertford County Association.—Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

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

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

Ladies' Guild.—Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. C. Sharples.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—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.

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. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

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

North Wales Association.—Mr. W. Cathrall.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, 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. W. Rose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

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

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

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

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Roberts.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and District 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. E. A. Barnett, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary Members.—Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. L. K. Marshall, Mr. W. Osborn, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. W. H. Viggers, Mr. A. Walker.

SUMMARY:—

	Associations	Members	
		Present	Absent
Wholly represented..	22	55	—
Partially represented..	24	51	31
Not represented ..	8	—	11
	54	106	42
Life members ..		4	3
Hon. members ..		11	8
		121	53

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 54 Associations were affiliated, entitled to 150 members. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members, and there were 7 Life Members. Authorised membership was, therefore, 181, but there were vacancies for 2 representative and 5 Honorary Members. All affiliation fees had been paid.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. W. Ayre, P. E. Baker, A. Ballard, A. L. Bennett, T. R. Butler, H. G. Cashmore, P. A. Corby, J. W. Clarke, G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, F. Dunkerley, C. W. Evans, E. G. Fenn, T. H. Francis, J. A. Freeman, E. S. J. Hatcher, D. Hughes, H. M. Howard, S. T. Holt, W. H. J. Hooton, G. L. Hewitt, J. W. Jones, B. G. Key, Rev. J. Kingdon, H. J. Mansfield, B. P. Morris, G. R. Newton, R. C. Noon, W. N. Park, J. W. Raithby, J. Segar, A. Paddon Smith, C. J. Sedgley, G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, J. J. Webb, E. A. Young.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. A. Freeman and E. A. Young wishing them a speedy recovery from indisposition.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Mr. W. Cathrall (North Wales), Miss D. E. Colgate (Ladies' Guild), Miss J. Stewart (Irish Association).

TELEGRAM TO THE QUEEN

On the motion of the President, the following telegram was sent to H.M. The Queen:—

'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in annual meeting assembled at the Town Hall, Bournemouth, beg to offer your Majesty their loyal salutations. It will be the proud privilege of ringers to celebrate the forthcoming Coronation with the tribute of the bells, and it is their fervent prayer that your Majesty's reign may constitute a long and glorious period in the history of our country.'

The following reply was received from Buckingham Palace:—

'Please convey to all members of your Council the sincere thanks of the Queen for their kind and loyal message of good wishes.—Private Secretary.'

PRESENTATION TO MR. & MRS. G. W. FLETCHER

On behalf of the Council, the President made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher in recognition of their services to the Council during the previous 21 years. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher expressed their thanks.

ELECTION OF HON. LIBRARIAN

Mr. F. Sharpe was elected on the proposition of the President in the place of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, who had been compelled to retire through illness. Mr. Sharpe expressed his thanks.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring members, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis and W. Osborn, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

Mr. A. J. Pitman was elected, proposed by Mr. J. A. Hoare, seconded by Mr. C. W. Roberts.

Mrs. E. A. Barnett was elected, proposed by Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following former members of the Council, the members standing in silence:—

J. Broadley, H. W. D'Aeth, C. Edwards, A. J. Harris, R. T. Holding, jun., C. H. Perry and R. Sperring.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of May 1st, 1953, and circulated to members were approved on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

REPORTS

These have been published as shown:—

HON. LIBRARIAN

('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1953, page 362)
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

The Secretary was instructed to express the thanks of the Council to Mr. Hooton for his past services, to Miss P. J. Ayris for her assistance to Mr. Sharpe and to the Rev. E. S. Tarrant, Rector of Launton, for providing accommodation for the library.

'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1953, page 362)
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1953, page 363)
Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1953, page 363)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1953, page 363)
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Mr. Hughes considered that the machine should be inspected twice yearly, followed by public demonstrations at a time and date to be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

STANDING COMMITTEE

(a) Carter Broadsheet.

('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1953, p. 363)
On the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. H. Kippin, it was agreed not to proceed with the reprint.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

(b) Handbook.

('Ringing World,' June 12th, 1953, p. 377)
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mrs. L. K. Marshall.

(c) Roll of Honour.

('Ringing World,' June 12th, 1953, p. 377)
On the proposition of Mr. F. E. Collins, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers, it was agreed that the Roll be housed in St. Paul's Cathedral.

A proposal that the Roll be brought to each Council meeting was not carried.

It was proposed by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and carried that a photostat copy of the Roll be made, to be taken to Council meetings.

Mr. R. S. Anderson proposed, and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded, that a case to house the Roll be provided, and that subscriptions of ten shillings towards the cost of this be invited from each affiliated Society. This was carried.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Miles for his efforts was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson and carried with acclamation.

It was proposed by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and carried that Mr. Miles be appointed Trustee of the Roll.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 12th, 1953, page 377)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers. It was agreed that Mr. J. Willis be co-opted to the committee.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The committee reported that no work had been undertaken during the year.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. W. Woolley, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

It was proposed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner and carried that the committee be asked to consider the possibility of publishing a small collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques. It was agreed that Messrs. C. W. Roberts and A. J. Pitman be co-opted to the committee for the purpose.

METHODS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 17th, 1953, pages 472-3, July 24th, 1953, page 489, and July 31st, 1953, pages 504-5)

The section dealing with extension was adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

The recommendations that irregular Minor methods continue to be disallowed and that three-lead course Royal methods should not, in future, be included in Spliced peals were also

adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

The report was then formally adopted.

LITERATURE, PRESS & BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 12th, 1953, page 378)
Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

Mr. F. Sharpe reported on behalf of the committee (see 'Ringing World,' June 19th, 1953, page 397). The report was seconded by Mr. W. Osborn and adopted.

It was agreed that a written report should be submitted in future.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 12th, 1953, page 377)
Adopted, subject to the withdrawal of Chesterfield Surprise, of which the composition was false, on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. L. K. Marshall.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson, that the records, when completed, be handed to the Librarian for custody.

ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 19th, 1953, page 397)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. G. L. Grover.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. A. Walker and carried:—
'That the annual affiliation fee to the Council be increased to ten shillings per representative with effect from January 1st, 1954.'

(b) Proposed by Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. N. Chadcock:—
'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.'

(c) Proposed on behalf of the Suffolk Guild by Mr. C. W. Pipe, seconded by Mr. J. E. Lilley:—

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

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, that this matter should be left to Associations and Guilds.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

On the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, it was decided to accept an invitation to visit Newcastle-on-Tyne.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the President, thanks were expressed to the Mayor and Corporation of Bournemouth, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger and Mr. A. V. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) for local arrangements; Canon A. L. E. Williams, Vicar of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, for officiating at Holy Communion and for the use of St. Peter's Hall; Canon C. C. Cox for his welcome on behalf of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart for his hospitality; and all incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of bells.

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

Members and friends were afterwards entertained to tea by the Mayor and Corporation, presided over by the Deputy Mayor. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President.

In appreciation of his services as Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association for nine years, a book and a cheque was presented to Preb. A. J. Hook at the annual meeting of the Association at Wells on Easter Monday.

QUARTER PEALS

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Bob Triples: T. Everard (first quarter) 1, T. Senior 2, June Starling 3, H. W. Moore 4, Mrs. Moore 5, J. Brown 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, W. Wintrip 8. Rung fully muffled before the three hours' service.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, on Feb. 15th, 1,295 Grandshire Caters: Miss A. Briggs (first quarter) 1, D. Smith 2, F. Hansford 3, B. H. Grinter (first of Caters) 4, F. G. Leaker 5, N. H. Coombs 6, A. E. Reeves 7, R. G. Hooper 8, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 9, F. C. Mogford 10.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Walter 1, S. White 2, D. Chatfield 3, S. Walter 4, A. Butler 5, J. W. Unwin 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, B. J. Luck 8.

DERBY.—At Bemrose School, on April 9th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles 'in hand': P. J. Skinner (aged 15) 1-2, D. K. Walklate (aged 16) 3-4, J. F. Murlin (aged 12, first quarter 'in hand' as cond.) 5-6. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the school.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: L. W. Conduct 1, Mrs. C. Silke 2, F. Bird 3, W. C. Rhodes (cond.) 4, G. N. Lane 5, L. O. Williams 6, W. J. V. Conduct 7, L. H. Jenkins (first quarter) 8. Rung for the Confirmation service and for the first visit to Erdington of the new Bishop of Birmingham.

KEFORD-FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Green 1, R. Ridout 2, Ben Ridout 3, F. Hilliar 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, Bert Ridout 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Michael Stott (member of the band) and Miss Marjorie Eleanor Wordingham, married at St. Barnabas' Church, Mill Road, Cambridge.

OUNDE, NORTHANTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: P. Hooton 1, Mrs. P. E. Clarke 2, W. L. Ferrars 3, A. B. Clarke (first as cond.) 4, D. Vessey 5, G. Mould 6. First quarter for 1, 5 and 6. First quarter on bells by Sunday service band.

OVER, CHESHIRE.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Mrs. N. Burrows 1, Mrs. G. Owen 2, J. Scott 3, H. Parker (cond.) 4, R. Cornes 5, R. W. Worrall 6, V. Neal 7. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5. Rung for the induction of the Rev. J. C. Sutton as Vicar.

PECKLETON, LEICS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. Brown (cond.) 1, Kathleen Proctor 2, Rita Stratford 3, Christine Stratford 4, Roy Hall 5, Allan Chapman 6. Specially rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hall, of Peckleton, grandparents of the ringer of the 5th, who afterwards entertained the band to tea.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On April 4th, 1,320 Doubles (3 extents of Spliced Grandshire and Plain Bob and 4 each of Grandshire and Plain Bob): Shelagh Kilbourn 1, O. Cripps 2, A. Hickton 3, Wm. Simpson 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6. Also on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (8 extents of Spliced Grandshire and Plain Bob and 2½ of Grandshire): Mrs. W. Simpson 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, Wm. Simpson 3, O. Cripps 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLEX.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss A. Ing 1, H. W. Impey (cond.) 2, V. J. Mitchell 3, P. Phillips 4, F. Corke 5, R. Goodfellow 6, R. Harris 7, J. Ing 8. First quarter in method by all except the ringer of the 5th, and first in method as conductor. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Vicar's son, Robert Dunning, interred this day. Also on April 11th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss A. Ing 1, H. W. Impey (cond.) 2, V. J. Mitchell 3, F. Corke 4, R. Goodfellow (first 'inside') 5, P. Phillips 6, R. Harris 7, J. Ing 8. Ruaz for morning service.

R.A.F. PEAL ATTEMPT

On Easter Monday eight ringing members of the R.A.F. met at St. Paulinus', Crayford, to attempt a peal of Plain Bob Major. If the peal had been successful it would have been the first tower-bell peal rung by serving R.A.F. personnel, but, unfortunately, a shift-course in the 15th course meant an untimely finish.

However, a quarter peal of 1,264 Plain Bob Major was successfully brought round by A.C. Brian J. Howard 1, A.C. Cyril A. Wratten 2, S.A.C. Colin Tester 3, A.A. Brian P. E. Batt 4, S.A.C. John D. Kape 5, W.O. Sidney J. Philbrick 6, S.A.C. John S. Barnes 7, A.C. Robert J. Southwood (first of Major as conductor) 8.

The band hope to make another attempt for the peal in the near future.

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ENGAGEMENT

CROSS—SMEE. — The engagement is announced between Trevor, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. F. J. Cross, of Rainham, Kent, and Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smeed, of Ewell, Surrey. 4319

SITUATION VACANT

MITTON.—Verger for the Church and Caretaker for the Institute. Duties to commence July 1st, 1954. House available, rent free. Applications in writing to Canon Calderbank, The Vicarage, Mitton, Whalley, near Blackburn. 4278

FOR SALE

S.E. LONDON SUBURB.—Fully modernised 4-bedroomed house for sale, in pleasant district. Full particulars, apply Box 4313. 4313

PUBLICATIONS

BEGINNERS' GRANDSIRE.—2nd Edition now available from A. Waddington, Egerton, Kent, at 1s. 6d. post free. This book takes the beginner from Plain Hunting up to Grandsire Triples and is attractively produced with the treble and important instructions printed in red. A proved help in every tower where Grandsire is taught. 4353

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED TO PURCHASE for binding 'Ringing World,' 1951, Nos. 2,109, 2,110. Good price paid.—John A. Hilton, 5, Mount Zion, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 4333

ACCRINGTON.—Practice night Friday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome. Practice will be cancelled during local holidays and on May 7th. Any other cancellation will be advertised. 4320

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON.—Will visitors and organisers of ringers' outings please note that, owing to the rebuilding of the above church, ringing has been entirely suspended until further notice.—J. W. Faithfull. 4336

THERE are still a few vacancies for the Sussex-Yorkshire Tour, July 4th-11th. Headquarters at Ilkley, with ringing arranged at York Minster, Selby Abbey, Beverley and other towers. Also a day in the Lakes District, with ringing at Kendal, etc. Further particulars from Miss F. Wyman, High Street, Lingfield, Surrey. 4330

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual Ringing Week, Hereford, August 13th-21st. Will any members thinking of taking part who have not had a preliminary circular please write now to B. D. Threlfall, 191, Elm Road, New Malden, Surrey. 4321

Ringers on HOLIDAY in NORTH DEVON will be welcome at COMBE MARTIN; Sundays, 10.15, 5.30. For other ringing at Combe Martin or in the district, contact Beatrice Boyle, Hon. Sec., Libra Gardens, Combe Martin, Tel. 364. 4354

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Clutton, Saturday, May 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4283

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lamerton, May 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4233

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Cambridge Districts.—Joint meeting, Histon (6), May 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Ely Dis. Sec. 4289

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Crusader meeting, Rayleigh, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at nearby cafe 5 p.m. Specially requested—names for tea to Mr. E. J. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. Special facilities for Kent Major. 4235

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Great Totham (6), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 4285

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall (6), May 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 4327

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The postponed meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please send number for tea by April 29th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Bromyard, Herefordshire. 4295

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Aspenden, May 1st, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Lincolnshire Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4282

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 1st, Langleybury (6), 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names, please.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 4299

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Amwell on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. These bells have now been augmented to a ring of six. 4288

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Harlestone, Saturday, May 1st, 6 p.m. Short service 7 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—G. F. Roome. 4305

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devises Branch.—Meeting at Longbridge Deverill (8), May 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 4328

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Arreton, May 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 4301

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, West Meon, May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 4307

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, May 1st, Burghclere. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Village Hall. 4331

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held jointly with the SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY at Doncaster on May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. in Memorial Hall, followed by meeting. Subscriptions now due and reports for 1953 will be available. A large and representative attendance is desired.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 4271

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Leicester, May 8th, by invitation. Train, 8.10 St. Pancras. Ringing: St. John-the-Divine 11 to 12; Cathedral 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Margaret's 3 to 4 p.m. Meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing St. Mary-de-Castro 6 to 7 p.m. Names for tea, by May 1st, please, to Mr. H. J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. Phone Leicester 33140. 4269

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A special meeting at Horbury, May 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify, not later than May 6th, Mr. E. Atkinson, Ivy Dene, Medlock Road, Horbury. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 4343

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathaston (6) on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, 16, Lynfield Park, Weston, Bath. 4326

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Special method: Bourne Surprise. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 4332

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Nunburnholme on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 5th, to Mr. Young, The Rectory, Nunburnholme, York. 4342

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wybunbury, May 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by May 5th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 4341

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Birkenhead (6), May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided. Please notify by 4th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4345

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Spring meeting, Dodleston, Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by May 5th.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 4351

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify, by May 6th, A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 4310

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, Staindrop, May 8th. Bells (8) 3. Committee 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea (price 3s. 6d.) must be sent to me by May 5th.—D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 4346

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Penshurst (8), May 8th. Names for tea to L. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smart's Hill, Penshurst. Look up Single Norwich. Names for outing, June 26th, by this date, please.—C. A. Bassett. 4334

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Whittlesford, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at The Bees in the Wall. Evening practice meeting at Linton (5), Saturday, May 29th.—H. L. Martin. 4347

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Ardleigh, May 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30.—John H. Gould, Dis. Sec. 4338

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Tidenham, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 5th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 4318

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Malmesbury (8), May 8th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon (Phone Swindon 3936). 4316

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Apsley (6), May 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4306

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Clitheroe, Lancs, Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 o'clock. Cups of tea provided in the School, 5 o'clock. Please bring own food (cafes near at hand). Business meeting to follow tea. 4349

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton, Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea (free) 5. Business 6. Names for tea to William Smalley, 15, Sunny Garth, Westhoughton.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 4311

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, St. Mary's, Prestwich, May 8th, 3 p.m. Nearby cafes and snack bar. Bus from Victoria Bridge. All welcome.—R. Benson. 4348

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Fell Edge Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.. 4340

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Fylde Branches.—Joint meeting will be held at Scorton (8 bells) on May 8th. Ringing 2.30-8. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to S. Anderson, Springfield Farm, Scorton.—J. H. Foster, R. F. Eccles, Branch Secs. 4322

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sefton Parish Church on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. No tea arrangements. 4325

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, May 8th. Please look up London Surprise Minor. 142 and 145 Whittingham buses half-hourly from Preston. Names for tea, by Monday, 3rd, to Mr. W. Billington, Hospital Cottage, Goosnargh, Preston.—L. Walmsley. 4282

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Bridgend, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Sec. 4283

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Winterton, May 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 1st to Mr. E. Brumpton, 24, West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe. 4293

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Monken Hadley, Saturday, May 8th, 3 p.m. Tea and business. Ringing at Barnet in evening.—T. J. Lock. 4339

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NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Leek, Saturday, May 8th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4309

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 8th, at Norwich. Bells available: Mancroft (12) 3.15-4; St. Giles' (8), St. Mile's (8), St. John de Sepuchre (8) and St. George Colegate (6) 1.30-4: all bells after business meeting. Service, Mancroft, 4; preacher the Rev. J. L. Turney, Rector of Sculthorpe. Tea (with ham, etc.) Mancroft Parish Hall, 4.45 (3s. 9d. each). Tea only for those notifying general secretary by May 1st. Business meeting 5.30. Now, make this new Saturday annual meeting the best ever! People who do not attend the tea are equally welcome to the business meeting.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 67a, The Close, Norwich. 4196

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Marston, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by May 3rd to Mr. T. S. Bowles, 6, Kempson Crescent, Littlemore, Oxford. 4231

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Bicester on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Please notify for tea, by Tuesday, May 4th, to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 4335

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, May 8th. Goring (8) and Strealey (6) 3 p.m. Service, Goring, 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Goring and South Stoke (6) 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 4th, to Mr. L. G. Haines, Whyteleaf, Elvenden Road, Goring, Oxon.—N. E. Swann. 4307

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Whilton, Saturday, May 8th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Road Hill Cottage, Harpole, Northants, by Monday, May 3rd.—F. W. Hancock. 4350

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Blythburgh (6), Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotston Road, Southwold, by May 5th. 4297

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—A meeting will be held at Cotton (8) on Saturday, May 8th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 4th. All ringers welcome.—B. Chilvers. 4303

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, May 8th. Names for tea, by May 5th, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 4312

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Steyning (8), May 8th. Names for tea, please, by the 4th, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 4329

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Hambledon, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Notify Mr. J. E. Turner, The Firs, Hambledon, by May 4th.—S. K. M. Knight. 4352

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Drayton, Saturday, May 15th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, for those who advise by 11th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4317

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting Hook Norton (8), May 22nd. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte. 4337

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual Shield Contest at Sandal, June 12th. Entrance fee 10s. per Company. Open to all members. All entries to reach me not later than June 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec, 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 4344

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Preliminary Notice: Quarterly meeting, Tiverton, June 12th. Other towers available. Coach going from Bath-Bristol district. Names for coach as soon as possible, please. For further details write Miss M. Taylor, Upcott, Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol. 4315

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will take place on Saturday, October 2nd, at the Old Bell, Holborn. Tickets, price 13s., now available from the undersigned. Please apply early.—Peter N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 4243

REDEDICATION

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The ring of eight bells of Leiston, Suffolk, have been rehung on ball bearings with new clapper gudgeons, the work being carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

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The remaining six bells were rehung and rededicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sir Frank and Lady Garrett.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall, where an iced cake, suitably inscribed for the occasion, and anonymously given, was cut by R. W. Stannard, of Barking, who was the only ringer present who attended the dedication of the bells 70 years ago.

A course of Plain Bob was rung during the service. After tea the bells were available to a large number of ringers from many parts of Suffolk, including Grundisburgh, Ufford, Ipswich, Haughley, Stowmarket and Blaxhall. A. R. B.

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Macclesfield, Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 4356

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, May 3rd, 7.15 p.m. practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, May 8th, meeting, Clapham Common R.C., 3-4. Business 4.15. Tea 5.15. St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 6.30. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 4355

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