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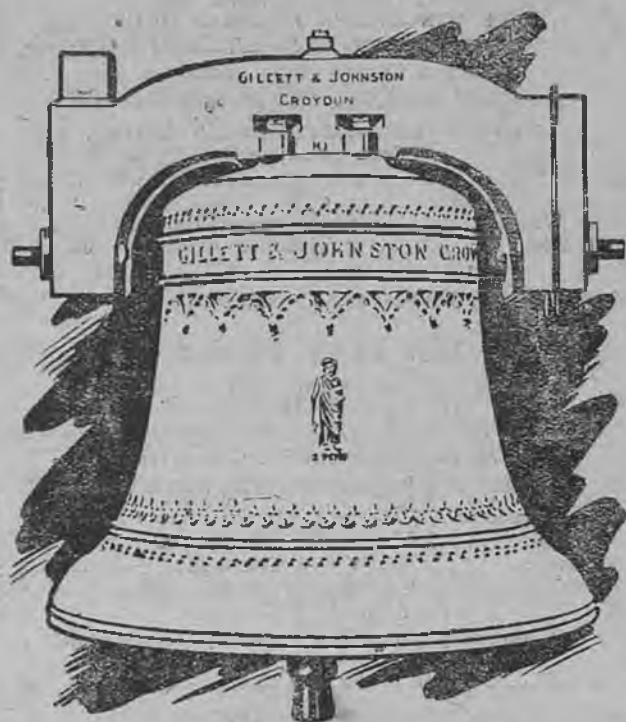
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EASTER MEETINGS.

Easter Monday has always been popular as a day for meetings of ringers, but the number of such gatherings which are to be held on Bank Holiday this year is probably unique. At many places throughout the country ringers will foregather for business and for pleasure, and it may well be anticipated that some of the associations who are holding their annual meetings will find their members turn up in record numbers. After the anxieties and restrictions of the war period there is the feeling of relief which all are experiencing, and this alone will be a great incentive to many to take advantage of the opportunity for a little relaxation and enjoyment.

The annual meetings of ringing associations are always pleasurable events, bringing the reunion of old friends and the making of new; and while business is the ostensible reason for bringing the members together, the importance of the fraternal side of these gatherings is not to be underrated. The spirit of freemasonry that exists among ringers is a characteristic upon which the Exercise prides itself, and it is a trait which is extremely valuable to the associations. Human nature being what it is, little differences of opinion are bound to creep in sometimes among members; but for all that, the brotherly feeling that binds the ranks of the Exercise is supremely important. Meetings, whether small or large, promote this good feeling, and the annual gatherings of associations unite the members in their mutual interests in the widest sphere.

Annual meetings, however, are not always made the use of by members that they might be in ventilating matters which might be of interest or increase the utility of their organization. Too often the business of the day is of a 'cut and dried' order, and members are content to deal with the business put before them and leave the rest. Those associations are the most 'live' where suggestions and proposals come from the rank and file, where there is constructive criticism, and where the members show that they have more than a passive interest in the concerns of the organisation. A ready acquiescence in the formalities of a meeting may be all very well, but the officials who are responsible for the conduct of affairs welcome helpful debates on subjects affecting the concerns of their society.

One of the topics which is likely to be common to most of next Monday's meetings is that of war memorials; another might well be the best methods of reviving activities in ringing circles; and a third—which would be helpful to the representatives—the question of improving the usefulness of the Central Council, which that body is to debate again when it meets at Gloucester.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 7
SAMUEL GREENHALGH 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.
Ben. Knights' 300th peal.

LLANBRADACH.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings, with 4-6-8 covering. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS LIZZIE NOTLEY ... Treble	GEORGE COOKE 5
MISS MABEL GRIFFIN 2	JOSEPH WILLIAMS 6
FRANK BOUCHER 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
HAROLD CASSEL 4	STANLEY VAYZEY Tenor

Conducted by F. BOUCHER.

First peal by ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6, and first as conductor by F. Boucher.

RANMORE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (GROVES' VARIATION).

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDWARD E. DODD ... Treble	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5
ALFRED A. DOBINSON 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN H. WHITE 3	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7
JOHN T. SCOTT 4	ALFRED LYNCH Tenor

Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

Mr. J. T. Scott's first peal with a working bell.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GORSEINON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

42 six-scores.

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. WILLIAMS Treble	W. DOBINS 4
H. WILLIS 2	J. COLEMAN 5
A. SLUMAN 3	W. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by J. WILLIAMS.

The bells were rung half-muffled in memory of ringers fallen in the war.

First peal on bells and by the local band.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

being two 720's of Oxford and five of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. WILSON ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4
EDWIN OGDEN 2	TOM REDMAN 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

EASTER MEETINGS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available from 10.30. Dinner 12.45. Service at Cathedral (Lady Chapel) 2.30. Tea 3.30, followed by business meeting. Charabanc leaves Bristol 8.30 a.m.—E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 21st. General meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15, with address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea at 5.15 for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 16th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1 to 2 p.m., All Saints' (10), Hallow (8), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas' (6), St. John's-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, reports obtained, etc., in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 and 12.30.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing can be had at the Cathedral and St. Peter's from 12 to 1, and again from 2 p.m. Those wishing to ring earlier at the six bell towers should communicate with me. There will be Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. C. G. Ward, Vicar of North Mimms. Tea and annual business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 6 p.m. sharp. Dear fellow-ringer, if you are coming, please let me know not later than Easter Monday morning, to save confusion at tea table. All ringers welcome.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will take place at Windsor on Easter Monday, April 21st, 1919. Service at the Parish Church at 5 p.m., when the Very Rev. The Dean of Windsor has kindly consented to address the members. Tea for those who notify the Secretary in good time will be provided at the Church Rooms at 5.45, and the business meeting will follow. His Worship the Mayor of Windsor, Canon Drummond, and Canon Coleridge have expressed a wish to support this gathering. St. John's bells will be available 3 to 5 o'clock, and the following towers have been placed at the disposal of members and friends during the morning: Slough and Old Windsor from 10 to 11; St. Andrew's, Clewer, 12 to 1.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, Farnham Royal.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday in St. Paul's Mission Room, All Hallows' Lane, Bedford, at 2 o'clock. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available after 11 a.m. All visitors and friends and lady ringers welcome.—A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, at Huntingdon. Service will be held at All Saints' Church at 12.30, preacher the Venerable the Archdeacon of Huntingdon. The business meeting will take place at 3.30, followed by tea at four o'clock. The bells of All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (8), and Godmanchester (8) will be available during the day. Ringers are asked to make their own arrangements for lunch.—A. E. Austin, Acting General Secretary, 4, Hill's View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The April meeting of this Society will be held at Worksop Priory Church on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. G. A. d'Arcy), the bells (8) will be available from 1.30 to 9 p.m., or earlier by appointment. At 5 o'clock tea will be provided in the Priory Gate House at a nominal charge of 6d. per head. As this meeting will give us an opportunity of meeting and making some slight recognition of our ringing V.C., a large attendance is to be desired.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Woodston (one mile from Peterborough) on Easter Monday. Service at 4; tea and meeting afterwards in the Parish Room. The bells of St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) available during the day. Those requiring tea please let me know early. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Diss on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available for ringing at Diss and Palgrave. Committee meeting at 12 o'clock noon and general meeting at 2.30 in the Church Hall.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The six-bell contest will be held at the Thornhill Parish Church on Easter Monday, April 21st. The draw will take place at the 'Alma Inn' at 11 a.m., and ringing will commence immediately after the draw.—W. Frith, 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Monday, April 21st. Bells ready at 2. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to the Secs.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday (April 21st) for election of officers of Division, etc. Tower open 11-1 and 2-4; short Service 4; tea 4.30, in Church Hall, meeting to follow. Half railway fare.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Folkestone on Easter Monday by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Tindall). Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock; special service in the church at 5.30; tea, at 6 o'clock, in the Woodward Hall (near the Church), to be followed by a short business meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing at St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's, and All Saints' Churches from 10 a.m. Committee meeting 3 o'clock, general meeting 3.30 in St. Peter's Parochial Rooms. Tea at 4.30, 2/- each, at the Derby Co-operative Society, Albert Street. Will those who intend being present at tea please notify Mr. J. Lord, 36, Howard Street, by Monday, April 14th.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec., Cotgrave, Notts.

PETERBOROUGH.—On March 30th, for evening service, a quaterneal of Bob Major (1264 changes): V. Butler 1, S. Wright 2, F. Dainty 3, W. G. Cross 4, E. Davies 5, W. Jarvis 6, T. Vaughan 7, F. T. Cooke (conductor) 8.

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THE WAY OF PROGRESS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Now that many of the ringing fraternity who have been 'on active service' are returning home, and as 'Reconstruction' has already commenced in many places, one looks forward with great interest to the future with its boundless possibilities for our art.

We have certainly a great deal of leeway to make up regarding peal ringing; but it will behove those whose enthusiasm lies in that direction to observe moderation, particularly in the large towns where the churches are situated in crowded areas, and prolonged ringing would cause annoyance to 'grousers' who invariably live right under the belfry, and who hate the sound of the bells.

Regarding 'Reconstruction,' one would dearly like to see ringing in the higher methods more generally practised. Take Yorkshire, for instance, with its many beautiful peals of eight. The method practised is nearly always Kent Treble Bob. True, the Yorkshiremen know how to ring it and strike it, but just a little more effort, and the same men could ring the Surprise Methods.

Another instance where a little more effort and enterprise would work wonders is that of our twelve bell companies. One can say pretty confidently that the Birmingham men can ring Stedman Cinques—second to none, but why stop there? There is Cambridge Maximus to be conquered, and these men who can ring Stedman Cinques so faultlessly can do it.

I know from experience with many societies that when a peal in a certain method has been accomplished, there is a great temptation to go for the same method again, which is in my opinion a mistake. There is nothing like the practice of new methods to stimulate enthusiasm.

The value of the work of Reconstruction in ringing matters will depend upon the ideal aimed at, and it will be much more gratifying to me, at any rate, to see in the Miscellaneous Performances columns touches by all in a new method, than it will be to see our peal columns crowded.—Yours, etc.,

B.E.F., France.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WAR MEMORIAL TABLET AT ST. MARTIN'S.

A very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent by many members of the above Society at the spring quarterly meeting, held at Walthamstow. Various touches were rung during the afternoon, and a good tea was served at the Nag's Head. At the business meeting which followed, the following new members were elected: Messrs. P. H. Avey (Leyton), O. L. Twist (Walthamstow), G. W. Fletcher (Southgate), C. Raddon (Hendon), Fowler (Edmonton), Belcher (London).

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Hillingdon. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Camper) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Pledger, the steeple-keeper, for having all in readiness.

A meeting of the committee to consider the provision of the roll of honour of all members who have served with H.M. Forces was afterwards held, and it was resolved to recommend to the society that a marble tablet be placed in the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Field inscribed with the names of members who have served in the present war.

Will members who have served with the colours please send their names and particulars of service to the Hon. Secretary, H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W. 6. Relatives of those who have made the great sacrifice are also requested to communicate with the secretary. It is earnestly desired to include all members, and a great difficulty is being experienced in getting into touch with country members.

After the meeting a further visit was paid to the tower, followed by some touches on handbells and tunes which brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close.

Members are asked to note that as Easter Monday falls on the third Monday in April, Shoreditch practice will be on the following Monday, April 28th.

INTERESTING ANNIVERSARIES.

Easter brings a crop of peal anniversaries, for it is probably the best season of the year for 'long lengths.' It was on Easter Monday ten years ago, that the greatest length on church bells was rung at Loughborough, that wonderful 18,027 of Stedman Caters, in 12hrs. 18mins.

Twenty-five years ago on April 18th, 1894, the 13,440 of Double Norwich Major was rung at Romford by the Cumberlands in 8hrs. 18mins., after having lost the peal on March 26th at Brentwood, through the breaking of a rope, when 13,072 changes had been rung. Of that band, several have passed to the great beyond, including George Newson, Arthur Jacob, Henry Dains and George Smith. Benjamin Foskett, now truly a veteran, and Edwin Barnett, are still amongst us, and active in their participation in the art. The other two members of the band were Charles Wilkins and Albert Pittam.

April 18th is the anniversary of another long peal, but that was rung 182 years ago at Painswick. It was the 12,006 Grandsire Caters—a really remarkable performance when one remembers the days in which it was rung—1737.

Next Tuesday is the 50th anniversary of one of the best struck long peals ever rung, the 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham.

ST. CLEMENT DANES' SERVICE.

The following is the statement of receipts and expenditure in connection with the memorial service at St. Clement Danes on Feb. 22nd, for fallen ringers:—

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
By collection and subsequent donations to Rector	...	22	1	0
EXPENDITURE.				
Per Rector:—				
Printing of notices, tickets and service	...	15	0	0
Heading-block	...	0	6	6
Badges for stewards, music and postage	...	2	14	6
Per Hon. Secretary:—				
Printing and stationery, etc.	...	1	15	3
'Ringing World' notices and 120 copies	...	1	12	6
Muffling bells at six towers	...	1	7	6
Postage	...	2	2	4
Verger, etc., at St. Clement's	...	0	15	6
Petty disbursements	...	0	15	0
Total	...	£26	9	1
Less receipts	...	£22	0	1
Net deficit	...	£4	9	0
Less since received on behalf of 'Ancient Society of College Youths' and the 'Royal Cumberland Youths Society'	...	£2	1	0

E. ALEX. YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

PRESENTATION TO LADY RINGER.

An interesting gathering of ringers took place in the Vicarage Room, Hoddesdon, Herts, on the 1st inst., to honour and bid farewell to Mrs. Ballance, a lady ringer, who has rendered valuable service in the Hoddesdon tower, and who is leaving the town shortly to accompany her husband to Canada. The Rev. P. E. S. Holland presided, and the secretary (Mr. S. Knight) spoke of the great help given by her as a ringer during the war. He then called on the Vicar to make a presentation to Mrs. Ballance as a mark of the ringers' appreciation of her services, and as a memento which she could take to her new home in Canada.—The gift was a very handsome silver inkstand, designed in the shape of a bell, and inscribed: 'Presented to Mrs. Ballance by the Hoddesdon ringers.' In making the presentation, the Vicar wished Mrs. Ballance happiness, prosperity and long life in Canada, and the recipient feelingly returned thanks for the present.

IN THE HONOURS LIST.

The under-mentioned has been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered in connection with the war, viz.:—

Morris (167925) Pte. E. (A/Sergt.), Labour Corps, attached R.A.S.C.
Sergt. Ernest Morris is a well-known Leicester ringer, being a member of St. Margaret's band of that town. He is at present engaged on the Headquarters Staff of the West Midland Area Administrators, Forage Department, R.A.S.C., stationed at Cheltenham. He was for over two years stationed at York, and when he left that city he received a presentation from the Minster ringers for his valued assistance.

GATHERING AT HILLINGDON.

The Bishop of Kensington held a Confirmation at St. John's Church, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 5th, when 17 ringers rang touches in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Superlative Double Norwich and Treble Ten.—The ringers were the invited guests of Miss Norah Williams, who entertained them to tea in the Church Room, and the company included Miss E. K. Parker, Miss Stella Davis, Miss Gladys Bateman, Miss B. McKrell, Miss G. Feltham, and Messrs. E. M. Atkins, J. B. Williamson, C. Dean (Croydon), W. Hewlett, W. Alps, R. Sanders, W. Lawrence, W. Henley, J. Pratt, H. H. Chandler, W. Honor. The local band rang some excellent 'call changes' before the service.

FOR FALLEN HEROES.

On Sunday evening, April 6th, a memorial service, for Bucks. men who have fallen in the war, was held at Slough, and the service was preceded by a half-muffled quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, by: Miss Mona Bateman 1, Miss Gladys Bateman 2, A. Leader 3, W. Henley (conductor) 4, G. T. Leader 5, P. E. Jones 6, E. T. Hooper 7, A. Perryman 8.

With half-muffled bells for those who have fallen in the war, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Worsley, Lancashire, on March 9th, by: J. H. Ridyard 1, A. Ridyard (conductor) 2, S. Harrison (longest length) 3, W. Jones 4, G. Way 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, F. Grundy 7, W. Dawson 8.

ST. CLEMENT DANES' BELLS.**EARLY RESTORATION.**

The restoration of St. Clement Danes' bells is to be undertaken at once, and the Rector, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, whose interest in bells and ringing is already well known to the Exercise, is appealing for donations towards the £800 required.

In a letter on the subject, he says:—

'Londoners, not always the most observant of people, may have noticed that the famous peal of bells at St. Clement Danes' Church in the Strand, has not been rung for some years past. The reason has not been the war, but the fact that the oak frame, centuries old, in which the bells hang, is now unsafe.

I am hoping to give back the bells to London, by putting them in a new steel frame. Queen Alexandra and the Queen of Norway have both displayed their interest by graciously sending a contribution for the purpose, and the Danish Minister, recalling the old Associations of the Danes with this parish, the Lord Mayor of London, and others, have also subscribed.

A sum of £800 is required, and I hope to ring in peace with the rebung peal in June.

St. Clement's bells, for centuries, have rung at every Coronation and every visit of the Sovereign to the City, but they have a yet more world-wide association in "Oranges and Lemons," say the bells of St. Clement's—"lines familiar in the childhood of every one of us. With the bells mute, I feel that London has lost something of its old self.

Will anyone assist me with funds to restore them? Donations may be sent direct to Messrs. Lloyds Bank, Ltd., 222, Strand, W.C., "St. Clement Danes' Bells Account," or to the Treasurers (Mr. H. H. Twining and the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford).

SILVER WEDDINGS.

In honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Larkin, 720 Bob Minor was rung on March 27th at Freiston, Borton, by: T. Baker 1, H. Larkin 2, J. Phillips 3, J. W. Larkin 4, A. Sharp 5, J. Sharp (conductor) 6. H. Larkin has just been demobilised from the navy, and this was his first 720 on an inside bell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Youngs, of Thornham Magna, Suffolk, who were married at Wickham Skeith Church in 1894, reached their silver wedding on March 27th. To celebrate the event, 720 Bob Minor was rung at Thornham Magna by Pte. P. Steggalls 1, E. Youngs 2, A. Cattermole 3, C. Nunn 4, G. Kemp 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6. The band were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. E. Youngs to supper, and in thanking their hosts for their hospitality the ringers expressed their good wishes for long life, happiness, and prosperity to them both.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

We very much regret that many touches which have been sent in for publication under this heading during the past few months have had to be omitted, on account of the limited space at our disposal. We hope in future to be able to give some few touches, but those of special interest will have preference. Other miscellaneous items sent for publication should not be less than 720 on six bells or quarter-peals on higher numbers.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—For Lady Victoria Ramsay's birthday, on March 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Anne's Church, in 49 mins., by: J. Corbett 1, Sergt. W. Nye 2, T. Gould 3, H. Stapleton 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, F. Francis 6, Pte. H. Gould, M.T., R.A.S.C., 7, W. Varndell 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, March 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes), in 50 minutes, by: A. W. Darlington 1, W. H. Hollier 2, W. E. Judd 3, A. Cutmore 4, J. W. Driver 5, W. Lawrence 6, F. Skevington 7, C. Charge (conductor) 8, W. Langdon 9, M. A. Smith 10.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. T. Tucker 1, G. Williams 2, A. A. Jones 3, W. Rowe 4, A. Marks 5, C. Fray 6, W. H. George (conductor) 7, E. Mundy 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method rung entirely by the local band.—On Sunday, March 30th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: E. Mundy 1, W. Rowe 2, G. Williams 3, C. Fray 4, W. H. George (conductor) 5, W. T. Tucker 6.

HEMINGBROUGH, SELBY.—For evening service, on March 23rd, 720 Bob Minor was rung as a welcome to Pte. Edwin Dodsworth Tune on his return: E. D. Tune 1, M. T. Tune 2, G. C. Terry 3, G. Hatfield 4, T. Barker 5, W. A. Hudson (conductor) 6. Also touches of Kent and Oxford Minor.—On, March 26th, for Confirmation service, and a welcome to the Bishop of Beverley, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. D. Tune 1, W. A. Hudson 2, G. Hatfield 3, G. C. Terry 4, T. Barker 5, M. T. Tune (conductor) 6.

STOKE POGES.—On April 6th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: Miss Mona Bateman (first 720) 1, W. Henley (conductor) 2, Miss Gladys Bateman 3, F. Spring 4, W. Bateman 5, J. L. Bateman 6. This was the first 720 by the local band since the war.

NOTICES.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Central District will be at Epsom on Easter Monday. The bells at both churches and at Ewell will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Martin's, Epsom, at 5.30, and meeting in Churchroom near at 6 p.m.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Charing on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing will commence early in the afternoon. Service at 5; tea at 5.45; business meeting after. All are welcome.—At West Malling, on Saturday, May 3rd, the annual district meeting will be held. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; service at 5; tea 5.45; business meeting after. All ringers welcome. The Secretary would be glad if members intending to be present will let him know not later than Tuesday previous to the meeting.—Stephen Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, Maidstone.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 22nd, and Southwark Cathedral on the 29th, all at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held at Far Headingley on Saturday, April 26th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) the bells of St Chad's will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Committee meeting in the Parochial Hall at 6 p.m., and the annual business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society.—Estab. 1824.—A meeting for practice will take place on Saturday, April 26th, at Southwark Cathedral at 4 p.m. There will be half an hour interval for tea. A business meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the 'Southwark Tavern' (close by). Ringers and friends welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, 26th inst. Tower open at 2.30; service at 4.30; tea at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Ringing again afterwards. 6d. allowed to members for tea on sending notice to me not later than 22nd.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Ashton-under-Lyne Society (annual) on Saturday, April 26th, at St. Michael's Church. Bells (12) available from 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft and C. Bower, Secs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shedfield on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge for those who let me know not later than Tuesday, 22nd.—E. J. Harding, District Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock. Tea can be arranged for those who let me know not later

than Monday, April 21st. Business meeting after tea.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3; Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, M.A.; tea (1/-) in the Schoolroom at 6. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 22nd inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley Parish Church on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available 3.30 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 7, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.

LADIES GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Fulmer on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing from 3 o'clock; short service at 5.30; tea at 6.15. Will all who intend being present kindly notify me before Wednesday, April 23rd? —E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnet (by kind permission of the Rector), on Saturday, April 26th, 1919. Short service at 6 p.m., followed by tea and the business meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing: Barnet (8) and Hadley (6) from 3 p.m., Southgate (8) from 3 to 5 p.m. Trains from New Southgate to Barnet. A cordial invitation is given to ringers to be present, and they are asked to advise me not later than April 23rd, in order that tea arrangements can be completed.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary, Lewisham, on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea in the Vicarage garden if fine, in the Institute if wet, and I trust all who hope to be present will notify me not later than Tuesday, April 29th.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—A memorial service for those members of the branch who have fallen in the war will (D.V.) be held at St. Mary's Church, Stockport, on Saturday, May 3rd, at 5 o'clock. The Rev. F. A. Screeton, M.A., Vicar of Norbury, will preach the sermon. Members are especially requested to make an effort to be present and join in this tribute of respect and gratitude.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, May 3rd. Service at 4 p.m.; tea and business at 5. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers, whether members or not, will be heartily welcome.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton Bath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; business meeting in the Tower 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—E. Butler, Hon. District Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on May 10th. Further particulars later. Members and Secretaries of towers please

note that all subscriptions for 1919 are now due.—H. R. Butcher, General Hon. Sec., Crowborough, Sussex.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

WILLESDEN.—Weekly practice at Willesden will be changed from Tuesday to Thursday night, commencing first Thursday after Easter.—H. Kilby.

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