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## THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

The agenda for the Central Council meeting, which is to be held at Warwick at Whitsun, appeared too late this year to give the associations which meet at Easter the usual opportunity of discussing any of its details, but that was unavoidable. Ringers, however, are interested in what the Council propose to talk about, and it may be that on one subject, at any rate, some of them would have desired to express an opinion, as the Midland Counties Association did last year when their official amendment to a motion was put forward and carried in the Council, although, lacking the requisite majority on that occasion, it became inoperative.

There is always much routine work to be got through in the early part of the proceedings of the Council, and the committee's reports have a tendency to create unexpected discussion. At the same time, it is through the committees that the Council does most of its important work—work that goes on throughout the year and only comes under public notice when the Council meets. At the moment, however, it is the motions of which notice have been given on which interest will centre. All these relate to peal ringing. It is, we think, a wise proposal—which forms the first motion—that decisions relating to peal ringing shall not be binding unless carried by a two-thirds majority of the Council. It was a proviso of this description in the old rules which last year, in effect, defeated the amendment on the Minor question that had actually been carried. In the new rules, under which the next meeting will be conducted, this condition relating to matters outside the domestic affairs of the Council does not appear, but it is well that matters which affect the whole Exercise in the intimate way that peal ringing does should not be subject to just bare majorities. When any drastic change is made or an alteration in accepted principles is introduced, it should be the clear demand of the Exercise and not a doubtful opinion. The motion to provide for a two-thirds majority is a needful safeguard, which formerly existed and which, we believe, the Council will do well to reintroduce, especially in view of the fact that while, to some extent, the representation of associations rests on numerical strength, it would be possible, by a bare majority of the Council, to impose the views of a minority of the Exercise, because several of the associations which send the limit of four representatives have two or three or even four times the members of an association sending two or three representatives.

The motion that is likely to cause most discussion is that relating to peals of Minor. The controversy on the subject drags on from year to year, and up to the pre-

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sent it has not been possible to settle the question at one bite. Perhaps the attempt to settle the most discussed part of the problem will lead to a final decision of all the points at issue. If the Council accepts the motion on the Bankes James Arrangement, they can, at a later meeting, discuss the other phases of the Minor question, with the issues then less involved. If, in their wisdom, the Council decide against the Bankes James Arrangement, it will be a clear declaration that they will accept no departure from the old standard of peals of Minor. That is the real issue which is raised, and the defeat of the motion on the agenda will as a consequence impose on the Council the necessity of rescinding their Hereford resolution and substituting something else in its place.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ..Treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 6
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 2	*BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	JACK A. WAUGH... .. 9
GEORGE A. CARD... .. 5	JAMES G. R. PEYOR ... ..Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

C. FRANK COTTRELL ... ..Treble	BERTRAM HEAD... .. 5
BERTRAM H. HEAD ... .. 2	WILFRED OVERTON ... .. 6
JOHN ELCOCK ... .. 3	HORACE W. OVERTON ... .. 7
*WILLIAM G. HEAD ... .. 4	†GEORGE H. CHILDS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

KIRKBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

WALTER SOUTHGATE ... ..Treble	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... .. 5
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 2	ERNEST DURRANT ... .. 6
URBAN WILDNEY... .. 3	MAURICE LING ... .. 7
RANDAL K. MOWFORTH ... .. 4	GEORGE JENNINGS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

First peal as conductor in the method. First peal by the rest of the band in the method. The peal was arranged to be rung by local Sunday service ringers, but owing to sudden illness of Mr. A. J. Clark, Mr. Jennings kindly took his place at a few hours' notice, for which the company extend to him their thanks. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the granddaughter of Mr. H. A. Wright. Mr. Ling has now 'circled' the tower.

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# HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
*ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

\* First peal of London 'inside.' Fiftieth peal together by A. E. Whiting and J. Bennett, jun.

# UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 2	†FRANK CORKE ... .. 6
*THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First attempt for a Surprise peal. † First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who was on a visit to Slough for Easter.

# GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
PERCY GREEN ... .. 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

# WRITTLE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

PERCY GREEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

# LANHYDROCK, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HYDROCK,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS ELSIE ROBINSON ... Treble	HENRY WILLIAMS ... .. 5
*CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 6
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN ... 3	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... .. 7
MISS LOCY WILLOUGHBY ... 4	W. EWART MINORS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

\* First eight-bell peal. All are members of the Truro Cathedral company, and this is the first eight-bell peal rung in Cornwall by ringers all attached to the same tower for 51 years, the last being at Penzance in 1883.

# GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	*JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 5
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in the method.

# IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES ROSE ... .. Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
EDWARD E. GRIMES ... .. 2	HENRY G. WELHAM ... .. 6
JAMES DURRANT ... .. 3	GEORGE MORE ... .. 7
CHARLES SHERMING ... .. 4	JOHN W. EUSTON ... Tenor

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE.

Conducted by JAMES ROSE.

# ABINGDON, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*ALEC GAMMON ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 5
ARTHUR C. HAWES ... .. 2	JOHN NOBES ... .. 6
FRANCIS E. MAY ... .. 3	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	GORDON CAUDWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. D. Boreham, of High Wycombe, who was married at Wycombe on the same day. Rung after meeting for Caters, one of the band being indisposed.

# OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 5
*A. WILLIAM T. GINN ... .. 2	*RUPERT THODAY ... .. 6
*ROBERT SMITH ... .. 3	*ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 7
*FRED C. GINN ... .. 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal of Superlative by an all-local company of Cambridge residents of the association. A birthday compliment to Cecil F. Gleaves, son of the 5th ringers.

# CHURCH, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES PARR ... .. Treble	*WALTER RILEY ... .. 5
FRED READ ... .. 2	SYDNEY BROWN ... .. 6
RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 3	LEONARD SCHOLES ... .. 7
*LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... .. 4	LADRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. Both these ringers are 15 years of age.

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## ERTH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 6
JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung on the 35th anniversary of the 15,072 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which was rung at the above church on April 3rd, 1893, the ringers of the 2nd, 6th and tenor ringing the same bells as in the Double Norwich.

## GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble	HERBERT C. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First blow in the method on the bells and by all the band except the tenor ringer.

## AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER Treble	†HANBURY F. CARTER ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 6
†ERIC DURRANT ... .. 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 7
HERBERT E. READ ... .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal, and rung at the first attempt. † First peal 'inside.'  
† First peal of Major. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. J. Fairhead, a colleague of the conductor's at the Mile Cross Senior Boys' School, Norwich, and Miss M. Keymer, who were married at the church in the afternoon.

## ROCHESTER, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Katharine,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

WALTER PERKINS ... .. Treble	STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 5
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... .. 2	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 6
AMOS SMART ... .. 3	JACK STUBBS ... .. 7
FRANCIS BALL ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JACK STUBBS.

First peal as a conductor. Rung on the 46th anniversary of Mr. W. Perkins' wedding day, and was a birthday peal for the wife of the ringer of the fifth.

## GRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

FRANCES HUMPHREY ... .. Treble	*MARGARET PACK ... .. 5
*ARTHUR W. JONES ... .. 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
FRANCIS E. DAVE ... .. 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7
*WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal in the method.

## HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE  
SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. Treble	*THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
*MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ... 4	*FRANK CORKE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor and on the bells. This composition contains 2,560 London, 1,248 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, and has now been rung for the first time.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES W. BORTON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
PERCY GREEN ... .. 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 6
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.  
First peal in the method on the bells. The monthly peal for the division.

## NORTHFLEET, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Treble	*STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 4	EDWARD J. BEER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method.

## DENHAM, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
TONY PRICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	MARGRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.  
First Surprise peal on the bells.

## HUNGERFORD, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.

*HENRY LAWRENSEN ... .. Treble	HENRY GARRETT ... .. 5
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 2	MARK ROSIER ... .. 6
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... .. 3	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 7
JAMES BERRY ... .. 4	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to C. J. Gardiner.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

CHARLES WEBB ... .. Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 5
THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lb.

ARTHUR HINGLEY ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6
THOMAS CATTELL ... .. 3	CYRIL WINWOOD ... .. 7
GEORGE HUGHES ... .. 4	BERT HORTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. WALLATER. Conducted by BERT HORTON.  
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the society. Believed to be the first in the county.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN S. MASON ... .. Treble	*FREDERICK H. OLDNALL ... 5
DOUGLAS W. TURNER ... .. 2	*JOSEPH WARR ... .. 6
KENNETH I. PARDOE ... .. 3	LOUIS W. TURNER ... .. 7
NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. 4	*ARTHUR D. FELLOWS ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. LEECH.

\* First peal of Triples. All the above band are under 21 years of age. The ringers tender their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. F. Molineux for having everything in readiness.

OUNDE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... Treble	STANLEY ROBINSON ... .. 5
JAMES M. NICKERSON ... 2	GEORGE W. JEFFS ... .. 6
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 3	CYRIL WILSON ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4	LESLIE GROOM ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.  
\* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and first peal of Major on the bells.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
*FRED BIGGS ... .. 2	JESSE HARRISON ... .. 6
*GEORGE GUTTERIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

\* First peal in the method. This peal contains the 4th and 6th their extent in 8th's place.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, on February 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Child 1, F. Townsend 2, H. Bennett 3, Miss M. White 4, B. Hampton 5, F. Frampton 6, H. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the son of the Vicar (Rev. R. Rockett).

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

FREDERICK G. COLE ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
JAMES TOPP ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Bristol rung in the tower. C. Ernest Smith's 200th peal.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

*G. DENNIS DRIGHTON ... Treble	CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ... .. 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 2	*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 5
†HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3	PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † 220th peal.

FELKIRK, NEAR BARNESLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Felkirk Delight, Wragby Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure and College Exercise. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN COPLEY ... .. Treble	FRANK ATKINSON ... .. 4
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 2	ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 5
ARTHUR GILL ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Leslie and Roslyn, son and daughter of the Rev. H. R. H. Coney, Vicar of this church, aged eight and four years respectively, both birthdays being on this date.

SOUTH KIRKBY, NEAR PONTEFRAC, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven fourth's place Delight extents in the following order: Southwark, Canterbury, Abbeyville, Crowland, Combermere, St. Werburgh and Vale Royal. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK ATKINSON ... .. Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

A. Gill, A. Panther and W. Green belong to Wath, D. Smith and H. Chant to Felkirk, F. Atkinson to York Minster. First peal on these bells since rehanging on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

*HENRY E. COMPTON ... Treble	†ALBERT RALPH CURTIS ... 4
*JAMES E. CUBBERLEY ... 2	ERNEST J. CUBBERLEY ... 5
*WILLIAM COMPTON ... .. 3	*WALTER CURTIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM COMPTON.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The peal was rung by three fathers and three sons, and all are local Sunday service ringers at the above church.

STOCKTON, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

*GEORGE L. TALBOT ... .. Treble	WALTER LAGO ... .. 4
†ALBERT E. BUTTERY ... .. 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 5
CHARLES H. WATTS ... .. 3	RICHARD INSTONE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PRITCHARD.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

PASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising 12 extents of Plain Bob (four variations) and 30 extents of Grandsire (10 variations). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

DAVID YAKLEY ... .. Treble	ROBERT FRANCIS ... .. 3
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	CLIFFORD BURTON ... .. 4
THOMAS FRANCIS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells since restoration in February. First peal by ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th at the first attempt.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 3½ cwt. in F.

*ARTHUR D. FELLOWS ... .. 1 reble	JOSEPH WARR ... .. 4
†LOUIS W. TURNER ... .. 2	ERNEST A. TURNER ... .. 5
NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. 3	DOUGLAS W. TURNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. LEECH.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal. Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Grantham, a former churchwarden at St. Thomas', Stourbridge.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gabriel,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD MAUND ... .. Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLY ... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Ernest Gibbs, who was interred at St. Gabriel's, Hanley Castle, the same day.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 10 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Union and Grandsire Doubles and twelve of Bob Doubles. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... .. 1 reble	JOHN CHURCH ... .. 3
FRANCIS BEAUMONT ... .. 2	PERCY TOMPKINS ... .. 4
LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

At the Residence of Mr. J. ATKINSON,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 24 120's of Grandsire and 18 of Plain Bob.

JAMES W. GODDARD ... .. 1-2	WALTER M. GODDARD ... .. 3-4
JOSEPH ATKINSON ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by W. GODDARD.

Witness—J. D. ATKINSON.

Rung in honour of the election of Mr. A. W. Hoodless as churchwarden at Barton-on-Humber. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 1-2, and to J. D. Atkinson, son of the ringer of 5-6.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

A very happy meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Easter Monday, when some 45 members and friends attended to enjoy a ring on this fine light ring of eight bells. Ringers were present from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Brockley, Carshalton, Chelsea, Croydon, Epsom, Esher, Leatherhead, Merton, Merstham, Reigate, Staines, Streatham, Willesden and Woodford. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short and interesting address (not on the history of bells but on matters mainly parochial).

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, a company of over 40 sitting down to a very enjoyable repast.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the District Master, Mr. E. Talbot. Four new members were elected, and a very hearty vote of thanks passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. J. Crawford for making all arrangements.

The tower was again open for ringing after the meeting, and the bells were kept going in a variety of methods—including four Surprise methods, plain and spliced—until 9 p.m., when a very enjoyable meeting came to a close.

**GAINSBOROUGH RINGERS' TRIBUTE TO COLLEAGUES.**

On April 5th eight of the ringers at All Saints', Gainsborough, met to show their esteem and respect for two former members of the company, Messrs. John Thomas Ladd and William Whelpton, who have just recently passed away.

Mr. Ladd was a member from 1891 to 1926. For a number of years during that period he held the office of Deputy Master of the company, and was also on the committee of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He was greatly interested in the art of ringing, and had taken part in thirteen peals.

Mr. Whelpton was a member from 1906 to 1912, and had one peal to his credit.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by: Miss E. Marshall 1, F. S. W. Butler 2, E. Dalingwater 3, J. Dixon 4, H. Morgan 5, C. H. Baker 6, G. W. Creasey (conductor) 7, H. Harper 8.

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## PEALS OF MINOR.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—There is not much in Mr. Joyce's letter that I wish to comment upon; most of it is directed against Mr. Cashmore, who has committed the heinous crime of overlooking what Mr. Joyce wrote six years ago. I have already tried to satisfy Mr. Joyce that I agree with him about the constitution of a lead of a method, but I require something more than the lead. I cannot learn a method without knowing what to do at the back stroke lead of the treble, nor can the Leytonstone company or Mr. Joyce. With all his knowledge, he would not be able to distinguish between a lead of Cambridge Minor and a lead of Primrose if only the first 24 rows of each method were written down, from and including rounds. He would require the 25th row—the back stroke row of the treble lead. It is for this reason, and because this 25th row is the 24th change, that I fail to see how Mr. Joyce can prove anything by forcing this point into the 'Minor' controversy. The 'lead' is not enough, any more than the first 720 rows of an 'extent' of the Bankes James peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor is enough to prove its truth. Another row—a very vital row—is required to produce the 720th change, and this row makes the extent neither true nor complete. (If any of your readers are apt to interpret this as an argument that the Bankes James peal is false, I would refer them to my letter published March 16th.)

I am sorry that I cannot remember when I contracted a 'debit account' with Mr. Joyce, but I sympathise with him. I have been a fellow-sufferer—mostly from clever people who enjoy having their 'dig' over a non de plume.

C. T. COLES.

## IN THE TOWER.

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Coles' letter replying to Mr. Joyce he says, 'Even Mr. Joyce cannot tell the difference between Hexham and Surfleet until the treble leads.' Neither can anyone else, but to the ordinary ringer there is a lot of difference, for nine out of every ten learn the whole of the diagram for each method. It is not sufficient to go into the tower and say, 'Now we'll ring Hexham; all you have to do is to ring Surfleet until treble leads, then step on two blows and again ring Surfleet,' for several do not even know when the treble is leading. The same applies to Primrose Major, but how many Cambridge Major ringers, who have not seen Primrose, could go straight into the tower and ring it with that simple explanation? Therefore, in multi-method peals the majority of ringers (in their own mind) ring entirely different methods and deserve more credit than the more gifted ringers.

H. M. DAY.

Other letters on this subject are unavoidably held over.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BELLS FOR NEATH.

The quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Bonvilston, near Cardiff, on Easter Monday. There was a good attendance from the Llandaff Diocese, but few from the Monmouth. The bells, a ring of six by Rudhall, were rung during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Gilbert Thomas), whose address was most interesting. He gave the history of how the bells were obtained. Tea was very kindly provided by the workers of the church in the Church Institute, a company of forty-two sitting down.

Following tea the business meeting proceeded, with the Vicar in the chair. Instructors' reports were received, and in regard to proposed restorations and augmentations it was announced that the bells of Neath Parish Church (a ring of six) had been removed to the Loughborough Foundry, and that a frame for eight was being provided, so that two bells could be added later. After several members had expressed the wish that the two bells could be added now, it was unanimously resolved that the Vicar of Neath be communicated with and that an offer of five pounds from the association funds be made towards the two bells if put in hand forthwith.

Several new members were elected, including the local band, which rejoined after a lapse of a few years. The result of the meeting is that without doubt these bells will again be rung for the Sunday services.

After the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed, and the bells were rung in various methods until late in the evening.

## MERTON COLLEGE BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The bells of Merton College are not unringable. They are rung regularly, four times a year, by the Oxford Society. I believe that the four days are the King's birthday, the Queen's birthday, the Prince of Wales' birthday, and the anniversary of the King's accession, and that the Oxford Society originated through the need of the four colleges, Christ Church, New College, Magdalen and Merton, for ringers to do this 'paid ringing.'

The Merton bells were overhauled by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, about four years ago, and the seventh and tenor rehung on ball bearings. Personally, I think the difficulty lies not so much in handling the bells themselves as in the nervous strain of standing in the ringing gallery, which is famous, or infamous, among those who have rung there.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations and good wishes in which all ringers will join are extended to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the general hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who is 75 to-day.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, the Essex veteran, rang two Surprise peals on Easter Monday. He has passed his 78th 'milestone.' He must be nearly, if not quite, the oldest ringer to ring two peals in one day.

Work has commenced on raising the tower of Buckfast Abbey another 40ft., four of the monks being engaged on the task. It is expected that the structure will take two years to complete. The bells, a ring of twelve, will then be raised, and ringing take place from the floor, where the bells now are, instead of from the narrow stone gallery at present used by the ringers.

Three of the band who rang in the then record length of 15,072 Double Norwich Major at Erith, on April 3rd, 1899, took part in a 35th anniversary peal last week, when Cambridge Surprise was rung on the same bells. The three ringers were Messrs. W. Pye (the conductor), G. R. Pye and J. H. Cheesman.

This record peal was exceeded in length at Kidlington on May 22nd in the same year, when a 17,024 of Double Norwich, which gave rise to a great deal of controversy at the time, was rung, conducted by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

The peal which the Erith record superseded was the 13,440 rung at Romford 40 years ago next Wednesday, by a band of Cumberland Youths who, three weeks earlier, had lost the peal after ringing 13,072 changes in 8 hrs. 15 mins. at Brentwood through the breaking of a rope.

In connection with Double Norwich records, it is interesting to recall that on April 14th, 1928, an attempt for 22,096 was made at Heptonstall and lost after 10 hours 31 mins.' ringing!

The anniversaries of several peal records occur about this time. On April 12th, 1909, 18,027 Stedman Caters was rung at Loughborough in 12 hrs. 18 mins., a record beaten in length at Appleton on April 22nd, 1922, by the 21,363 rung in 12 hrs. 25 mins.

Twenty years ago to-day the 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, and in the same tower on April 17th, 1911, the 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus. On April 18th, 1927, 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Heptonstall.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Brighton on March 24th was Alfred W. Bond, not Ward as printed. The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Hinton on March 21st was Arthur J. Martin, not Masters as published.

Mr. G. H. Roberts, after allowing forty years to elapse between his first and second peals, has since rung several peals, and has now scored his first on eight bells in his 70th year. This was Kent Treble Bob Major at Oundle on Saturday, and he stood in at short notice. The Rector visited the belfry and congratulated the band after the peal.

On Easter Monday, as a compliment to the Minister of Agriculture on the occasion of his wedding, the five bells of Kington Magna Church, Dorset, were rung by a dairy proprietor (in holy orders) and four farm workers.

The band that scored the first peal of Berkshire Surprise at Wokingham recently are all residents of the county of Horks. They must have been in the 'pink' of condition to have rung it straight off the reel.

In the last course of the peal of London Surprise at Uxbridge, on Easter Monday, the electric light was switched off for nearly half a treble lead. In the darkness someone said, 'Stick it!' and when the light was put on again there was no need for correction amongst the ringers.

The peal of Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob) rung at Paston, Norfolk, on Tuesday week, was the first peal by all except the conductor, and it was rung at the first attempt. The 'first pealers' belong to the local band, and were elected members of the Norwich Diocesan Association on the previous day. The conductor, Mr. Nolan Golden, called the only peal rung on the original five in this tower.

The Rev. R. E. V. Prichard restored the two rings of bells under his care (in adjoining parishes) within twelve months, the work at Paston having been completed in February. He entertained the ringers to supper after the peal, which, incidentally was Mr. Nolan Golden's 200th for the association.

One thousand peals have been rung by the Hereford Diocesan Guild, which was founded in March, 1886.

In the table of the peals analyses, published in our issue of March 30th, the footnote (e) under Surprise Major should have been '1 Bushey, 1 Aldenham.'

Can any of our readers supply a correspondent with the notes of 'St. Michael's' quarter chimes?

The dedication of the new ring of ten bells at Ranmoor, Sheffield, took place on Saturday week. The two trebles have been added as a memorial to the late Mr. Sam Thomas. A report of the opening will appear in our next issue.

The report of a peal at Rhyl has been sent without the date.



## MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

### REVISED RULES ADOPTED.

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Easter Monday, and, following the usual rotation, this year it was at Leicester. From an early hour and throughout the day the bells of St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's Cathedral (10), St. John's (10) and St. Saviour's (eight) were rung to various standard and Surprise methods (some very surprising!). The committee met in the afternoon and carried through the usual routine business. The annual report and balance sheet for 1933 had been printed and was in circulation.

Discussion on the proposed new rules was left to the general meeting, but it was pointed out that as one section regarding the standard and conditions for peals was subject to the Central Council's ruling, it was decided to leave over the final printing until after that body's meeting at Warwick.

Tea was served at the Victoria Hotel, when well over 100 ringers and friends sat down (more than a third of whom had, as usual, failed to send in notification of intention to be present). All the eight districts of the association were represented, viz.: Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Loughborough, Leicester, Nottingham and the Peak. Many distinguished friends were welcomed from as far apart as London (Inspector W. Bottrill), Leeds (Mr. Leslie Morris, 'now famous for his Doubles'), Coventry (Mr. F. Pervin), Rugby (Mr. J. B. Fenton), Kettering (Mr. R. G. Black, Mr. C. Bird and others), Nuneaton (Mr. T. W. Chapman and Mr. J. F. Clarke), and many others too numerous to mention.

At the general meeting which followed tea, the chair was taken by the president (Mr. E. Denison Taylor), supported by the vice-president (Mr. W. Willson), hon. treasurer (Mr. W. E. White) and hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris), also the Rev. W. Groome-Merrilees (Theddingworth) and Rev. R. P. Farrow (St.oney Stanton).

### OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The general officers of the association were re-elected 'en bloc,' there being no other nominations put forward.

The president, treasurer and secretary each spoke a few words of thanks for the honour conferred upon and the trust displayed in them, and assured the members of their continued efforts to maintain the association's reputation and high standard.

The President, in his review of the past quarter's work and peals rung, said how pleased he was to be once again with them after his sojourn abroad. He spoke of the loss the association had sustained in the passing of Mr. W. Hyde Inglesant, who in his prime was a first-class ringer and composer. He mentioned also that their old friend, Mr. J. Griffin, had returned to Burton, and in view of the tragic circumstances of the death of his daughter, the hon. secretary was instructed to send him a letter of condolence from that meeting.

The balance sheet for 1933 was formally proposed by Mr. J. H. Dean (one of the auditors), seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield and passed. Places for the next three general meetings were finally selected as follows: Matlock (June), Duffield (September), and Hinckley (January, 1935).

New members proposed since the last meeting: Seventeen ringing, four rejoining, one life and one honorary were duly elected.

The proposed new rules were read by the president, and various amendments noted.

This was a long procedure and perhaps somewhat boring to the visitors, but was a necessary item of business. However, it was satisfactorily disposed of, and, as stated above, the rules as revised will eventually be printed and distributed after the Central Council's meeting at Whitstutide.

The evening was spent in harmony and conviviality at the Star Inn clubroom, which was somewhat overcrowded at first. The proceedings were nevertheless enjoyed by all present. Songs were rendered by Sergt. H. J. Poole and his 'confederates' of the detective department, and others, while handbell tunes were rung and touches of Stedman Triples, Caters, and a course of Cinques by: R. F. Elkington 1-2, H. J. Poole 3-4, F. E. Pervin 5-6, E. Morris 7-8, E. Whitehead 9-10, J. Morris 11-12. Thus can be recorded another successful meeting and a happy social evening.

### THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In their annual report the committee record 111 peals rung during the year 1933, the second lowest total for many years. Nevertheless it was interesting in that the peals covered all numbers from five to twelve bells. The Billesdon local band was congratulated on scoring a six-method peal, while the Leicester ringers held the field on twelve bells by ringing the only 12-bell peal during the year. This was on handbells, and in addition they had rung six peals of Caters 'in hand.' 'Much good might be done,' adds the report, 'if other bands would take up this side of our art, not only as a "side line" but also as a means of bringing on young recruits, especially in these days of noise-racked nerves, and where the tower bells are noisy in the more populated towns.' The 'top-scorers' in peals were, as usual, the Wednesdayites, with their continued peals of Stedman in new and intricate compositions, conducted by that genius, Maurice Swinfield. Among the ringers Mr. James George, of Birmingham, was top-scorer with 31.

(Continued in next column.)

## EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### A RINGERS' INSURANCE SCHEME.

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held at South Normanton on Easter Monday, and was attended by 60 members. The bells were raised in peal at 2.30 and kept merrily going until 4.15, when service was held, conducted by the Rector (Rev. T. H. Evans), who delivered a homely address, which was greatly appreciated by the congregation. The lesson was read by Mr. H. Doughty, and the organist was Mr. E. W. Riley, both members of the local band.

After a substantial tea in the Church Schools, Mr. Wilson Dobbs presided over a large gathering. The accounts were adopted as satisfactory, and showed a credit balance of £6 12s. 1d., the auditors' report being presented by Mr. J. Machin.

Mr. Wilson Dobbs (president), Mr. Wilson Allin (vice-president), Mr. T. Stimpson (treasurer), Mr. Tom Clarke (Ringing Master), and Mr. J. W. England (secretary) were all re-elected, and Messrs. J. Machin and T. Hand were appointed auditors. The executive committee were also re-elected, the members thus showing complete confidence in the management of the association's affairs.

The report of the Ringing Master and secretary were of a very encouraging nature.

Fourteen new members were elected, six of these being from one tower, Heath.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Mansfield, with other meetings at Heanor, Teversal, Denby, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Ash-over, Alfreton and Farnsfield. It was also decided to attempt a monthly peal, principally for the benefit of young ringers, as there are several promising youngsters who will, no doubt, be pleased to record their 'first.'

The Secretary explained particulars of a ringers' insurance scheme, a matter, we are afraid, sadly neglected, and urged the members present to press the subject forward with their various Church Councils. The annual premium is 1s. per ringer, with a minimum of 10s. per tower.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, organist, and ladies terminated the proceedings, Mr. A. B. Judge, churchwarden, replying on behalf of the Rector, who was temporarily absent.

Further ringing took place until nearly nine o'clock, and everybody enjoyed another good meeting.

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After referring to other features of the peals, the report goes on to say that according to the footnotes appearing in 'The Ringing World' no fewer than 110 ringers had rung peals in a new method, but only five new conductors appear. Twenty ringers had scored their first peal.

### UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The number of members was 1,036, viz., 843 ringing members and 193 hon. members and patrons. The total, says the report, includes a number who are unfortunately on the verge of cancellation through non-payment of subscriptions. Local secretaries are asked to endeavour to arouse the apathy of these dilatory ones to a real live interest in the art.

Dealing further with the subject of finance, the report continues: 'We are sorry to say that our optimistic views expressed in the last report have not been as fully realised as was then anticipated, our expenses having exceeded our income by about £9 10s.; this ought not to be. At the close of the year 1933 only two-thirds of the total number of our ringing members had paid their subscription. This is a very serious thing for the association and no credit to those in arrears.'

'We have made constant appeals both in our reports and through the districts secretaries, but without tangible results. What then is the cause of this neglect? We cannot think it is lack of interest in ringing, and surely it is not the amount of the annual subscription, which is equivalent to 1½d. per month.'

'In face of the above the committee are reluctantly compelled to cut down expenses; it is the only alternative. We should like all members to study and compare the accounts which will be found in this and previous reports, and if they can make any useful criticism or suggestion we shall be glad if they will pass it on to the secretary for consideration.'

'During the past year we have assisted financially in the restoration of the bells at Billesdon, and also with the assistance of friends from within and without our association, we have borne the expense of recasting the treble bell at Duffield, which, with its suitable inscription, now hangs in the tower there as a memorial (long overdue) to Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., president of this association for many years, and well known throughout the land for the great interest he took in our church bells, bellringing and bellringers. The inscription on the bell runs: "This bell was recast in memory of Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., by the Midland Counties Association (president 1886-1916) and other ringers."'

The balance sheet shows a reserve fund of £250 and a balance in the appropriation account of £42 17s. 4d., the latter, which stood at £48 15s. 10d. at the beginning of the year and had been added to by £9 10s. interest on investments, having met the loss on general account of £9 9s. 9d. and a grant to Bell Repair Fund of £5 18s. 9d.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT NORWICH.

The annual festival of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Norwich on Easter Monday. Again by the kind permission of the respective incumbents the bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael-at-Coslany, and All Saints' were placed at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock in the morning until the evening. Special service was held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., and was conducted by the curate (Rev. Reginald Fielding, L.Th.), and the Rev. H. W. Benson, M.A., Vicar of Buxton, gave an impressive and inspiring address on the message of bells, which was listened to by a congregation of nearly 70 ringers and friends.

After the service the members assembled for luncheon at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, the president (the Archdeacon of Norwich) presiding, supported by the Rev. H. W. Benson, Mr. Charles E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. W. L. Duffield (chairman, South Norfolk Branch), Messrs. John G. W. Harwood, and F. Nolan Golden (branch secretaries), Mr. J. Madden Williams (organist of St. Peter Mancroft), Mr. Ben S. Thompson (Ringing Master, St. Peter Mancroft Guild), Messrs. G. Bailey, R. W. Cooke, W. J. Clover, W. C. Duffield, G. Mayers, W. J. Lee, C. J. More, J. Taylor, E. Whiting (members of the branch committees), and ringers from Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Fakenham, Wymondham, Paston, Pulham, Aylsham, Buxton, Lodden, Acie, Wroxham, Gressenhall, Saxmundham, Thornham Magna, Stoke Ash, Palgrave, etc.

The President proposed the toast of 'The King,' and afterwards read an apology for absence from the Bishop of Norwich (patron of association), who sent all good wishes to the association. They were sorry, added the president, at the absence of Mr. Philip E. Sewell, who took a great interest in bellringing. Mr. Sewell had had an accident and they all sympathised with him. Referring to the sermon that was preached that morning at St. Peter Mancroft by the Rev. H. W. Benson, Vicar of Buxton, the president humorously remarked that one of the things he enjoyed was when Mr. Benson said bellringers all pulled together (laughter). He advised him the next time he spoke to drop that expression (laughter). It was a very good sermon, and they all thoroughly enjoyed it.

At the business meeting the President said some people spoke of centralisation and others of decentralisation. He thought that in that association they had a happy balance. They had a certain amount of centralisation, and had also got decentralisation and local freedom. It was a very good thing, and the wisdom of it was justified. He had been reading the reports of their branches which, on the whole, were excellent. He thought the older men ought to do their best to get the younger folk to join. All ought to say they were doing something for the old church, because the old church was trying to do its best for them. They should put the status of the bellringer very high, because each could say he was a minister of Christ and would do his own particular job to the best of his ability. The total membership of the association, continued the President, was 844, an increase on the year of only three. They had a balance at the bank of £9 16s. 4d., which was 18s. more than last year. That was a very unusual thing as regards church organisation (laughter). Twenty-two members had lapsed through non-payment of subscriptions. He did not know what to do about those defaulters, and hoped a way would be found so that they would not lose them. The President concluded by moving a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. W. Benson for his address at the service, and also to the incumbents of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael-at-Coslany, and All Saints' for the use of their bells.

The general secretary and treasurer presented the annual report and balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1933, which was adopted.

Mr. Coleman, proposing the re-election of the Archdeacon of Norwich as president, said it was most important to have a real live person for that position and not a figure head. The Archdeacon took a keen interest in church bells and bellringers, and his influence contributed to the success of the association.—The motion was seconded and carried with enthusiasm.—The president briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Mr. Ben S. Thompson, proposing the re-election of the general secretary and treasurer, said Mr. Coleman took the keenest interest in his duties and in the association.—The motion was seconded by Mr. F. Nolan Golden and carried unanimously.—Mr. G. P. Burton was reappointed hon. auditor.

Amendment to association Rule III., allowing for two persons elected from the members of each branch and nominated by them for the elected members of the committee, was confirmed. The following two representatives from each branch were appointed to the Standing Committee: North Norfolk Branch, Mr. George Bailey and Mr. William C. Duffield; East Norfolk Branch, Mr. Richard T. Woodley and Mr. James Taylor; South Norfolk Branch, Mr. Albert G. Harrison and Mr. Ernest Whiting; West Norfolk Branch, Mr. Robert W. Cooke and Mr. George Love.

On a motion moved by the general secretary and treasurer, seconded by Mr. R. W. Cooke, 25 new members were elected.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Archdeacon of Norwich for presiding, and the members then adjourned to the various belfries for further ringing.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

The annual meeting was held at Cirencester on Easter Monday, 59 members attending. A short service, conducted by Rev. Canon L. Westmacott, was held in Watermoor Church. The business meeting was held in the Church Room with the Master, Mr. J. Gould, presiding, supported by Vice-President Mr. S. Romans and Rev. Noel Hope. The Master, in his report, regretted the loss of so many hon. members and associate members. He reported that 32 peals had been rung during the year.

The Hon. Secretary in his report referred to the rehanging of St. Mary-le-Port bells, Bristol, and urged all members to appeal to their church authorities, where 'clocking' was still practised. He also drew the members' attention to the fact that the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council were now held as binding. Every effort must be made to conform with the Rules and Decisions.

The Hon. Treasurer, in his statement of accounts, revealed that branches were down on the year, but through less expenditure in the general accounts a saving of £22 had been effected.

The members stood in silence for five members who had passed away.

The representatives on the Central Council gave their reports in which the Minor controversy was spoken of, and it was regretted that the latter part of Mr. S. H. Wood's motion had ever been included. It was strongly supported that all abnormalities should be out or all in, and that there should be no exceptions.

The Davies Memorial Committee reported that £306 4s. 4d. had been subscribed up to that day, and that the expenditure would be £75 to the chapel; bells, fixing and inscriptions, £232 7s. 1d.; brass tablet, £5; and administration expenses, £10, making a total of £322 7s. 1d. It was agreed that the deficit of £16 be paid from the general funds on May 19th, so that the memorial should be complete. The special committee were thanked for their services and dismissed from May 19th, 1934.

### REARRANGEMENT OF DISTRICTS.

A discussion upon branch border lines took place, and it was decided to place Thornbury, Tytherington, Yate and Chipping Sodbury in the Bristol Branch.

The vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of Mr. A. Maggs, Bristol, and Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester, the latter having served 22 years as a branch secretary.

Mr. S. Romans (Gloucester) was unanimously elected Master. Mr. Romans accepted under the condition that his election took place from May 20th. He thought Mr. Gould, having served through the onerous portion of the Davies memorial scheme, should have the pleasure of seeing it through.

All the other officers were re-elected, as were also the hon. auditors. All branch and belfry elections were ratified.

It was agreed to hold the next general meeting at Swindon in May, 1935, and to give notice of alteration in rules re hon. members' fees. It was decided to adopt as an experimental by-law that hon. members 'should subscribe to the funds' (without fixing fee).

A vote of thanks to Canon Westmacott and the organist was warmly accorded. Ringing at Watermoor (eight bells) and St. John's (12) took place during the day.

### SPLICED SURPRISE.

#### A NEW COMPOSITION FOR FOUR METHODS.

A peal in four spliced Surprise methods—London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative—was rung at Hillingdon on Saturday, and it was a meritorious performance in more ways than one. It was composed and conducted by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, of Ealing, who is not only the youngest ringer to conduct a spliced Surprise peal, but he also called it from a non-observation bell. In addition, four of the band rang a spliced Surprise peal for the first time. And beyond this, Mr. Turner has produced a new composition which will doubtless be very welcome to Spliced Surprise conductors. Here are the figures of the peal:—

#### 5,088 SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. BY ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

23456	M.	W.	H.		M.	W.	H.
54632	—	—	—	A	43265	—	3 —
43652	—	2	—	A	52364	—	3 —
52436	2	—	—	A	65324	—	—
34625	—	—	—		26354	—	—
26543	—	—	—		65432	—	2
64352	—	2	—		53624	2	2
56342	3	—	—		24536	2	—
24365	—	—	—		32546	—	—
63542	—	—	—				
53246	—	3	—				
34562	2	2	—				
46325	2	2	—				
32465	3	—	—				

Repeat, calling one course  
2M and W instead of the  
three courses marked A.

All courses consist of London, Cambridge or Superlative, London, with leads of Bristol inserted when more than one bob is called at M or W in any course.

First rung at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on April 7th, 1934.

## THREE POOR BELLS AT ANSTEY.

### RINGERS RAISING FUNDS FOR RECASTING.

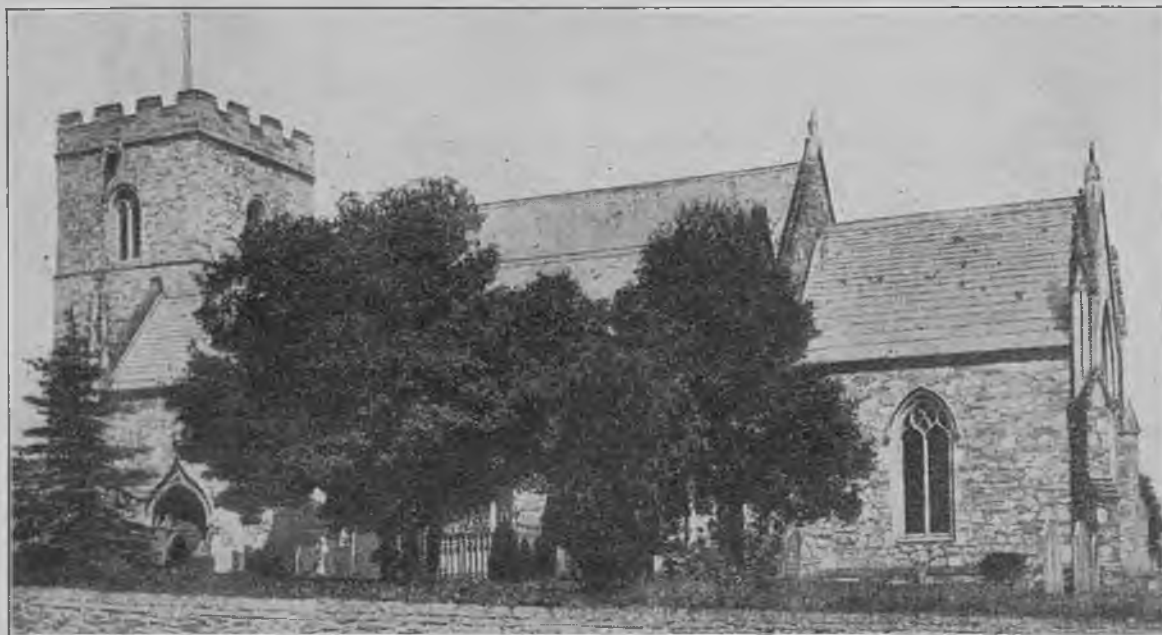
There is at Anstey, near Leicester, a ring of eight bells (tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G). Originally there were only five bells, cast by J. M. Halton, of the Bawtry, Yorkshire, Bell Foundry in 1723. In the year 1908, having become quite unringable, they were rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the then two smallest bells (the present 4th and 5th) were recast and three smaller bells were added to complete the octave.

The 6th, 7th and tenor bells have now become very defective in tone and urgently need recasting. An estimate has been obtained from Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to do this work for £120. About 4½ cwt. of new metal in the aggregate will be added to those three

bells to bring them up to the correct weights for their diameters and the notes they sound.

The Anstey Church Council has officially sanctioned the scheme, but has placed the matter of raising the money entirely in the hands of the ringers owing to a heavy outlay they have to meet owing to the recent rebuilding of the Church Rooms. The task of the ringers is also made more difficult by the fact that Anstey is a poor parish and also an exceptionally Nonconformist place.

The ringers have been doing their best for some time past to raise money, and have organised several efforts, besides having received quite a number of donations. Less than half the amount of money required has so far been raised, and any contributions, however small they may be, will be very gratefully received and acknowledged by the hon. secretary of the Bell Fund, Mr. Alban Disney, 8, Dalby Road, Anstey, Leicester.



ANSTEY CHURCH, WHERE BELLS NEED RECASTING.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING.

### PRESENTATION TO THE DEAN OF WORCESTER.

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Worcester on Easter Monday. The weather was not as pleasant as it might have been, although one was thankful on this occasion that there was no rain to mar the proceedings. During the morning there were various towers at the disposal of those who had ventured out in the cold winds to pay their annual visit to the royal town. There was the peal of six at St. Nicholas', six at St. Swithin's, eight at St. John-in-Bedwardine, and, of course, the 10 at All Saints', of all of which great use was made. Unfortunately the fine peal of 12 at the Cathedral were not available owing to illness close by.

As usual, the business meeting was held in the Cathedral Chapter House under the presidency of the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D.), who was supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., vice-president, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, M.A., clerical secretary, Mr. J. R. Newman, general lay secretary, and Mr. William Short, Master.

The Dean, in opening the proceedings, again welcomed the association to Worcester, and said how glad he was to see them once more, although he regretted to hear of the losses they had sustained during the past year through death. The president referred to the fact that it had not been possible to use the Cathedral bells this year owing to the illness near by, and he knew the people concerned appreciated the thoughtfulness of the ringers in not wishing to ring at the Cathedral under the circumstances.

The Secretary said he thought the meeting ought not to proceed without some mention being made of the members who had died during the past year. They were Mr. R. E. Grove, of Kidderminster, Mr. Ernest Gibbs, of Hanley Castle, Mr. Frederick J. Johnson, of Hinton, and Mr. Wm. Page, of Worcester, all of whom had rendered valuable service to ringing in general and to the association in particular.

### MEMBERSHIP LARGER THAN EVER.

The secretary then presented the report of the Central Committee, from which it appeared that the membership of the association was now larger than it had ever been, and the association was now entitled to four representatives on the Central Council. The committee had decided not to take advantage of this, however. They had also decided again to hold a dinner which was provisionally fixed to take place at Worcester on Saturday, September 29th, and it is earnestly requested that ringers will keep this date open and do their best to make it a success. It is hoped to secure better accommodation this year.

With regard to the hon. life members, it was decided to change this title to 'Freemen of the association,' and the Dean of Worcester was appointed the head of such freemen.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. Amid great enthusiasm the Dean of Worcester was re-elected president of the association, and the other officers were also re-elected, viz.: Mr. William Short to the Mastership, the Rev. J. F. Hastings and Mr. J. R. Newman to be clerical and lay secretaries respectively.

Next followed the presentation of the accounts, which showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. It was pointed out that since the Belfry Repairs Fund had been started the association had made grants towards bell restorations totalling over £90. Mention was made of the bells of St. Helen's, Worcester, which had been silent for the last two or three years owing to the tenor being cracked, and a hope was expressed that something might soon be done to put these bells in ringing order.

### THE PRESENTATION TO THE DEAN.

Mr. Newman reminded the meeting that the Very Rev. Moore Ede had now completed 25 years as president of the association. During that time they had seen two very important furnishings to the Cathedral; one the erection of the memorial window to ringers (Continued at foot of next page.)

## OPENING OF DAVIES MEMORIAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—For the benefit of your readers who so readily sent donations to the Davies Memorial Fund may I extend, from Mrs. Davies, Rev. E. Gough and the Davies special committee an invitation to the dedication service which is to be held on Saturday afternoon, May 19th.

Full details will be announced in the notice column of 'The Ringing World' shortly, but may I ask that all those intending to be present to advise me at the earliest, and in any case not later than May 12th? Twelve associations will be represented in the dedication ringing, if possible, and the ringing immediately after the service will be carried out by 12 officials of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

After tea the 12 bells will be available for short touches and even 'rounds' and 'queens,' but it can only be arranged if ringers attending will lend their co-operation by applying for a pull. May I, in conclusion, on behalf of my committee, thank all those who have contributed to the success of the memorial? The total cost is £322, and of this £308 has been contributed.

46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol 2.

EDGAR GUISE.

## FROM BELFRY TO CHURCH.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—No doubt we shall read in 'The Ringing World' of great things done during Eastertide, but can this be beaten? At the Parish Church, Swainswick, Bath, after ringing from 6 a.m. till 7 a.m., the ringers from amongst their company provided for the seven o'clock service an organist, organ blower, two sidesmen and sexton, and were then asked by the Rector for two of the members to go to the vestry and count the collection. The sexton was the only one acting in his official capacity.

WALTER STARR,

Towermaster.

## EASTER RINGING.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On Easter Day, for evensong, at All Souls' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Pike 1, J. E. Markland 2, J. Helme (first quarter-peal) 3, C. Brownlow 4, R. Holden 5, H. Johnson 6, Jack Kay (conductor) 7, N. Critchley 8.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—At St. James', for Easter evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Mollie Redpath (of Crayford, Kent) (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Limb 2, J. E. Buries 3, J. Williams 4, S. Hyder 5, W. Pickthall (Bury) 6, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 7, A. Steadman 8.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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who had been killed in the Great War. This memorial was unique in that it also recorded the names of members who had served in the war and had safely returned. The other was the restoration of the Cathedral bells. He (the speaker) felt that he could not adequately express the feeling of esteem and respect which the members of the association had for their president. He always gave them a great welcome on Easter Monday, and did all he could to make the annual meeting a success (applause).

Mr. Newman then presented to the Dean a replica of a bell as it is hung for ringing, and which was suitably inscribed, as a small token of esteem in which he was held and for his many kindnesses in the past.

Mr. Newman was ably supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who said he had known the Dean for many years, and he specially remembered the occasion when the Dean took his first degree in 1871. The Alderman said he thought the saying, 'La cara e buona imagine paterna' ('The dear and good paternal image') applied to their president very nicely. He always took a kind and fatherly interest in them. They were, therefore, thankful to have had him as their president, and he (the speaker) hoped they would have him for many more years to come (applause).

The Dean, in reply, thanked the members for their kind thought. He said he had always been glad to do what he could to help forward the work of the association. Twenty-five years to him meant 25 Easter Mondays and the joy he got in attending the ringers' meeting on that day. He always felt that the association was doing a great work for the church in raising the tone of service of the bell-ringer, and helping forward the reform in the belfry which, some years ago, was badly needed. The Dean paid a high tribute to the work of the secretary. He (the Dean) said that Mr. Newman had been a very great help to him since he had been president (applause).

The meeting over, the ringers attended evensong in the Cathedral, and the address was this year given by the Dean.

The tea, to which a goodly number sat down, was partaken of at the Co-operative Stores, after which more ringing at the City churches brought a successful meeting to a close.

## NOTICES.

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

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Parish Church, New Radnor. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector. — F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

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

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, April 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. Knights-Smith). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton, at 2.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston, Blackburn, Fylde and Wigan Branches.—The annual joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 p.m., meeting following.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Preston.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Broadclyst on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 4.45 (1s.). Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

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

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

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. All welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Englefield on Saturday, April 14th. Englefield tower open from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Englefield and Theale bells available after tea.—Please notify T. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale, number for tea.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Sat., April 14th. Tea at 5 p.m. (1s. each). Ringers, come early to Royston and view a symphony in stone (the Church).—Write C. D. Potter, Prospect Villa, High Street, Royston, near Barnsley.

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

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, April 14th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Kirton on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at South Shields on Saturday, April 14th. Bells of St. Hilda's, available from 2.30. Hearty welcome to all ringers.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at the Sun Inn. All welcome.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Revival of district meetings.—A meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, April 14th. Service in the Parish Church, tea and business meeting to follow. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Names for tea to Mr. R. L. Scarth, 26, Hallgarth, Pickering. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.—E. Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

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

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. Please come. Good bus and train service.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton District at Lockerley on April 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Tytherley and Mottisfont bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, April 14th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Saturday, April 14th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service, tea and meeting. Tea close by. Kindly notify for tea Mr. A. J. House, Rochdale, Unity Road, Waltham Cross, Herts. All heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Middlezoy on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec. 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 14th. Bells: East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) open from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Marston Magna (six bells) on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The meeting postponed from March will be held at Ogbourne St. George on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. All ringing friends welcome.—A. Taylor, Sec., Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Amended Notice.—Quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, April 16th, at 8.15 p.m., also practices on April 16th at 7 p.m. and April 30th at 7.30 p.m. All at St. Clement Danes, Strand.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All members cordially invited.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ealing on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 4.30 at St. Mary's Church. Sermon by the Bishop of Willesden. Tea and meeting at the Good Shepherd Hall, Ealing Road, at 5.15. Charge for tea, 1s., but please do send us an advice by April 17th. Ringing at St. Mary's 2 to 4.30, St. Stephen's 2 to 4, and at St. Mary's and Christ Church after the meeting.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, and F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, April 21st. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available during afternoon

and evening. Short service at 4.30 to be taken by Rev. A. D. Henwood, M.A. Tea at 5 o'clock at Ye Woolpack Hotel. Business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bidston (6 bells) on April 21st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 if possible. Tea and meeting 6 o'clock.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 to 9 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Please notify for tea Tuesday, 17th, to G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, April 21st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Rounds to London Surprise. Everybody welcome, especially friends from over the border. Names for tea, please.—Nolan Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided. Those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify if requiring tea by 17th. — E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, 18th inst.? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley (not Odiham) on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4. All requiring tea please notify by April 17th to Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon C. Thomas, a by-meeting will be held at Northbourne on Saturday, April 21st. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me before Thursday, April 19th?—P. W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service, if possible, 4.30. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea to be sent to me not later than Monday, April 16th.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gelstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrington on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by April 17th.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Market Drayton (8 bells) on April 21st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 18th inst?—Rich. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Please advise for tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Burton Bradstock on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 18th?—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Adber, Middle Street, Bradpole.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells at 3. Service 5. Tea and meeting to follow. As tea is at the invitation of the Rector and the local ringers, it is essential that numbers should be in my hands by April 18th.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Salisbury Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Knoyle (6 bells) on Saturday, April 21st. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells also available at Semley (6). Advise me not later than April 17th for tea. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Romaine, Hon. Branch Sec., 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Dodford (6 bells) on Saturday, April 21st. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (10) at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Munden (6 bells) on April 21st by invitation of the Rector, who will provide tea. Bells open during afternoon and evening. Service and business. All heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, April 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Tea by invitation of St. Mary's Society. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Ranmoor, Sheffield. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Foster) a 'Grand Ringers' Day will take place on Saturday, April 21st, when the new peal of ten bells, recently installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be available from 2.30 p.m. For tea (4.30 p.m.) please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield (10), without fail by April 17th. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by April 19th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Midgham on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. Barrett, Coach and Horses, Midgham, near Reading, by Wednesday, April 18th, for tea. Half-hourly bus service from Reading and Newbury.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory free to all members of the Guild. Service at 6 p.m. Bus (Kemp's) leaves Blagrove Street, Reading, near Station Yard, at 2.30 p.m. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 18th.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me by Tuesday, April 17th?—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Brancepeth on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. It is requested, owing to limited catering, that ringers will notify me not later than the 19th inst. for tea. All ringers welcome.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 34, Newlands Road, Darlington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Joint practice at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Thursday, April 26th. Handbells 6.15 p.m. Tower bells 7.15 p.m. All methods, and all ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**ALDENHAM.**—Saturday, April 28th, for practice and pleasure.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Easebourne, near Midhurst, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Hoo, St. Werberg, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea (1s. per head) must notify me not later than Tuesday, April 24th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (13) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 28th. Bells, Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas' (10), available from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea (free to members, non-members 1s.) in Holy Trinity Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea must reach me by Tuesday, April 24th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

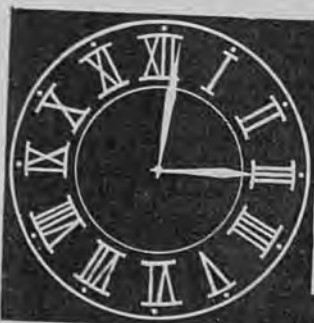
**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 28th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 8d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m. All requiring tea please send their names without fail to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 25th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at East Peckham on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 1st.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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