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## TWO QUESTIONS FOR KENT.

The question of appointing District Ringing Masters in the Kent County Association seems to have given rise to a considerable division of opinion in the county, and there promises to be lively debate at the forthcoming annual meeting both on this and on the other proposal not to admit to unattached membership a ringer living in a parish or neighbourhood where there is a band he may join. As far as Kent is concerned these are both matters of domestic policy, which the members themselves must settle, and despite all that has been said there is no reason why such questions should not be settled with perfect good feeling. But there are points in both which will interest other similar ringing organisations.

In many other associations and guilds District Ringing Masters have been appointed with excellent results. Where there is no such official, the ringing at meetings is often badly organised, and the old adage that 'what is anybody's business is nobody's business' comes into play. Where the ringing is in the hands of a properly responsible official, whose duty it is to see that all capabilities are met and ambitions satisfied, ringers are usually properly catered for. Of course, not every Ringing Master is always successful, but without such an official in charge there is obviously less chance of this end being served. Whether the proposal before the Kent Association to make a proviso that the Ringing Master shall function only when no responsible member of the tower is present is wise, is another matter. It appears to be the crux of the situation as far as the association is concerned, and it is an issue of importance which the members must carefully consider. The point, as it strikes us, is, will competent men be found to act purely as a makeshift? Would a self-respecting ringer accept office knowing that he would have no authority, if he attended a meeting and found a local ringer in the tower? Usually an office holder makes it a point of honour to be present to discharge his duties, but would a Ringing Master, who did not know until he reached the meeting whether or not he would be entitled to function, be prepared to make a sacrifice to be present every time?

The other matter is one which is equally of interest to others besides members of the Kent Association. It seeks to drive into affiliated companies any ringer who may be residing in the neighbourhood, if he would retain his membership. We presume the words 'which he may join' are intended as a safeguard in case a ringer might not be acceptable to the nearest company. But even if that contingency is provided for it seems to us to create

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a rather dangerous situation. While it is recognised that every ringer should be definitely attached to a tower, circumstances can quite conceivably exist which, in the individual's opinion, make it desirable that he should remain independent of his local band. For instance, unless a man can be regular in his attendance for service ringing and practice he may feel that he could not in fairness to others attach himself to a band, although he is prepared to give his services when they are available. But because for that or other reasons, he prefers to remain unattached to a particular tower, it seems to us that the association is hardly serving its own best ends by denying him membership. Even the proviso referred to, if proviso it be, is one-sided. No company, we imagine, would admit the right of an association to compel them to accept into their band a ringer whom they preferred not to have. For that reason the proviso is necessary. But if that is admitted, it cannot be fair to put coercion on a member to join a company he prefers to keep out of. The proposal before the Kent Association may have been drafted with the best of motives, but it seems to us of very dubious value. It might weaken rather than strengthen the organisation.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes, at

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6021 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES ... .. Treble	JAMES HEMMING ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 8
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... .. 9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 10
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 5	*JAMES GEORGE ... .. 11
WILLIAM DYER ... .. 6	†CHARLES COLLIER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* 1,250th peal. † First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. T. Pates on celebrating his 83rd birthday.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... .. Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 7
DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. 8
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 9
WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

The quarterly peal for the branch.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6087 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. Treble	PERCY E. CLARKE ... .. 6
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 2	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... .. 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... .. 8
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 9
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 5	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung in celebration of the 118th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWES ... .. 1 Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 6
*FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 3	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 8
*WINGFIELD A. DURHAM ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 9
ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 5	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First attempt for Cambridge Royal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in deepest respect to the memory of Mr. E. C. Merritt, a very old and valued member of the association.

## TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 1 Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 2	ALEXANDER EVANS ... .. 7
CHARLES BUTCHER ... .. 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 8
JAMES BILBY ... .. 4	GILBERT N. HARDING ... 9
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 5	CHARLES RAISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.  
Rung as a compliment to Miss Margot Stewart, daughter of the ringer of the 5th, on the occasion of her 21st birthday. Also as birthday compliments to Messrs. S. J. Hector, N. V. Andrews and H. W. Bishop, of Swindon.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D

*CHARLES A. DOHERTY ... 1 Treble	JOSEPH F. CHATLEY ... .. 6
†CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2	FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 7
†ARTHUR W. DIX ... .. 3	†HAROLD V. FROST ... .. 8
THOMAS J. HULL ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
†FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5	ROBERT KERR ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by HAROLD V. FROST.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal in the method as conductor and has now 'circled the tower.' Rung in honour of the 11th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Crabtree).

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James Whitfield,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

JAMES BUCKLEY ... .. 1 Treble	*DAVID COTTEBERT ... .. 5
JOSEPH MARSDEN ... .. 2	*HARRY WOODHEAD ... .. 6
THOMAS JACKSON ... .. 3	*FRANK JOHNSON ... .. 7
ELI GARSIDE ... .. 4	FRED MARSDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES BUCKLEY.  
Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years' continuous service as ringers at St. James' Church by Messrs. J. Marsden, T. Jackson and E. Garside. All the hand are regular service ringers at this church.  
\* First peal.

## STRETTFORD.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

DAVID VINCENT ... .. 1 Treble	HARRY BIRCHALL ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIRCHALL ... .. 2	*HERBERT MCKINNELL ... 6
*ALLAN BROWN ... .. 3	WILFRID J. MOSS ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. STEELE ... 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.  
\* First peal.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE  
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH ... .. 1 Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

This composition contains 3,392 of London, 864 Cambridge and 832 of Superlative. Rung as a compliment to 'Master' M. F. R. Hibbert on his 11th birthday. Believed to be youngest ringer to ring Spliced Surprise?

## LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-at-Hackney, E.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*FRANK L. START ... .. 1 Treble	RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... .. 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	JACK A. WAUGH ... .. 7
JOHN P. KENT ... .. 4	JAMES A. HALES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal, rung at first attempt. Mr. Start is Master of the local company. Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. C. J. Morton, M.A., as Rector of this parish.

## WITLEY, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 1 Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 4	HARRY MULLARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 1 Treble	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 5
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.  
First peal in the method in the county, for the Guild and by all the band.

## TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 1 Treble	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 5
*HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	*CYRIL WINWOOD ... .. 6
BERT HORTON ... .. 3	*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
*DENNIS HOLDEN ... .. 4	*THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.  
\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, also first in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Pickering.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,  
**A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6
SAMUEL JONES ... .. 3	JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. 7
JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21½ cwt.

JAMES POWELL ... .. Treble	CHARLES BRASIER ... .. 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 2	FRED MILES ... .. 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 7
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

LENHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.  
FREDERICK MORRIS ... .. Treble  
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2  
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 3  
WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 4  
THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5  
LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 6  
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 7  
A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

MITCHAM, SURREY  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 18 cwt.  
DAVID WRIGHT ... .. Treble  
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... .. 2  
CHARLES POTHECARY ... .. 3  
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 4  
LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... .. 5  
FRANK E. MITCHELL ... .. 6  
WILLIAM S. SMITH ... .. 7  
GEORGE A. WEST ... .. Tenor

\* Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. R. Grimwood.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt. ½ qr. 21 lb.

WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
JOHN WORTH ... .. 2	LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 6
KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

GATESHEAD.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 15 cwt.  
\*THOMAS W. CROWE ... .. Treble  
\*KENNETH ARTHUR ... .. 2  
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 3  
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 4  
STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 5  
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 6  
STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... .. 7  
ADAM DEAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

\* First peal in the method.

OUNDLIE, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.	
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... .. 6
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 4	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

C. W. Clarke first learned to handle a bell at this tower nearly 53 years ago, and the bell he rang to this peal was the one he was taught on. Miss Steel is the first lady to ring a peal on these bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. Treble	MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JOHN G. NASH ... .. 6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. 3	GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.  
The ringer of the treble has now 'circled' this tower three times.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(BORTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.	
*HENRY C. ADAMS ... .. Treble	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. BAILEY ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... .. 4	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... .. Tenor

Transposed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.  
\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the enthronement of the Bishop of Derby, which took place at the Cathedral during the afternoon. Also as a birthday compliment to J. J. Parker, the composer of the peal.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sunday, March 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
J. O. LANCASHIRE'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE COMPOSITION.  
ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. Treble  
MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 2  
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 3  
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 4  
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... .. 5  
BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... .. 6  
LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7  
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Friday, March 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
WASHBROOK'S No. 1.  
IVAN KAY ... .. Treble  
\*ODEN MOORES ... .. 2  
\*ISAAC GARTSIDE ... .. 3  
FRANK LAWTON ... .. 4  
\*JOHN W. TRUELOVE ... .. 5  
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. 6  
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 7  
HERBERT BARLOW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Lawton.

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HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

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

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

LAWRENCE HALKS ... .. Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 4
NORMAN SOMMERHAYES ... 2	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 5
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

First peal by the ringer of the treble for 12 years.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, February 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN GREGORY ... .. Treble	*THOMAS GIDDINGS ... .. 4
TREVOR JONES ... .. 2	ALFRED OWENS ... .. 5
ARTHUR KEEN ... .. 3	*REG. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

\* First peal. Rung for the bicentenary of the bells, which were cast in 1736 by Rudhall, also in celebration of the completion of the new Church Hall.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

*WILLIAM HIGGINS ... .. Treble	VICTOR SHADBOLT ... .. 4
*MRS. HUNT ... .. 2	WILLIAM READ ... .. 5
†CHRIS PAY ... .. 3	WILLIAM AMEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM READ.

\* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. Ringers of treble and 2nd are from Steep.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

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

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ... 4
HARRY BARNETT ... .. 2	THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 5
TOM WORRALL ... .. 3	CHARLES HOEGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM WORRALL.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on attaining his 19th birthday.

ZENNOR, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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*REGINALD WOODS ... .. Treble	CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 4
†JOHN REED ... .. 2	MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 5
EDWARD SAUNDERS ... .. 3	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WRIGLEY ... .. Treble	ALAN L. MOSLEY ... .. 4
JOHN HUXSTEP ... .. 2	RICHARD LONGDEN ... .. 5
WALLACE HATTON ... .. 3	REV. JOHN R. SOUTHERN ... Tenor

Conducted by R. LONGDEN.

First peal by all except conductor. All are service ringers at above tower except conductor, who is from Manchester Cathedral. Rung as a compliment to the verger, Mr. Petty, on his retirement, and for his and Mrs. Petty's golden wedding.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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

Viz.: 720 each of Burton, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*STANLEY NOBLE ... .. Treble	KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4
*MILLY FEATHERS ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSIENCROFT 5
JOHN WORTH ... .. 3	WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in seven methods.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

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

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSEPH HART ... .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 4
*GILBERT S. AVIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
RICHARD D. DIVALL ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. HART ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. HART.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Treble, second and tenor ringers are Sunday service ringers at this church. Rung as a compliment to the Rector of Maresfield (the Rev. A. C. D. Ryder).

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*EWART ANDREWS ... .. Treble	JAMES HEMMING ... .. 4
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 5
JOHN HALL ... .. 3	†J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods away from the treble.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE T. COUSINS, JUN. Treble	†GEORGE H. BAILEY ... .. 4
*THOMAS W. BIGGS ... .. 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 5
†GILBERT R. GWATKIN ... 3	*FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. The average age of the band is 18 years.

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

Being 42 six-scores, four different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*LEWIS J. BATLEY ... .. Treble	*DAVID CRACKNELL ... .. 3
HERBERT C. FORDEHAM ... .. 2	*GEORGE FILEY ... .. 4
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal of Doubles.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*ARTHUR BAYLEY ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 4
†THOMAS LEECH ... .. 2	*GEORGE BERRY ... .. 5
WALTER LYCETT ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK E. WOODCOCK ... .. Treble	FREDERICK WOOLWAY ... .. 4
ARTHUR WENBAN ... .. 2	PERCY SINDEN ... .. 5
*SIDNEY R. COMBER ... .. 3	ROBERT COLLINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

\* First peal of Minor.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch,

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

Being 720 each of Childwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... .. 4
*H. A. EDWARDS ... .. 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. E. WIGG.

\* First attempt for a peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. J. H. Cole.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Rood.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being four extents of Stedman, nine each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, 22 callings. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

E. T. PAUL FIELD ... .. Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 4
*WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
H. JIM RALPH ... .. 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

\* First peal in four methods. Rung as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. E. S. Field, father of the conductor, who passed away on February 22nd. He was Vicar of Buckland Newton for 28 years (November, 1907-February, 1936). Rung unmuffled at his request.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN CASTLE ... .. Treble	*THOMAS CHAPMAN ... .. 4
RAYMOND LYDSTER ... .. 2	ERNEST STONE ... .. 5
ALFRED J. HINDE ... .. 3	†JOHN L. HINDE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. HINDE.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal, at the age of 61 years.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## FOR BEGINNERS.

### CALLING FROM A NON-OBSERVATION BELL.

From previous articles, readers will have been able to gather that it is possible for conductors to vary a composition to suit their own convenience. It is just as well, however, that young conductors should as soon as possible learn to call original compositions from a non-observation bell.

It is difficult to lay down any hard and fast rules for this; different ringers have different ways of doing it. Some are competent enough to know where all the bells should be at any time, others where they should be at the next bob—they do it by transposition—and they can work out as they go along what they themselves will be doing in relation to the observation bell.

Others can do it merely from an excellent 'ropesight,' which enables them to see where their observation bell is without making transpositions. But in the earlier stages those who wish to call from non-observation bells have to learn some of the effects of the bob-making process.

Let us look for a bit at Plain Bob. There are certain things which act as a definite guide. For instance, it is a frequent thing to have bobs the full length of a course apart, such as a series of three Home calls. If at the first of these calls you dodge either in 5.6 (up) or 6.5 (down), then you will be in the corresponding place at each of the next two calls, because in either of these places is the bell unaffected by the bobs.

The three 'bob-making' bells, also, are not difficult to follow. The positions 'In,' when the bell runs in to take the treble off lead: 'Out,' when the bell runs straight out from leading and 'make the bob' when the bell makes 4th's place follow a cycle. Let us for brevity indicate them as I. O. 4 respectively. If a bell is I at the first bob, it will be at O and 4 at the two succeeding bobs, provided, of course, the bobs are a full course apart with no other calls between. If a bell is at O at the first bob, it will be at 4 and I at the succeeding bobs; and if it is called 4 at the first it will be at I and O at the succeeding bobs. This applies whether the calls are three 'Homes,' three 'Wrongs' or three 'Middles.'

If a Wrong follows a Home, the call, in Bob Major, is at the next lead; and so is a bob at Home following a Middle. There are plain methods with Bob Major bobs in which the lead ends do not follow in the same order, but there is always this similarity between them. Whether the W follows the H, or the H follows the M, either at the next lead or after more than one lead, the same bell that runs Out at the first call, will also run Out at the next, so you will know when to call the bob by the fact that the treble is to take this bell off at lead.

The transpositions in other cases you can work out for yourselves and make your own table. For instance, the bell that will run Out at the Home after a call Wrong is the one that made the bob at the Wrong. If the call after the Wrong is a Middle, then the bell that made the bob at W will also make the Bob at M. If you investigate these things for yourself, you are more likely to remember them than if you just read them in this article.

If you have any pretension to be a conductor, you must, of course, be able to follow the coursing order of the bells, and one of the most helpful guides to calling is to be able to discern when a bob is approaching, by the relationship of other bells to the treble.

A bob Middle changes the 6th's place bell; a bob Wrong changes the 5th's place bell. The 6th's place bell is the bell coursing in front of the tenor. If you call a bob Middle, that bell, which at that place is coursing down after the treble, will be called In. If you are not quite sure when the Middle is coming, therefore, watch for your 6th's place bell to make 2nd's, and hunt up after the treble; the next lead is the place at which to call the bob.

When you call a bob Wrong, your new 5th's place bell will run Out. The time to call the bob is when this bell leads in front of the treble. If you want a bob Before, you watch for the tenor to hunt down in front of the treble. That is the lead at which to make the call, because the tenor will then run out. There are many other points which you can pick out for yourself if you look for them, and, carefully stored up in your memory, they subconsciously come into operation when you are ringing.

Do not forget that you can learn a tremendous lot about conducting by the use of pencil and paper, and to get used to calling touches and peals from non-observation bells you need to study and practise. But there is this consolation, a great deal that you learn to-day in plain methods like Bob Major will apply equally when you come to more complicated things like the Surprise methods. For instance, much of what we have said about Bob Major could be said also of Superlative or Cambridge or London. So that in studying Bob Major you are laying a foundation for many other things.

### WELSH RINGERS HONOUR ST. DAVID'S DAY.

In honour of St. David's Day, a Welsh-speaking band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at St. John's Church, Mornston, on Sunday, March 1st: H. Charles 1, G. N. Williams 2, J. T. Williams (conductor) 3, L. Pelzer 4, G. Lewis 5, D. G. Williams 6. The quarter-peal was also rung as a farewell to Mr. W. C. C. Williams, also a ringer, who was to be ordained in Brecon Cathedral on March 7th for service in the parish of Clydach.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING AT SHREWSBURY.**

The Shropshire Association held its annual general meeting in Shrewsbury.

The bells of St. Chad's Church were in use shortly after 3 p.m., and despite the weather a large company assembled.

A short service was conducted in St. Aidan's Chapel, after which tea was taken in the St. Chad's Parish Room, there being 45 members present.

At the business meeting an apology was received from the Ringing Master, Major Trevor Corbett, who is abroad, and Canon G. M. Bell was elected to the chair.

A vote of condolence to Mrs. Barnett was moved by the Rev. E. C. Pigot, and a moment's silence was observed as a mark of sympathy for the death of Mr. E. Barnett, late conductor at Wem.

The meeting was unanimously in favour of all officers being re-elected, the opinion being expressed that a very satisfactory year's progress had been made.

The balance sheet, presented by the treasurer, the Rev. E. C. Pigot, showed that without allowance for Central Council tea expenses and the Pye Memorial, expenditure and income were approximately equal, the substantial balance of nearly £30 being in hand.

It was decided to continue the practice of paying half tea expenses.

A lengthy discussion on meeting places resulted in a vote being taken, the following towers being selected: Condover, Whitchurch, Market Drayton, Moreton Corbet and Malins Lee.

A number of new members were elected as well as one confirmation of election before a peal.

The secretary (Mr. R. R. Pole) proposed the election of Mr. J. Griffiths as instructor, with authority in arranging touches at meetings.—This was carried.

Mr. W. A. Farmer (Shrewsbury) spoke of the excellent results produced by the committee elected to arrange the reception for the Central Council, and proposed the election of a committee to deal with matters left from the annual meeting, Messrs. W. Saunders, A. Pritchard, J. Griffiths and W. A. Farmer being appointed, together with the secretary and treasurer.

The business meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, Canon Bell, after which a return was made to the tower.

The standard of ringing during the day was very good, Cambridge, Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent and Plain Bob Royal being rung, as well as a course of Grandsire Cinques. Many ringers enjoyed their first ring on twelve bells.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.****WESTERN BRANCH AT DODDERHILL.**

A successful meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Dodderhill, adjoining Droitwich, on Saturday, March 14th, and was attended by about fifty members. Welcome visitors came from Hinton, Stourbridge, Bromsgrove, Oldbury and King's Norton, among whom were Mr. J. D. Johnson (general hon. secretary) and Mr. C. W. Cooper (librarian). The bells were set going at 3 p.m. to Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples, Mr. C. Camm (Ringing Master) seeing that everyone had a pull.

At the service which followed, the Rev. A. G. Pettigrew delivered an interesting address, and remarked upon the importance of ringers in the life of the Church. After tea, which was generously provided by the Vicar, came the business meeting, and the first important item was the announcement of the intended resignation of Mr. R. G. Knowles as Central Council representative for the branch.

Mr. Knowles has been a member of the Council for nine years, and only came to his decision to resign after careful consideration. He was asked to reconsider his decision, but said he was unable to do so, one reason being that he felt he could not undertake the long journeys the coming three years would entail, and the absence from home.

The meeting then regretfully accepted his resignation and thanked him for the able manner he had carried out his duties. Mr. G. Hinton proposed that Mr. S. T. Holt be nominated as successor to Mr. Knowles, whereupon Mr. Holt proposed the new branch secretary (Mr. G. E. Large), who, however, declined the office. Mr. Holt was, therefore, nominated.

Mr. W. H. Raxter was chosen to conduct the quarterly peal at Dodderhill, with as many of the local band in it as was possible. It was proposed that Welland be the place for the next meeting, with Hanbury as the alternative.

The meeting unanimously agreed to send Mr. J. S. Goldsmith heartiest congratulations upon the silver jubilee of 'The Ringing World' and sincere wishes for its long and continued existence in his hands.

The Vicar gave a very appropriate speech, in which he said the paper deserved better of the Exercise than at present, and made the suggestion that if individual ringers could not take it, perhaps every tower in the branch would take a copy, which would be better than at present, and might lead to more individuals taking it when they realised its worth. He himself would certainly become a subscriber.

After the vote of thanks to the chairman, members again made use of the bells until 6.30 p.m. Touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and a course each of Cambridge and London Surprise was rung. It is very gratifying to the secretary that this, his first meeting in that capacity, should have been such a success.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal at Glossop, recorded this week, was rung in honour of what is rare in church work. Three of the band were celebrating the completion by each of them of 50 years' continuous service as ringers at St. James' Church, Whitfield. Their names deserve to be printed in capitals: JOSEPH MARSDEN; THOMAS JACKSON; ELI GARSIDE. It is a magnificent record!

Mr. Philip Hardy, who has been a ringer for 52 years, has just completed 50 years as captain of the ringers at Thruxington, Leicestershire. Mr. Hardy, who is a retired schoolmaster, is 76 years of age.

Mr. John Castle, of Bedworth, at the age of 61 years has just rung his first peal. He took the treble to 5,040 Grandsire Doubles at Bulkington, Warwickshire. After the peal, which was specially arranged for Mr. Castle, the ringers were hospitably entertained by Mrs. J. L. Hinde. The ringers of 1 and 2 were from Bedworth, 3 and 6 from Bulkington, 4 from Nuneaton and 5 from Chilvers Coton.

Cranleigh has truly the 'drawing room' of the belfries of the Guildford Diocese. The large carpet which adorned the centre of the ringing chamber was greatly admired by more than one lady member at the meeting on Saturday.

These new improvements were noted by the visitors, who were accustomed to the somewhat uneven floor that used to be very much in evidence.

Congratulations to Mr. R. Whittington on these improvements. He was a genial host to the visitors on Saturday. A trenchant critic, perhaps, when away from home, but a helpful counsellor in his own tower.

The 'East Anglian Magazine' for March, an artistic production sold at 1s., contains an interesting article by M. C. G. Hooton on 'Bells and Belling in East Anglia,' with a number of appropriate illustrations, including the inscription on the tenor bell at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, and the famous tenor at Lavenham, cast in 1625.

'Master' Maurice Hibbert can, we think, justify the claim made on his behalf to be the 'youngest' ringer to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise. He rang a peal in four methods on February 29th on the occasion of his eleventh birthday! The only snag to the record is that he was born in 1883.

The ring of five bells at Exning, near Newmarket, is being rehung with new fittings in new frame by John Taylor and Co. The work is being carried out under the direction of Mr. Weir, architect to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, who is also restoring the tower.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Portsea, are to be broadcast on the National wavelength on Sunday at 7.55 p.m.

A number of reports and letters to the Editor are unavoidably held over.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### AN APPEAL FOR UNITY.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Revised rules, a copy of which has been sent to all bands in union with the Kent County Association, are to be discussed and approved, or disapproved, at the annual meeting on Easter Monday.

Judging by the tone of recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' and discussions in some districts, I am inclined to think we are 'in for a lively time at that meeting,' and I sympathise already with the chairman, whoever he may be, and also with our worthy general secretary.

Personally, I think a large majority of our members are taking very little interest in this matter of rules, and would prefer not to listen to all this argument and personal feeling which I fear exists amongst members in more districts than one. This is very regrettable and ought not to be.

I sincerely trust that when we meet at Westerham on Easter Monday all those who intend to speak will do so in the right spirit and cut out all personal feeling. In this season of Lent let us sink all our differences one with the other privately, and then on Easter Monday go to the meeting in full force, prepared to shake hands and enjoy the meeting, and ringing at all the various towers open to us.

If this feeling were strengthened amongst us, I venture to say there would be little need to revise some of our existing rules, as many of the now unattached members would join a band in union, as they should do.

Incidentally, I think, if Rule 4a ends at 'Fund,' we shall soon have a large list of unattached members. Again I say, regrettable also, if the right spirit prevailed at all these ringing meetings, there would be little need of a Ringing Master, which is another sore point. Finally, I again plead for more unity and brotherly feeling in our dear old K.C.A.C.R.

Tunstall.

W. SPICE, Sen.

## 'NAME' PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the footnote to the 'William' peal rung at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, February 22nd, 1936, and published in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' may I state that a 'Thomas' band rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, December 15th, 1934, composed by T. B. Worsley, conducted by T. Groombridge, jun.

THOMAS J. LOCK.



## OUR SILVER JUBILEE. CONGRATULATIONS TO 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Editor desires heartily to thank the many correspondents who have sent their congratulations to 'The Ringing World' and personally to him, upon the Silver Jubilee of the paper. These messages have been further proof of the appreciation which ringers have of the work which is done in the interests of the art.

At the meeting of the Worcestershire Association at Dodderhill and of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Cranleigh on Saturday resolutions of congratulation were passed, and at Burnham, Bucks, and at Guildford, Surrey, complimentary peals were rung.

It is impossible to quote the many congratulatory messages that have been received, but here are a few typical examples of the kindly nature of the letters that have reached us:—

'On behalf of our local ringers and myself I should like to offer you the heartiest of congratulations upon "The Ringing World's" silver jubilee. What you have done for the Exercise in maintaining the paper during these many and difficult years is appreciated more than, perhaps, you can ever know. We should like you to have, also, this expression of our gratitude for a very noble work. May the day be far distant when you will cease to guide the helm and inspire—as you have been doing—the minds of ringers all over the world! With the very best of wishes for future prosperity. C. CAREW COX.'

The Vicarage, Lyme Regis.

'It is a wonderful achievement to have kept the paper going all this time. As I have said before, what should we do without it? I do not think I have missed one number in all the 25 years. Ringers ought to support it in greater numbers. I hope they will more and more realise its value and increase their support. W. H. LAWRENCE.'

W. H. LAWRENCE.'

Little Munden, Herts.

'Congratulations on the 25 years' circulation of your valuable "Ringing World." May it for ever continue. I have its first issue.

'Congratulations on your silver jubilee, and may you be spared long to continue with the activities of "The Ringing World." As one who has taken the journal for about 20 years, it has always been the greatest pleasure to me to read its contents.'

W. J. G. BROWN.

Ipswich.

There are still a few copies of our special silver jubilee number available. They can be obtained from the office of 'The Ringing World,' Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey, post free 3d.

## DEATH OF MR. J. PREWETT. FORMER HERTS ASSOCIATION AUDITOR.

The death has occurred at Bushey, Herts, at the advanced age of 93 years, of Mr. Jacob Prewett, father of the late Mr. Bertram Prewett, who, before he was killed in France in 1918, had established himself as one of the most prominent and able ringers in the country.

Mr. Jacob Prewett was one of a family of 15 and was born at Aldebury, Wilts. He went to London when he was thirty, but all his life retained his love of the country and was never happier than when in his garden. He went to live in Bushey in 1879, and was a sidesman at St. Paul's Church for 25 years.

Although not a ringer, he was greatly interested in ringing, and for many years was hon. auditor of the Herts Association. Deceased, who is survived by a daughter, was buried on Tuesday week in the grave where his wife was interred, the Rev. J. R. Parkyn officiating at the service.

## THE NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. AN APOLOGY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should esteem it a favour if you will cause to be published in your next issue the following:—

I very much regret having made reference to Mr. W. P. Deane in such a manner as in my letter published in your issue dated December 20th, 1935, relating to the annual meeting of the North Staffs and District Association at Stoke on December 7th, and I wish to extend to him an apology for having done so.

J. F. WHEELDON,  
Ringing Master, North Staffs Association.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, March 14th, with a fairly good attendance of members and visitors. Some very good practice was obtained, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. The places for the next three meetings were fixed as follows: Brinkworth, Purton and Bishopstone, of which due notice will appear.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION AT BARCOMBE.

On Saturday, the annual meeting of the Southern Division was held at Barcombe. The tower was open from 2.30 to 8.30, and the 40 ringers present kept the bells well employed in methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The Rector (the Rev. F. W. Farrar) conducted the service, and preached an unusual sermon, which was greatly appreciated for its eloquence and sincerity.

After service the ringers were entertained to tea at the Rectory, where the business meeting took place. The secretary (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) was re-elected for a further year, as were the committee and the Committee of Advice.

Mention was made of the great loss the division had suffered in the passing on of two of its oldest members, Mr. G. Bleach, of St. Nicholas', Brighton, and Mr. E. C. Merritt, of St. Peter's, Brighton. The members stood as a mark of respect, and the secretary was asked to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Merritt.

Twelve towers were represented at the meeting, and it was particularly gratifying to have present the Master (Mr. H. R. Butcher), the hon. general secretary (Mr. A. D. Stone) and the secretary of the Eastern Division, who was accompanied by the hon. treasurer.

## DIVISIONAL SECRETARY RETIRES.

### Mr. A. W. Groves' Twenty-One Years' Service.

After serving the Western Division of the Sussex County Association faithfully and well for 21 years, Mr. Alfred W. Groves has retired from the office of hon. secretary. He relinquished his duties at the annual meeting of the division, held at his own tower at Heene, and received the warm thanks of the association, expressed through the Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher.

Ringing, which commenced at 3 o'clock, was followed by a short service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Haviland). Thirty members, including Mr. H. R. Butcher, Master of the Association, were present at tea in the Church Room, representing the following towers: Arundel, Billingshurst, Brighton, Chichester, Goring, Heene, Lyminster, Shoreham and Warnham.

At the business meeting the Rector presided, supported by the Master and Mr. S. E. Armstrong (assistant general secretary).

Twelve new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Leslie Smith, Leslie Green, Hilton Ungless, Waldegrange Ungless, Stanley Cheesman, Frank Bentick, Frank Alfrey, Anthony Cowd, Jeffrey Cowd, Raymond Read, Mervyn Attwater and Clifford Wareham.

The following officers were elected: Mr. F. Meetens, district secretary; Messrs. T. Adams, G. Norris and J. Farmer, on the Association Committee; Messrs. E. Lindup, E. Greenfield and R. Wood, jun., as Advisory Committee.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman for presiding, for providing the tea and for his excellent address.—The Rector suitably responded and gave the members a welcome to Heene.

The vote of thanks, proposed on behalf of the association by the Master, seconded by Mr. Walter Charman, to the retiring secretary, was received with acclamation.

Mr. Groves, replying, thanked Mr. Butcher and Mr. Charman for their kind words, also the members who had so readily supported him during his 21 years of office. The members then returned to the belfry for further practice.

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

### LARGE GATHERING AT RANMOOR.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at St. John's Church, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 7th. It was attended by 75 members and friends.

The nice light peal of ten bells was available quite early, and touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, to suit all who cared to have a pull, Mr. George Lewis, Ringing Master, carrying out his duties in a most admirable manner despite the large number desirous of having a ring.

The Rev. G. K. Dixon (curate) conducted the service at short notice owing to the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Foster) having been taken ill. The Rev. G. K. Dixon's address was eloquently given and appreciated by all who were fortunate to be present.

Tea, provided in the Church Hall, was followed by a course of Grandsire Caters. The president (Mr. C. Haynes) occupied the chair at the business meeting, at which the adoption of the balance sheet was moved by Mr. W. Wooler and accepted.

The hon. secretary (Mr. M. E. Wilson) gave his report on the past year's activities. Eleven peals had been rung, subscriptions were well paid up to date, and attendances at meetings were excellent. Twenty new members, including hon. members, had been elected.

Mr. Norman Chaddock was elected Ringing Master, Mr. George Lewis resigning, owing to business reasons. The remaining officers were re-elected en bloc.

It was decided to hold the ringing competition for the society's silver cup at Clowne on Saturday, July 25th.

Mr. Potter (Barnsley) tendered a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a most enjoyable gathering.—Mr. William Bilson (Ranmoor company) suitably replied.

Several visitors were present in the tower after the meeting from outside the district, having taken advantage of the popular evening trips. The bells were kept going until 9.15 p.m.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A successful meeting of the Wisbech Branch was held at Denver on Saturday, March 14th, when, in spite of a cold day, ten towers were represented. The bells, a musical little ring of six, were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening, in methods ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector, whose address took the form of a chat, as he said, 'from man to man,' during the course of which he referred to the great loss to the association by the death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who was a familiar figure at the meetings of this branch.

At the business meeting the Rector of Denver occupied the chair. Four new members were elected, and various matters connected with the annual general meeting were discussed.

The bells were lowered in peal at 9 p.m.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A meeting of the North Rucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery) of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Sherington on Saturday must have been encouraging to the Rev. J. F. Amies, organising secretary, who is keen on fostering the art in outlying towers of this district. Ringers were present from Olney, Stoke Goldington, Weston Underwood, Clifton Reynes, Milton Keynes, Chicheley, Newport Pagnell, Sherington, Harrold and Turvey (Beds), Cosgrove (Northants) and Coventry (Warwickshire).

A short service at 4 p.m. was followed by tea, after which the Rev. J. F. Amies said the Editor of 'The Ringing World' had sent copies of the paper to be distributed, and appealed for more support. His appeal was backed up by members who had taken the paper since the first issue.

Ringing was kept up on the five bells until 8.30 p.m. Several ringers rang their first 120 in the following methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, New Grandsire, Stedman and April Day.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and his presence at tea.

**THE BELLS OF TONG, SALOP.****FIRST PEAL ON AN ANCIENT RING.**

On Saturday, March 7th, six members of the Shropshire Association visited the very ancient and historic church at Tong, and were successful in ringing the first peal on the bells.

Tong is a difficult place to ring at, as the bells are rung from the ground floor in the centre of the church, there is a long draught of rope and no guides. The tower contains six bells, the founders' names and dates as follow: Treble, Abraham Rudhall, 1719; 2nd, William Clibury, 1636; 3rd, Robert Newcombe, 1593; 4th, Henry Oldfield, 1605; 5th, William Clibury, 1623; tenor, Thomas Mears, 1810. There is also a large bell known as 'The Great Bell of Tong.' Its diameter is 5ft. 2½in. and it weighs close on 50 cwt. It was first cast in 1518, recast in 1720 and again in 1892. It is only rung on special occasions. The small 'sanctus' bell (diameter 14in.) has no inscription, but is believed to be by Newcombe, of Leicester, about 1600.

The ringers on their visit were met by Mr. G. H. Boden (verger), who will be 80 next July. He has been a chorister for 72 years and a ringer for 64. He afterwards congratulated the band on their excellent striking throughout the whole peal.

**STAFFORD RINGER'S DIAMOND WEDDING.**

Mr. and Mrs. Zadok Baker, of Stafford, celebrated their diamond wedding on February 24th. Mr. Baker has been a ringer at St. Mary's Church since 1908, and in honour of the event a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,385 changes) was rung by H. Chesters 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, H. E. Evans 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, F. T. Hayle 5, G. Booth 6, A. E. Garbett 7, F. Ryell 8, J. Farrilow (conductor) 9, E. Vaughan 10. Before going to Stafford Mr. Baker was a ringer at Over, Cheshire. He still takes an interest in ringing, and when able to be present he takes his place for a touch. In conveying their congratulations, the ringers of St. Mary's made a presentation to Mr. Baker in the form of cash, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his many years of service. Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker continue to enjoy good health.

**WEDDING OF A WOODBRIDGE RINGER.**

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, Woodbridge, on Saturday, February 29th, between Miss E. Woods, second daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Woods, of Seckford Street, Woodbridge, and Mr. W. J. Woodruffe, of St. John's Street, Woodbridge. The Rector (the Rev. R. B. Dand) officiated at the choral service, Mr. F. W. Trotman, one of the local ringers, being at the organ.

All the available ringers attended the service, and at the conclusion set the bells going to Grandsire as the bride and bridegroom left the vestry.

A reception was held in the Masonic Hall, before which Mrs. Dand presented the bridegroom with a Westminster chiming clock from the clergy, churchwardens, vergers and ringers of St. Mary's.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.****ANNUAL MEETING AT DUDLEY.**

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th, and, in spite of the inclement weather, was well attended. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members and were kept merrily going in various methods prior to the Guild service, which was conducted by the Archdeacon of Dudley (the Ven. Dr. A. P. Shepherd, D.D.). The Rev. E. L. Warren, Vicar of Netherton, gave a very interesting address.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where a substantial tea was in readiness, provided out of funds collected by the secretary (Mr. Herbert Sheppard) from prominent members of St. Thomas' congregation and others. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mrs. J. McDougal Tait, Mrs. A. H. Cutler, Mrs. John Goodman, sen., Mrs. John Goodman, jun., and Miss Bessie Sheppard, the tea being prepared and served by ringers' wives, daughters and other friends. Upwards of 80 members sat down.

The Archdeacon presided over the business meeting, and was supported by Mr. J. McDougal Tait (Vicar's warden), the Rev. E. L. Warren, Messrs. H. Sheppard (secretary), S. J. Hughes (treasurer) and the Rev. W. H. Waring (curate of the Parish Church).

The balance sheet, which was submitted, showed total receipts of £12 14s. 10d., including the balance from the previous year of £7 18s. 4d. Honorary members' subscriptions amounted to £1 17s. 6d., performing members' £2 19s. The expenses were £3 2s. 11½d., leaving a balance in the treasurer's hands of £9 11s. 10½d., which was considered satisfactory. The Archdeacon of Dudley was re-elected president and was heartily thanked for his services during the past year.—Dr. Shepherd, in returning thanks, gave the members a hearty welcome to Dudley and his parish, and assured them that he would do all he could for the welfare of the Guild.

The following gentlemen were again re-elected: Honorary vice-presidents, the Vicar of Netherton, Dr. P. S. Blaker, Councillor W. Shuttleworth, Messrs. J. W. Naylor, C. E. Lloyd, A. E. Meredith, A. Spittle, A. Winbow, W. E. Barry and J. McDougal Tait.

Mr. Clifford Skidmore was again unanimously elected Ringing Master and Mr. Herbert Sheppard secretary. Mr. S. J. Hughes expressed a wish to resign from the position of hon. treasurer, owing to ill-health and other matters. This decision was received with regret and the best wishes of the Guild were given to Mr. Hughes in appreciation of his valuable services to the Guild during the past twelve years.—Mr. John Goodman, jun., was elected hon. treasurer in succession to Mr. Hughes.

Messrs. G. P. Guest and T. H. Justice were elected auditors, and Mr. F. Colclough was again elected representative to the Central Council. Several new members were added to the roll.

The Vicar of Netherton very kindly invited the members to hold their next meeting at Netherton, which was gratefully accepted.

Mr. S. J. Hughes proposed and Mr. Albert Prestidge, sen., seconded that the best thanks of the Guild be given to the Archdeacon for granting permission to hold the meeting at Dudley, for conducting the service, for the use of the tower and bells, and for presiding at the meeting. Special thanks were also given to the Vicar of Netherton for his address, to the donors of the tea fund, to the ladies for presiding at the tables and those who prepared and served the tea; to the organist, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy and successful one.

At the request of the Archdeacon, the secretary thanked all for the votes of thanks and assistance rendered.

**DEATH OF AN OLD TODMORDEN RINGER.****VISITED AMERICA WITH HANDBELLS.**

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. John Mitton, of Todmorden, Lancs, which occurred at the Manchester Royal Infirmary on Wednesday, February 12th. The funeral took place at the Unitarian Church on Saturday, February 15th, his birthday, when, had he lived, he would have been 83. He is survived by a daughter and three sons. Mr. Mitton had led an exceedingly active life, and was one of the town's most familiar figures. He started work at the age of eight years and retired on attaining the age of 70.

In local ringing circles he was well known and was the oldest ringer in the district. He had been a steeple ringer at the Unitarian Church for nearly 50 years, but it was as a handbell ringer that he gained most distinction. He was a member of the old Todmorden Handbell Ringers, who, in their prime, performed in the principal halls in England, and in 1889 fulfilled an engagement at the Maritime Exhibition at Boston and gave performances at other principal cities and towns in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Mitton never lost his interest in handbell ringing, and gave selections at parties when called upon. All his life he had been associated with the Unitarian Church and School, and since youth had been a member of the Humility Lodge of Oddfellows, M.U.

The following ringers acted as bearers at the funeral: Messrs. H. Davenport, W. Crabtree, F. Fielden, J. Nash, G. Sutcliffe and H. Sutcliffe. As the funeral was arriving at the church the 'whole pull and stand' was rung. Over the grave a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Mr. and Mrs. W. Crabtree, Mr. H. Davenport and Miss Rose Bell, and afterwards mixed bands of local ringers rang touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob with the tower bells fully muffled.

## VETERANS STILL ACTIVE.

### BIRTHDAYS OF THREE.

This picture which we reproduce to-day has a fresh 'news interest.' It is, as many of our readers will recognise, a photograph of the band of veterans who in October, 1933, rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, at the time their combined ages amounted to the record total of 612 years.

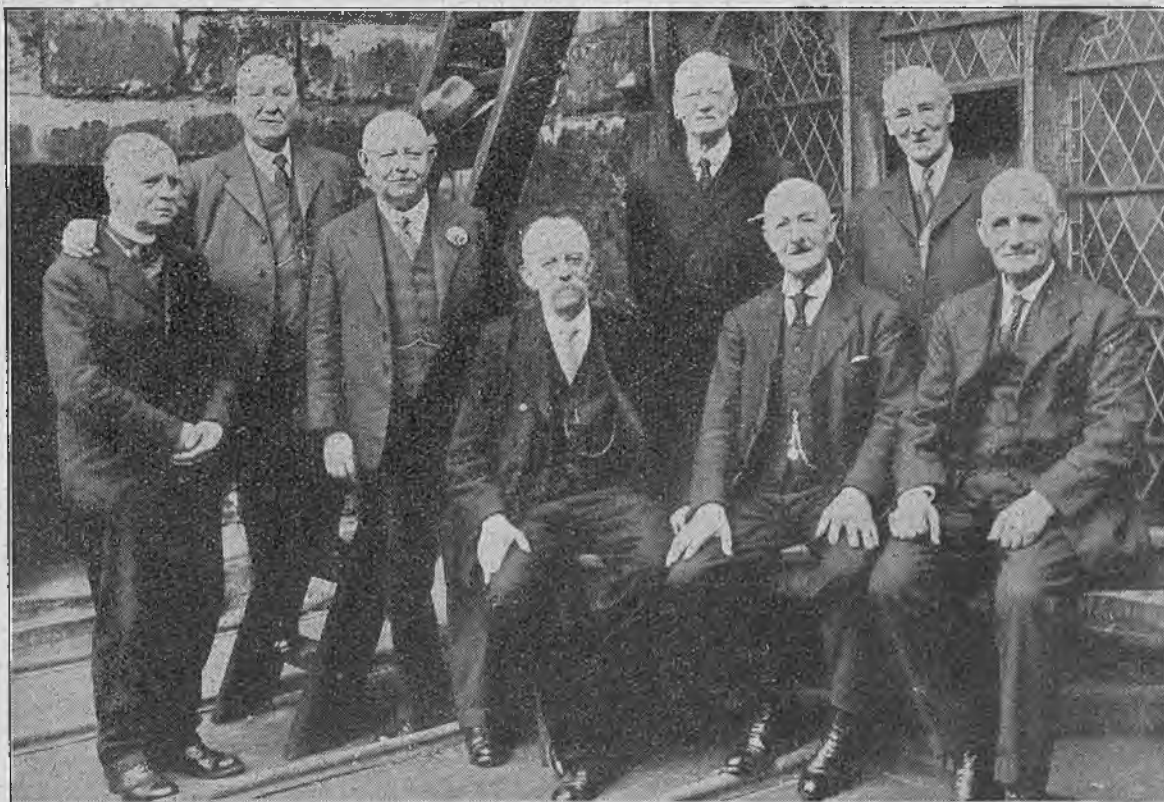
Since that time two of them have passed away, Mr. Walter Prime and Mr. Ernest Bishop. The rest are still 'going strong.'

We record in another column a peal to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mr. William T. Pates, of Cheltenham. Mr. Pates was among the men who, at the latter end of last century, made ringing history.

Last Monday, Mr. F. E. Dawe celebrated his 74th birthday, and on Tuesday Mr. Challis Winney completed his 78th year. We regret very much to say that Mr. Winney was last week admitted to St. Dunstan's Hospital for treatment for trouble in one of his legs. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. James George, another of the veterans' band, and, now 82, third only in seniority of age, has just rung his 1,250th peal. It was Mr. Pates' birthday commemoration peal, to which Mr. George rang the 11th.

Mr. James George, who rang the 9th to a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's for the death of Queen Victoria in



The Veterans in this picture are, from left to right: C. F. Winney, W. T. Pates, the late E. Bishop, F. E. Dawe, the late W. Prime, J. George, R. H. Brundle, H. W. Smith.

In the late '80's two records were set up at Cheltenham, and in both peals Mr. Pates was the conductor. In 1888 a peal of 13,054 Stedman Caters was rung in 8 hours 16 minutes, and when, on the last day of the same year, this Caters record was beaten at Appleton with a 15,041. Mr. Pates organised a band who rang in April, 1889, a 15,227 Graudsire Caters at Cheltenham in 9 hours 43 minutes.

Mr. Pates' 83rd birthday was celebrated first of all with touches rung on the Parish Church bells, followed by a jolly little supper party at his home, Tudor House. Selections on handbells and songs afterwards passed a happy hour or two, and the 'health of Mr. Pates' was honoured on the call of Mr. Yeend, sen.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH AT POTTERNE.

The Devizes Branch held their March meeting at Potterne on Saturday, when 39 members attended from Bishop's Cannings, Bristol (St. Peter's), Bratton, Devizes (St. John's), Hindon, Holt, Keinton Mandeville, Market Lavington, Melksham, North Bradley, Nailsea, Potterne, Rowde, Southbroom, Seend, Tisbury, Westbury and Warminster. The Rev. J. A. Sturton, Vicar of Market Lavington, and Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (vice-president) were also present. The Vicar of Potterne (the Rev. A. Swann) conducted the Guild service, in the course of which he gave a short address. He said that the ringers holding their meetings every month in a different parish was a good and right thing to do, to help in the cheerful worship of God. Men of ability and character were needed to help in the work of the Church.

At the close of the service all adjourned for tea in the Church Hall, and Messrs. Wells are to be congratulated on the arrangements made.

The business meeting followed, Mr. E. F. White (branch chairman) presiding. The usual routine having been disposed of, Mr. White

voiced thanks to those concerned in the arrangements, stating how pleased everyone was to see Mr. Heginbotham at the meeting. In reply, Mr. Heginbotham said he was thankful to be well enough to attend. He went on to refer to the loss the Dorchester Branch had sustained by the death of the Rev. E. S. Field, Vicar of Buckland Newton. The secretary was asked to send a letter to Mr. P. Field, Ringing Master of that branch, conveying the sympathy of the members in his bereavement.

The secretary also reported the passing of Mrs. Cook, of Bratton, widow of the late Mr. Ben Cook (vice-chairman of the branch for a number of years). The meeting stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

The members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing, with the exception of a handbell party, who remained under the conductorship of Mr. S. Hillier. During the evening Devizes (St. John's) and Southbroom bells were available. The methods rung covered a wide range, some excellent practice being obtained by the younger members.



## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### FARNHAM DISTRICT SECRETARY CRITICISES SLACKERS.

The annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Farnham on Saturday, February 29th. Ringing started at 3 p.m. under the conductorship of the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted).

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector of Farnham (Canon E. M. Girling). Choirboys led the singing, and Mr. G. C. Macklin was at the organ.

In the course of his address Canon Girling said the subject of changes ought to be familiar to bellringers, and he wanted them to think of some useful changes which they could make in their own lives.

#### EIGHT CHANGES.

Canon Girling went on to describe eight changes, which was the number of bells in Farnham Church tower, which they might make. He first suggested a change in temper. St. John, who once had a very obvious temper indeed, later became known as the Apostle of Love. He had been able to change his temper. A change in their reading was, he thought, indicated. He suggested a change from the lighter forms of literature to something that was really good and worth while reading; to the great novels that would become classics and, of course, that greatest of all books, the great library they called the Bible.

Speaking of a change of habits, Canon Girling said it was so easy to get into a habit, say, of not attending church. Perhaps some of them, after they had rung the bells for other people to go to church, did not themselves go. Perhaps a change in that direction would be helpful. Then they would be a great deal better for a change of language. He did not mean to infer that they were all hard swearers; but the belfry was part of God's house and consecrated like the rest of the building. Their language should be beyond reproach.

Then how about a change of morals? He did not mean that they were bad in that way, yet would it not be possible to make a change and set up a standard of what was really good and pure, and make a real stand for God and purity?

Canon Girling went on to speak of a change in prayers—a development and real effort on their part to hold a conversation with God and to listen to what He said. Referring to a change of heart, he suggested that instead of having their affections set on the things of the earth they should have their real affection entwined around the things of the heart. If all of them went through these changes what a difference it would make. Not only would their technique be improved, but they would know they were ringing because they wanted others to share in something they had already known for themselves.

Tea was served at Rogers' Cafe, to which 45 sat down. Afterwards the business meeting was presided over by Canon Girling.

A cheque for 10s. 6d. towards the Guild Benevolent Fund was received from an hon. member, Mr. W. A. Dollimore, who was heartily thanked for his generosity at all times.

As no other nominations had been received, the district officers were re-elected, viz.: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. W. Denyer; hon. auditor, Mr. P. Eldridge. Executive Committee representatives: Ringing, Messrs. T. Upshall (Farnham) and F. Nye (Bagshot), and honorary, Mr. W. A. Dollimore (Aldershot). On the motion of the Rector, the officers were thanked for their services in the past.

The balance sheet showed a slight increase of the balance in hand, £15 17s. 11d., as compared with £15 15s. 1d. last year.

It was explained that the cost of the valuable library books bought by the Guild had been shared by the four districts, the amount from each being based on the percentage of members in each district. The Farnham District paid 35 per cent. of the total cost, viz., £2 12s. 6d.

The accounts were adopted.

#### CRITICISMS.

The district secretary, in his report, recorded that the ringing membership had decreased from 132 to 121. Honorary membership had remained at 30 as in 1934. Four belfries were endeavouring to raise funds for restoration purposes. At Crondall ringing had stopped owing to the very bad condition of the bell frame and the bells; at Ash the bells and frame desperately needed overhauling by bell-hangers; at Yorktown a fund had been open for a considerable time for the rehanging of the bells, and at Farnham the fund for tower wall repairs and refacing was still in need of support.

The report proceeded: "Every ringer should be punctual and regular at practice and each should be there with a will to learn. Some there are who 'know all there is to know' about ringing and they refuse to be told anything. The result is that they not only spoil their own chances, but they prevent progress being made in the tower."

"A ringer who attends practice and who fails to show up on Sunday is utterly failing in his (or her) duty, as also is the ringer who never attends a practice or meeting, but who arrives and expects to ring on Sunday. Sunday service ringing should not be turned into an ordinary practice."

"Any ringer who waits to hear the bells before going along to ring is not playing the game; nor is a ringer who does not appear on practice night until after the 'beginners' have finished. The most experienced ringer can learn something, even from rounds or plain courses of Doubles."

"Worse still is an experienced ringer who does not attend a belfry because 'they are only a crowd of beginners and can't handle or strike the bells.'"

"Certain belfries in this district boast more ringers than bells, but through the slackness of certain members all the ropes are not manned on Sundays. Where these circumstances prevail, it is the duty of local captains to get recruits so that these unreliable people may not disorganise the service ringing. Recruits should be obtained, if necessary, assistance being sought from the incumbent."

Most of them know that ringers in all these classes were to be found all over the country. He regretted that they had a few in their own district. He appealed to all ringers, particularly those in the branch who felt, perhaps, that they had not been pulling their weight, to make a real effort and endeavour to do their full share in the church work which they had, or should have, so much at heart.

It was thought that the drop in the ringing membership was not as serious as it appeared. The Crondall membership had almost ceased, but it was hoped this would be rectified as soon as the bells and frame at Crondall were restored.

#### THE TEAM SPIRIT.

The Chairman commented upon the excellence of the report, and paid tribute to the team spirit of the ringers generally upon the way the criticisms were received. He hoped all would attend to the urgent matters contained in the report, particularly where bells or bell frames needed attention.

It was decided to hold meetings during 1936 at Hawley (8), Farnborough (6), Frensham (6), Yorktown (8) and Bentley (6), with an additional meeting at Seale (6) if it were possible to arrange one. The dates of these meetings were left to the secretary to fix. The annual district meeting was agreed upon for January 23rd, 1937.

The Guild officers were renominated, with the addition of Mr. C. W. Denyer for the Central Council.

The following new ringing members were elected: Messrs. K. and D. Dalton (Frensham), V. Wilkinson (Yorktown) and S. Butler (Aldershot). Mrs. F. J. Ewens (Yorktown) was elected as an honorary member.

It was decided to restart the District Committee, which will consist of the district officers and two members from each of the eleven towers in the district. As the Guild rules at present only permits one member from each tower, it was agreed to give notice of motion to the Executive Committee for the necessary amendment of this rule. It was considered that two members would attend a committee meeting, whereas one might not.

Mr. J. W. Carter (Seale) sincerely thanked Canon Girling for his welcome and his address. Mr. Carter also thanked the organist, choir and local ringers for their share in the success of the meeting (applause). Canon Girling briefly replied.

A collection for the William Pye Memorial Fund amounted to 11s.

At the close of business the ringers returned to the belfry to indulge in further ringing. Towers represented during the meeting included Aldershot, Ash, Seale, Bagshot, Alton, Guildford (St. Nicolas), Farnham, Farnborough, Worplesdon, Brookwood, Haslemere, Clondon, Yorktown, Frensham and Bentley.

## CONGRATULATIONS AT A MEETING.

### THE EDITOR TELLS OF HIS DIFFICULTIES.

The thoughts uppermost in the minds of many ringers last week-end was the silver jubilee of 'The Ringing World,' not forgetting the journal's founder, editor and proprietor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who throughout the past 25 years has contributed in no small measure towards the advancement of the Exercise.

When the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild met at Cranleigh on Saturday—and there was a gallant muster of 43 ringers present—many personal congratulations were extended to the Editor, who, being general secretary of the Guild, was among those who attended.

To put the matter strictly in order and to see that the efficient secretary of the Guildford District (Mr. George Grover) duly recorded the memorable occasion in the minute book of the district, an appropriate resolution of congratulation and best wishes to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mr. T. W. White, who mentioned the enormous value to the Exercise of 'The Ringing World,' not only from the point of view of the advancement of ringing, but particularly in cementing together ringers in all parts of the country into one great fellowship. The ambassador of this friendship had been Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, whose happy personality as he travelled over the country to attend ringing meetings and functions was a great factor in establishing a spirit of unity throughout the ringing fraternity.

The resolution was seconded by the chairman (Major J. H. B. Hesse), who spoke of the self-sacrifice of Mr. Goldsmith, whose work as Editor he was sure was largely a labour of love. He appealed to ringers present for a stronger support of 'The Ringing World,' and urged those present to do their utmost to increase its circulation.

Mr. R. Whittington, Cranleigh's veteran ringer, endorsed the resolution, which was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Goldsmith, in acknowledging the meeting's good wishes, expressed the hope that he might be spared to carry on for a few more years to come. As to the future, he was afraid it would be very difficult to find anyone interested in ringing who was prepared to

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**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on March 31st, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 26th, at 8 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The meeting to be held at St. John's, Blackpool, has been postponed to Saturday, March 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 5.15. Meeting in the schools. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Child. All ringers heartily invited. Come and join us.—H. Grundy, Hon. Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. The business meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held after tea. Subscriptions for 1935-6 are now due and the annual report available.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells), on Saturday, March 21st, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Cathedral, London Bridge, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock. Preacher, Rev. J. C. Kinnear (St. John's, Croydon). Tea and meeting to follow at the Chapter House.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseal on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30., followed by tea and meeting in school-room. Please make this a record meeting. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting after.—Frank Conley, Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Mary's) on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). St. Saviour's bells from 6.45.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild will hold a combined practice at Christchurch on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—G. Preston, Hon. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Parish Room. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. J. Berry, Grange Cottage, Woolton Hill.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Clown on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935-6 are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Grey on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich, on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A joint meeting with the Staffs Association at Tamworth on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea 5 p.m., in the College Lane Schools at 1s. per head.—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, March 21st. The bells (8) will be ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Kirkby Mallory, Saturday, March 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) for those who notify me. Other arrangements as usual.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

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**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, March 21st. The recently rehung ring of 10 will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS AND THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, March 21st, at 3 p.m. Buses every 15 minutes from Nottingham bus station.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Seventh annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 21st, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, at 6 p.m., Councillor W. R. Eggleton presiding. The following towers will be open: St. Mary de Lode (6), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 3.45 to 4.45 p.m.; St. Michael's (8), 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wing tomorrow, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—S. H. Towell, 17, King's Road, Oakham.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A practice meeting will be held at Shoreditch on Thursday, March 26th, from 6.30 to 8.30. All ringers welcome. This is especially to help the younger members.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

**PENDLEBURY, MANCHESTER.**—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Saturday, March 28th, at 4.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Manchester. The ring of eight has been tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Sturry on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Ringing for all. Rounds to London. Service 4.30. Tea, free, by invitation of Sturry ringers and friends. Please send card to the Mr. French, Lamorbey, School Hill, Sturry. Please help to make this meeting a success.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25d, New Dover Road, Canterbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, March 28th, at 3.15 p.m.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. to those who send in names not later than March 25th. Short service in church at 5.45 p.m., followed by unveiling of an interesting peal tablet in the belfry, recording two peals, one rung in 1900. Please make a special effort to attend and send names to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to reach me by March 25th.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The adjourned Redbourne meeting will be held on Saturday, March 28th. Usual arrangements. Let us have a big meeting, but send a card to say you are coming. Important business.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nutfield (6 bells) on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Club Room, High Street. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, March 24th?—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, March 26th? Roll along. All are welcome.—J. H. Clifton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 174, Atkinson Road, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Nomination meeting will be held at Bramley on March 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Will all members requiring tea notify Mr. S. Helliwell by March 27th? Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, March 28th. The new peal of eight bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Owing to the difficulty of catering, will all those requiring tea please let me know *not later than* Wednesday, March 25th, first post? A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and bring your friends.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Collingbourne-Kingston on March 28th. Six bells. Kindly advise for tea not later than March 25th.—Walter J. Jennings, 16, Lainey's Close, Marlborough, Wilts.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Castle Carey Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Maperton on Saturday, March 28th. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Six bells.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

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**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on March 28th. This fine peal of bells will be open during afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea in the Church House after, with business meeting to follow. All will be welcomed. A postcard, if possible, will greatly assist in making arrangements for tea.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the St. Albans District will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (10), available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements for tea, etc.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.**—The dedication of the bells after being retuned and rehung will take place on Saturday, March 28th, by the Lord Bishop of Manchester. All ringers interested are given a cordial invitation by the Vicar and wardens. Tea at a charge of 1s. in School. All requiring tea please notify the undersigned by Thursday, March 26th.—J. A. Kershaw, 118, Moss Lane, Pendlebury, near Manchester.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Batley on April 4th. Entries to contest and applications for tea at 1s. 6d. to be in my hands for March 28th.—T. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea by Thursday, April 2nd, to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3.30, and a change of programme gives us a meeting for 6.30 p.m. in the tower. Anyone interested in ringing heartily welcomed. Branch members earnestly requested to be present.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

**CODSALL, NEAR WOLVERHAMPTON.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Stafford on Sunday, April 5th, at 6.30 p.m. A new ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The fifty-sixth annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Easter Monday. Service, luncheon, business meeting. The revised rules, copies of which have been forwarded to all towers in union, will be presented for confirmation (or otherwise). Election of four representatives to serve on the Central Council. Nominations before 31st March. Full particulars later.—Fred. M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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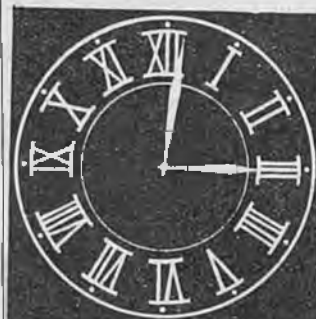
Mr. C. E. Smith raised the question of combined practices, and inquired whether any reports had been received following the decision of the district annual meeting.

The Chairman replied that Haslemere had had a visit from Gray-shott, and Mr. Whittington spoke of the happy relationship existing between Ewhurst and Cranleigh. He had received an inquiry from Dunsfold, and was willing to visit that tower as soon as they were ready for him.

It was also reported that Worplesdon and Pirbright arranged combined practices, and Mr. W. R. Melville stated that Holy Trinity, Guildford, was receiving visitors from Old Woking.

Three new members—Messrs. C. Barker (Pirbright), F. T. Hoad (Godalming) and J. Woodford (Cranleigh) were elected. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Cranleigh (the Rev. H. L. Johnston) for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and to the Cranleigh ringers for making the arrangements.

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