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**THE PEALS OF 1936.**

The report of the Analysis Committee of the Central Council reveals, as we indicated some few weeks ago that it would, a considerable falling off in the number of peals rung in 1936, compared with the preceding year. The actual difference was 114. Compared with 1934 it was thirty-five less, and compared with 1932, the decline is no fewer than 450. On the face of it it would appear that peal ringing is less in favour than it used to be, but there are many circumstances which may account for a falling total, apart from lack of interest or enthusiasm. Peal ringing has always been a variable quantity, and we do not propose now to analyse the causes. Probably this year, with the impetus of the Coronation, there may be an upward jump. It is satisfactory, however, to note that, on the whole, the standard of the methods rung has been maintained, as a careful study of the committee's report will show. Despite the fact that there seems to have been a 'slump' in Surprise peals of Major, in the old methods there has been more variety introduced into this class of ringing, which is really all to the good. There is little more credit to a first class Surprise band in ringing a succession of peals in any one of these methods, than to a team of 'rabbits' who only ring peals of Grandsire or Bob Major. The real proof of advance in method ringing is the enterprise that is shown in doing something different and doing it as well as or better than anything that has been done before.

In the peals on six bells contrasting facts emerge. Minor has increased by 31, but Doubles decreased by 33, and while, in the latter, peals in only one method have decreased by 19 and peals in more than four methods have increased by 17; in Minor the peals in one method increased by 25. It is true that peals in over seven methods have risen by 14, but it does not say much for the enterprise of some ringers that 138 peals were rung on six bells in which only one method was employed. We know that a few of these have been peals in the higher methods, such as Cambridge, but it is much to be hoped that those who are, and some have long been, content with Bob Minor will get away from this rut as soon as possible. In the old days ringers used to make it almost a point of honour never to ring less than seven methods in a peal, and we could wish that more would follow that example.

One other point in the report needs emphasising, and that is the falling off again in the number of ringers who rang their first peal. This, to our mind, is much the most serious indication revealed in the report. As we have said on many occasions, peal ringing should not be the 'be all and end all' of a ringer's aspirations, but

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peal ringing does raise a man's enthusiasm, increase his keenness and, generally, does a lot towards improving his ringing. Every encouragement ought to be given to young ringers to ring their first peal—it is one of the surest ways of keeping their interest. A man who has rung his first peal usually feels that he has done something worth while and that it gives him a fresh footing among his colleagues. It is in the best interests of the art that youngsters should be induced to take up peal ringing.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE, CITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 54 cwt. 12 lb. in B.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	† REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 8
ERNEST J. KING ... 3	RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 9
FRANK E. DARBY ... 4	RICHARD A. POST ... 10
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 11
F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 6	JACK A. WAUGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the bells since the majority of them were recast and rehung.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

GEORGE PRESTON ... Treble	MRS. ELSIE WILLIAMS ... 7
MISS CARRIE SPARSHOTT ... 2	STANLEY WHITE ... 8
WILLIAM M. STONE ... 3	GERALD SCRAGG ... 9
EDWARD V. HINTON ... 4	FRANK A. SPARSHOTT ... 10
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... 5	LEONARD STONE ... 11
KENNETH DERHAM ... 6	WILLIAM FOWLER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

First peal of Maximus by all the band, who are Sunday service ringers at the Priory. First peal of Bob Maximus for the Guild. Ring to commemorate the jubilee of George Preston as a ringer at the Priory for 50 years, also to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the 6th and the third anniversary of his wedding.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

* THOMAS G. HORRIDGE ... Treble	* ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 6
FRANK VARTY ... 2	LESTER L. GRAY ... 7
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 8
JOHN WILKINSON ... 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal of Stedman.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL ... 6
ALFRED LAWRENCE ... .. 2	*A. GEORGE WELLS ... .. 7
*CHARLES J. HATHAWAY ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 8
SIDNEY PALMER ... .. 4	†NEIL ALLNAIT ... .. 9
E. JOHN BERRY ... .. 5	WILLIAM A. BOLLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and on his retirement from the G.W.R. after 41 years' service.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE J. BOTCHER ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 6
MRS. G. H. CROSS ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 4	NORMAN SOMMERHAYES ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to Mr. Edward Brown, for 25 years a ringer at this church, and to Mr. E. Reed, a prominent churchworker, both of whom were interred on the same day at Dartford Cemetery.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE HARVEY ... .. Treble	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ... 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 7
P. C. THOMAS ANDERSON ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. PILKINGTON.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Frank Bradley, of St. Peter's, Nottingham.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 2	COLIN A. HOPPER ... .. 6
NORMAN SOMMERHAYES ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. E. Barnett and G. V. Murphy.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED HINDLE ... .. Treble	SIDNEY FORSHAW ... .. 5
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 6
*FRED YATES ... .. 3	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 4	†JOSEPH PIDD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung on the eve of bellringers' sermons at the above church.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... Treble	EDWARD STEELE ... .. 5
*HARRY HALL ... .. 2	ALAN D. STEEL ... .. 6
†EDWARD CHADLE ... .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
HAROLD ROSE ... .. 4	†HARRY BLOOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. This peal was arranged in honour of Mr. W. Wade, of St. John's, who has been connected with the tower for 50 years, and for several years as leader.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

JOSEPH J. PRAIT ... .. Treble	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 5
PERCY E. JONES ... .. 2	EDGAR HANCOX ... .. 6
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
WILSON RUSHTON ... .. 4	WILFRED S. CHILDS ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF SPICED DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB, DOUBLE OXFORD BOB, PLAIN BOB, AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

GEORGE SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 6
FRED HARTMAN ... .. 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

This peal contained 1,472 changes of Double Norwich, 1,008 Double Oxford, 1,680 Plain Bob and 840 Little Bob, with 20 changes of method. First peal in four plain Major methods by all the band, the first in the county and rung at the first attempt. The conductor's 100th peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING ... 5
ALFRED SMITH ... .. 2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	CHARLES LOOME ... .. 7
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... .. 4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal in the method by all the band.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 5
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 2	ERNEST STONE ... .. 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS

EASTER TOUCHES.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Easter Sunday by the local band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Matthews (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss D. Colgate 2, L. Turley 3, P. Turley (conductor) 4, S. Cumber 5, W. Turley 6, D. Ford 7, H. Ford 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On Easter morning a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Hearmon 1, W. G. Bunch 2, C. Bunch 3, J. Bunch (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, G. Ives 5, A. Goodall 6, S. J. Riddell 7, G. Over 8.

SKETTY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 5	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 6	
JOHN T. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	GEORGE TALBOT ... .. 7	GYWN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor	
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 3			
CHARLES MORSE ... .. 4			

Conducted by E. STITCH.

Quarterly peal for the Guild. A birthday peal for G. Popnell, R. G. Knowles and W. Short. The last peal in this tower was rung before 1914.

OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Treble	HARRY WILDE ... .. 5		
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... .. 2	*DENNIS MAUDE ... .. 6		
*STANLEY WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	ALAN RDSBORTH ... .. 7		
HERBERT HELLWELL ... .. 4	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... .. Tenor		

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

\* First peal of Major.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT FLEET ... .. Treble	H. DOUGLAS HARRIS ... .. 5		
ERNEST HERBERT ... .. 2	*JOSEPH E. ARNOLD ... .. 6		
HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 7		
MARK LANE ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. Tenor		

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Plain Bob on the bells. This peal was arranged as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Herbert, vice-president and hon. auditor of the Bedfordshire Association.

GOUDHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 5 lb

FRANK BENNETT ... .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 5		
HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 6		
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... .. 3	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 7		
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... .. 4	CYRIL BUTLER ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.  
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

HARRY THELWALL ... .. Treble	HARRY PARKER ... .. 5		
THOMAS HURD ... .. 2	ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 6		
JOHN E. WHELDON ... .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... .. 7		
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. Tenor		

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and first in the method as conductor. Also first peal in the method on the bells and by the North Staffs Association.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation).

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. Treble	ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 5		
ERNEST WILSON ... .. 2	RALPH W. SAYERS ... .. 6		
*RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 7		
†WILLIAM H. A. COMPTON ... .. 4	JAMES F. NASH ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal in the method and on an 'inside' bell. † First peal on eight bells. Rung prior to the dedicating of a peal tablet.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, April 13, 1937, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER ... .. Treble	HARRY C. WALKER ... .. 5		
*HERBERT WALKER ... .. 2	FRED NEWTON ... .. 6		
JOHN H. LENTON ... .. 3	HARRY BARNES ... .. 7		
ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. Tenor		

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Thursday, April 15, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

A. NUNNLEY WOOD ... .. Treble	JOSEPH C. CHESTER ... .. 5		
RYLAND E. MARSH ... .. 2	GEORGE HOLLOCK ... .. 6		
LESLIE RIDD ... .. 3	FREDERICK E. WALLINGTON ... .. 7		
C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 4	WILLIAM KILSEY ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by C. A. MANNING.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thursday, April 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 5		
LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 6		
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 7		
*GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor		

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

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

SUTTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
On Thursday, April 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BENBILTON,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 5		
*FRANK H. RANDALL ... .. 2	HARRY W. SIMMONS ... .. 6		
WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 7		
AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the Rev. B. M. Ritson, M.A., who was inducted to the Vicarage of All Saints, Benbilton, the previous day.

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### HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF OTLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 1	...Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
JOHN H. ARBON ... .. 2		LESLIE C. WIGETMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3		GEORGE WHITING ... .. 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4		T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

A peal in this method, which is Lindoff's No. 66, is now rung for the first time, making the 40th Surprise method rung at this tower.

### NORTHFLEET, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... .. 1	...Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
*FREDERICK G. SOUTHGATE ... .. 2		E. GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 6
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 3		GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4		†LESLIE T. STACEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Durling, one of the local ringers.

### POOLE, DORSET.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

IVON P. DAVIS ... .. 1	...Treble	ARTHUR G. ROSE ... .. 5
FRANK W. ROMAINE ... .. 2		JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... .. 3		ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 7
PERCY W. WITAM ... .. 4		FREDERICK G. COLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. G. COLE.

First peal in the county by the society. Rung as a compliment to the society on attaining its 500th year.

### FRITTENDEN, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 1	...Treble	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2		LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 6
HARRY BAKER ... .. 3		*PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 4		THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

### BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

##### OFFICERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY, Central Council Representative ... .. 1	...Treble	
REV. ARTHUR SCOTT, President ... .. 2		
WILLIAM H. SHUKER, General Secretary ... .. 3		
ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Ringing Secretary ... .. 4		
GEORGE R. NEWTON, Central Council Representative ... .. 5		
HERBERT DAVENPORT, Vice-President ... .. 6		
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS, Central Council Representative ... .. 7		
CLAUDE I. DAVIES, Treasurer ... .. 8	...Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal for the late Rev. Canon Elsee's successor to the presidency of the association, the Rev. Arthur Scott. The conductor's 450th peal.

### SIX BELL PEALS.

#### OSWALDTWISTLE, LANC.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JAMES PARR ... .. 1	...Treble	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... .. 4
SYDNEY BROWN ... .. 2		JAMES BARNES ... .. 5
WILLIE AARON ... .. 3		LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 6
JACK CLEGG ... .. 4	...Tenor	

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal in five methods by all. Rung after meeting short for Major.

### WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two extents each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and one of Double Court.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS R. MOGG ... .. 1	...Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH ... .. 4
RAYMOND G. CARLTON ... .. 2		WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... .. 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... .. 3		EDWARD S. ROCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. ROCK.

First peal in four methods by all the band, who are all local, and on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Blake, the new Rector and his wife.

### WYLAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Consisting of an extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 1	...Treble	REGINALD H. HEWITT ... .. 4
KENNETH ARTHUR ... .. 2		PETER WISHART ... .. 5
T. W. CROWE ... .. 3		WM. J. DAVIDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by K. ARTHUR.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

### WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.

#### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE FINCH ... .. 1	...Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 4
ARTHUR R. SMITH ... .. 2		WILLIAM WOODS ... .. 5
ALDERMAN LING ... .. 3		GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

### FONTMELL MAGNA, DORSET.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Ten varied callings, 42 six-scores.

JOHN S. SMITH ... .. 1	...Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 4
EDWARD C. CHANT ... .. 2		W. JAMES JACKSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM G. DAMEN ... .. 3		HAROLD A. WOOLRIDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. G. DAMEN.

First peal by all except the 4th ringer. Treble and tenor ringers are local men.

### CHURCHWARDENS' QUARTER-PEAL.

On March 31st a party of churchwardens met at All Saints' Church, Little Staughton, Beds, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: S. Litchfield (Riseley) 1, W. Wagstaff (Northill) 2, R. W. Gray (Little Staughton) 3, G. Seth (Keysoe) 4, F. W. Lack (Great Staughton) (conductor) 5.

STISTED, ESSEX.  
INDEPENDENT PEAL.

On Sunday, April 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Two 720's Kent Treble Bob, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

BERNARD W. PETTIT ... .. 1	ALEX M. GENERY ... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	HENRY F. COOPER ... .. 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

A 65th birthday and 40th wedding day compliment to Mr. H. F. Cooper, who is churchwarden at the above church. It was his first peal for eight years and he kindly entertained the band to tea afterwards.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being 720 changes each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 1	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 4
LEONARD A. LAKER ... .. 2	ALBERT E. LAKER ... .. 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEORGE THOMAS BELL ... 1	HERBERT C. READ ... .. 4
*JEAN BELL ... .. 2	WALTER C. MEDLER ... .. 5
GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in A.

ALFRED HONEYWOOD ... 1	HARRY J. MILLATT ... .. 4
CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 5
*NOEL FOAKES ... .. 3	WILLIAM STIFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

\* First peal 'inside.'

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. E. BRADLEY ... .. 1	DONALD HATFIELD ... .. 4
MISS D. M. HORLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM TERRY ... .. 5
FRED TERRY ... .. 3	EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. BRADLEY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

PENN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being 720 each of York, London, Wells, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

JESSE HARRISON ... .. 1	*MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 4
*MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	Cecil C. MAYNE ... .. 5
*GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	†HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* First peal of Minor in seven Surprise methods. † First peal in seven Surprise methods as conductor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

GLANDFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE MILL HOUSE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM COPEMAN ... .. 1	LESLIE V. PAGE ... .. 4
*JOHN BONE ... .. 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 5
WILLIAM R. WEST ... .. 3	CHARLES E. COPEMAN ... 6
ERNEST V. BLAKE ... .. 7-8	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

Witness—Mrs. W. R. West.

\* First peal. First peal 'in hand' for conductor and first attempt.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILARS, 5007 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S BROADSHEET, No. 493. Tenor size 17 in B flat.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 3-4	ALFRED BARNES ... .. 7-8
PETER LAFLIN ... .. 9-10	

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire—Harry Ashton.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of Mr. A. Barnes' first peal, which was rung at St. Albans Cathedral, April 11th, 1887.

**CHRISTCHURCH BELLRINGERS' LEADER.**

MR. GEORGE PRESTON'S JUBILEE.

On Wednesday, April 7th, at the Priory Church, Christchurch, Hants, an attempt was made by the Priory Church ringers to ring a peal of 5,280 changes of Bob Maximus to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mr. G. Preston as a ringer at this church, but they failed after ringing 3,000 changes.

The ringers adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel for light refreshments, and a presentation was then made, on behalf of the ringers, by the Vicar (Canon W. H. Gay) to Mr. Preston. It consisted of an illuminated address and a Davenport writing bureau. In making this presentation, Canon Gay said what a great pleasure it gave him to be there on such an occasion. He had always found Mr. Preston a man of few words, but what he said he would do he always carried out. The services given by him for the past 50 years had not only been for the church, but for the whole of the deanery.

Mr. W. Tucker, churchwarden, supported the Vicar's remarks and added that he always admired, at the annual meetings of the Guild, the unanimous way in which the members of the district re-elected Mr. Preston as their secretary.

Mr. Preston thanked his fellow-ringers for their gifts, and said what pleasure it gave him to do all in his power for the advancement of change ringing. From the time of commencement as a ringer he had been able to have a band capable of ringing changes for Sunday services, and he hoped to continue his duties as captain and conductor for many years to come.

Mr. F. Sparshott, on behalf of the ringers, congratulated Mr. Preston on his 50 years' service, and said how proud they all were to have such a capable captain and conductor in their tower, as he was far above the average bob caller. He trusted Mr. Preston would be with them for many years to come.

Mr. Hinton supported these remarks, and said that he was the first pupil of Mr. Preston's to learn the art of bellringing 49 years ago.

The address expressed appreciation of Mr. Preston's valuable services and zealous efforts on behalf of all bellringers who had passed through his most talented training, and heartily congratulated him on completing 50 years' service on March 8th, 1937, as a bellringer, conductor and captain of the Christchurch Priory bellringers. It concluded by praying that the blessing of God might rest upon his continued labours and that he might be spared to serve in such capacity for many years to come. It was signed by the Vicar, churchwardens and fifteen ringers.

A further attempt for the commemorative peal was successful on Wednesday, April 14th.

**MR. J. GEORGE RETIRING FROM RINGING MASTERSHIP.**

At Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on Sunday, April 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Walker (conductor) 1, G. E. Fearn 2, D. T. Matkin 3, J. George 4, S. O. Holloway 5, H. H. Fearn 6, F. E. Haynes 7, J. S. Mason 8. This was arranged as a compliment to Mr. James George, who is now retiring from the position of Ringing Master, after 21 years' service to Bishop Ryder's. It was the longest touch he had rung since his illness, and his ringing friends will be pleased to hear of his recovery.

## FORTHCOMING BELL OPENINGS.

**GLODWICK, OLDHAM.**—Re-dedication of bells, at St. Mark's Church, will take place on Sunday, April 25th, by the Lord Bishop of Hulme. The bells have been recast and rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

**HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.**—The ring of 5 bells, rehung in new frame by Alfred Howell, Ipswich, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Sunday next, April 25th, at 3 o'clock. Tower open to visitors all the evening.

**HARTHILL, SHEFFIELD.**—The peal of 8 (tenor 17 cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Sheffield on Tuesday, April 27th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**LLANFIHANGEL RHYDEITHON.**—The ring of 5, restored and increased to 6 (tenor 6 cwt.) by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by Dr. Morgan, Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, on Wednesday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**CHARLES, NEAR BARNSTAPLE, N. DEVON.**—The new tenor bell will be dedicated on Wednesday, April 28th, at 7 p.m. Ring of 5 rehung and augmented to 6 by John Taylor and Co.

**STEWKLEY, BUCKS.**—The Bishop of Buckingham will dedicate the trebles to existing peal of 6, which have been retuned, April 29th, 3 p.m. All ringers invited.

**RAMPISHAM, near Dorchester.**—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Friday, April 30th, at 6.15 p.m., by the Bishop of Salisbury. Ring of five restored and rehung in new frame by John Taylor and Co.

**BURTON HASTINGS, near Nuneaton.**—The bells will be dedicated on Saturday, May 1st, at 5.30 p.m., by the Bishop of Coventry. The peal has been restored and augmented by five by John Taylor and Co.

**BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL.**—The ring of ten (tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb.), recast and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, May 1st, at 6 p.m. A broadcast of the bells will be given from 7.45 to 8 p.m. in the Midland Regional programme.

**STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK.**—The ring of five bells, recently rehung and augmented by Howell and Son, will be dedicated by the Bishop of the diocese on Sunday, May 2nd, at 3 p.m. A tea will be provided. Notice of intention to be present to E. F. Poppy, Stoke Ash, Eye.

**WILLENHALL, STAFFS.**—The peal of 8, increased to 10 (tenor 15½ cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford on Sunday, May 2nd, at 11 a.m. Ringers' meeting at Willenhall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Address by the Venerable R. L. Hodson, Archdeacon of Stafford. Tea 5.30 (1s. each). Please send names for tea not later than May 4th, to C. Wallater, 1, Marston Street, Willenhall.

**CRONDALL, HANTS.**—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Guildford of the peal of six (restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) on Sunday, May 2nd, at 11 a.m. Everybody welcome! A RINGERS' OPENING on Saturday, May 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at the Cricketers. A good muster of ringers and friends requested.—C. W. Denyer.

**KING'S BROMLEY, NR. BURTON-ON-TRENT.**—On Tuesday, May 4th, at 7.30 p.m., the bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Stafford; ring of 6 bells recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

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## FOR BEGINNERS.

### CALLING STEDMAN CATERERS FROM A WORKING BELL.

If you want to call Stedman Caterers from a 'working' bell there are plenty of good guides to help you. There are, of course, the regular positions into which the 'fixed' bells fall, but even without observing these too closely you can have numerous checks upon your calling.

Once you have got over your starting course, in touch or peal of ordinary type there are only four bells which are affected by the bobs at 5 and 16. They are the bells which fall into treble's place, 3rd's, 4th's and 6th's at the course ends, and three of them are concerned at the bobs.

If the bob be at 5, the bells affected are the 3rd, treble's place and 6th's place bells. If the bob be at 16, the 3rd's, 4th's and 6th's place bells are concerned.

Many of our readers will remember what has been said in this column about the positions of the bob-making bells in methods like Plain Bob. Three successive bobs, with an interval of a course between, cause the bells concerned to work in a cycle of In, Out, 4th's when the calls are made.

So in Stedman Caterers there is a cycle which follows the order of 9-8 down, 8-9 up and 7th's (which, of course, is making the bob). Thus you know, if you are called into any one of these places, what your next calling position must be if you have to run a full course.

We explained last week how the bob at 5 changes the treble's place bell, by substituting the quick bell (3rd's place) at the course end. The bell that makes the bob is the 6th. You can watch these bells coming into position from the course end, and, even if you have no other check, you can always see which is the 6th place bell, because when your prospective treble's place bell gets into 4-5 on his way up, the bell he dodges with is the bell that is going to make the bob.

Further, the bells concerned in the bob are the three which course up after the 5th's place bell, which is one of those that are 'fixed.' The first dodges down at the bob, the second dodges up and the third, having dodged with 5th itself in 6-7, makes the bob.

Similarly with a bob at 16, the place to make the call is easy to observe. The three bells concerned course up from the front behind the treble itself (that is if the treble, as is usually the case, is the 2nd's place bell). The bob comes when the treble is in 7-6 down, and if you are the first of the three bells after the treble you call the bob when you are dodging down. If you are the second bell you call the bob when you are dodging up, and if you are the last of the three you find yourself dodging in 6-7 up with the treble and the bob is called at that six-end.

There are only two other calling positions with which you need concern yourself if you are ringing one of the working bells. If you are 4th's place bell at a course end and have to call a bob at 5, remember the call is made as you approach the last half-turn. If you are treble's place bell and have to call a bob at 16, make the call as you begin your first whole turn.

Now the best thing the ringer can do who wants to call Stedman Caterers is to write out one or two courses by the six-ends, in the way we explained last week, insert bobs at 5 and/or 16, and examine the way in which the working bells arrange themselves at these bobs.

If you want to construct a few touches for yourself you can do so with the help of the starting course we gave you last week—2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16. It produces the course-end 412365978. To find the effect of a bob at 5 transpose by 326451; for bobs at 5 and 16, transpose by 321654; for a bob at 16 transpose by 126354.

You can turn the bells into the handstroke position by a bob at 2, followed by a single at 9, which produce the previous course-end with 8-9 reversed. The bells will come round in the change following the course end 214365879, but do not overlook the fact that you cannot get this with that turning course unless somewhere you have used another single. A single at 5 reverses 3 and 1, a single at 16 reverses 3 and 4, when compared with the transpositions for a bob.

Those of our readers who are interested may like to construct some touches on paper. It will help them, when they have had some experience in the tower, to build up touches as they go. Here is the sort of thing we mean.

The starting course given produces—

412365978

214563 by Bobs at 5, 16

Turning Course 214563 by Bob at 2. Single at 9

412365 by Bobs at 5, 16

214365 by Bob at 5, Single at 16

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**WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.**—The rededication of the peal will take place on Friday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, Very Rev. Provost Ham (Derby Cathedral). Ring of 8 rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

**DALWOOD, NEAR AXMINSTER, DEVON.**—On Saturday, May 8th, the bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton at 3 p.m. Ring of 6 rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AS SECRETARY.

MR. C. T. COLES' SERVICES TO MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

Presentations From Members.

The members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild gave tangible expression to their appreciation of the long service given as one of the joint honorary secretaries by Mr. C. T. Coles, at the annual meeting at Cripplegate, London, on Saturday. Mr. Coles has held office for more than a quarter of a century and was made the recipient of a suitably inscribed gold watch, while Mrs. Coles was presented with a very nice leather handbag.

The presentation took place in the presence of a large number of members, over whom the president of the association, the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, presided.

The proceedings were introduced by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president), who said that last year he called attention to the fact that Mr. Coles had completed twenty-five years as a secretary of the association. They then showed their appreciation of his services by passing a vote of thanks. He was not going to say that words were cheap, because when they passed that resolution they did mean what they said and he was sure Mr. Coles realised it. Some of them, however, thought that the occasion called for something a little more tangible than words, but, as the members would recall, the death of the late Master, Mr. William Pye, had led to their having launched a national memorial to him, and the committee felt they could not make two appeals for subscriptions at the same time. Therefore, they postponed any idea of a testimonial to Mr. Coles to this year. They had now got together a few shillings and he was going to ask the president to present Mr. Coles with a gold watch from the association as a mark of their appreciation (applause). He (Mr. Trollope) need not say that that gift had been earned. Only those who had worked with Mr. Coles intimately for many years knew his real worth, but all of them knew, in greater or less degree, something of what he had done. Mr. Coles was not one who had sought the limelight. He had been content to work and let other people share the credit and the results. Fortunately in the ringing Exercise a man of Mr. Tom Coles' standing and value was not overlooked, and to-day throughout the country among ringers there was no one more honoured and more respected than he was (applause). Like a good many others, he was not as young as he was, but he was still in the prime of life and he was sure they would all unite in wishing Mr. Coles many more years of happiness in ringing and many more years of service to the association and to the ringing Exercise (applause).

The President, in handing the gift to Mr. Coles, who received it amid applause, said he knew it had been the experience of the association always to find him ready, always in the right place and always going strong. He (the president) hoped that the watch would also be always ready, always in the right place and always going strong (laughter and applause).

### MR. COLES AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

Mr. Coles, in acknowledging the gift, said he must ask the members to take most of his thanks for granted, for he felt that the occasion was too much for him. It was almost 27 years ago that he first became a secretary of the association—on June 7th of this year to be exact—when the first secretary and founder of the association, Mr. Arthur T. King, retired. The association was founded almost 40 years ago and they had had only two secretaries in the North and East District in the whole of that time, Mr. King for the first 13 years and he (Mr. Coles) for the last 27, with the exception of a period between 1916 and 1919, when he was away on war service, and when the duties were carried on by Mr. W. H. Oram. The association, as they knew, had no general secretary; the two district secretaries were joint secretaries. In the South and West District his colleagues had been four—Mr. H. C. Chandler, who was still a member of the association, Mr. W. H. Oram (who for a time carried on as secretary for both districts and continued in the South and West District afterwards), Mr. W. H. Hollier and, latterly, Mr. Goodfellow. Thus there had not been many officers during the period, and it was due, he thought,



MR. C. T. COLES.

not because secretaries were sticklers to office, but because they found it was not so easy to slip out as to slip in (laughter and applause). In the near future they might have to make a change. Although he was not an old man and he did not like even to think he was getting old, one did feel one could not do as much at his age as 20 years ago. It had occurred to him during the last few years that it was too much for a man to be district secretary and joint secretary of the association at the same time. Perhaps when they went into the question of the revision of the rules they might find a way out of the difficulty.

Continuing, Mr. Coles paid a tribute to the support which he had always received from the other officers of the association. The late Mr. William Pye, as Master, was a tower of strength, and any success he (Mr. Coles) attained in ringing was entirely due to him. He was a great help in everything they did; in fact, the association would never have attained the position it did in the ringing world but for Mr. Pye. They had received excellent support from the District Masters, and the present Master was doing a great work in helping ringing at different towers. To all of them he offered his most sincere thanks for their help. The great majority of the members, continued Mr. Coles, had given loyal support to the association, and he would like to urge them to continue to support the officers at the district meetings, which were the means, and the best means, of enabling members to get practice which they could not possibly get in their own towers. In conclusion, Mr. Coles thanked the members for their handsome gift, and added that while he was unlikely to be able to be their secretary for another 25 years, he would, he hoped, have a few more happy years with them yet (applause).

### GIFT FOR MRS. COLES.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president) said it was only right and proper that they should express their appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Coles for what she had done to keep Mr. Coles 'up to scratch' for the last 27 years (laughter and applause). She had been the power behind the scenes, and no doubt Mr. Coles himself would tell them that without her sympathy and help he would not have been able to devote so much of his time to the association. He asked the president to hand Mrs. Coles a handbag as a token of esteem and with many thanks for her help to the association (applause).

The president made the presentation amid applause, and Mrs. Coles briefly expressed her thanks.

Mr. Coles said his wife could really tell them quite a lot, and ringers with wives would know very well what that would be without his going into detail (laughter). It was true that without his wife's sympathy and help he could not have carried on all those years. It was undoubtedly due to the sympathies of a wife that a man was able to carry on anything. Mrs. Coles greatly appreciated their kindness, and on her behalf he thanked the members very much for their handsome present.

The President said there remained a substantial balance from the presentation, and it was hoped when the fund was closed to present it to Mr. Coles as a purse.

Mr. W. H. Hollier (the hon. treasurer) said, later, that the fund would be closed on May 22nd. He wished Mr. Coles many years still of happy service to the association.

The watch was inscribed: 'Presented to C. T. Coles after 25 years' service as honorary secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers. 1937.'

The report of the annual meeting of the association will appear in our next issue.

## DEATH OF MR. J. S. HUTCHBY.

MEMBER OF M.C.A. 'WEDNESDAY BAND.'

Mr. James S. Hutchby, a bellringer at Loughborough Parish Church for 40 years, passed away on Tuesday, March 30th. Although he had been in indifferent health for the past 18 months, the end came very suddenly, and was due to a seizure whilst in his garden.

Mr. Hutchby was a member of the famous 'Wednesday band' which a few years ago, under the leadership of Mr. Maurice Swinfield, used to meet on the 'half-day off' (Wednesday) for peal ringing, and their efforts resulted in a large number of peals, principally Stedman Triples, being rung on behalf of the Midland Counties Association. Whenever he met for a peal it was always with the intention of scoring, and there was no more disappointed man than 'Jim' Hutchby if the attempt proved unsuccessful. He had rung over 220 peals, including the Midland Counties Association's record length of Bob Major (13,440 changes), rung on April 8th, 1922.

Mr. Hutchby was, up to 18 months ago, most punctual in his attendance for Sunday service ringing, and although at the age of 75 it was not to be expected that he would be with us many more years, his passing is greatly regretted, not only by the Loughborough ringers, but also by the wide circle of friends which his kindly disposition won for him in the area of the Midland Counties Association.

At the interment, which took place on Saturday, April 3rd, four members of the Loughborough Parish Church company acted as bearers, handbells were rung at the graveside and the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled, whilst on Tuesday evening, April 6th, a peal of Bob Major was rung half-muffled on the bells in the Bell Foundry Campanile, where Mr. Hutchby had rung so many of his peals. He leaves a widow, but no children.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.****ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WHITSUN MEETING.**

The following terms have been quoted by the principal Canterbury hotels: A. Inclusive terms from Saturday dinner to Wednesday breakfast. B. Inclusive terms from Sunday dinner to Wednesday breakfast. C. Daily terms. D. Bed and breakfast.

	A.	B.	C.	D.
Royal Fountain ... ..	60/-	45/-	15/6	10/-
Abbots Barton ... ..	57/6	42/8	17/-	10/6
County (Headquarters) ...	55/-	40/-	17/6	10/6
Rose ... ..	54/-	42/-	15/6	9/-
Fleur-de-Lis ... ..	52/-	42/-	15/-	7/6

The Abbots Barton Hotel is outside the city. The following are temperance hotels:—

	C.	D.
Baker's Hotel, Ivy Lane ... ..	12/6	6/6
Roper Hotel (three single rooms only) ...	12/6	8/6
Britton's Hotel, 44, Burgate ... ..		6/6
Slatter's Hotel, St. Margaret's Street ...	10/6	6/6

Applications for accommodation should be made direct to the hotel. Any members requiring private accommodation should communicate with Mr. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, who will be pleased to make arrangements.

Peal arrangements are in the hands of Mr. T. E. Sone, Warrington Bungalow, Paddock Wood, Kent, to whom applications should be addressed.

Particulars of ringing arrangements and other information will be given next week.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

**BUSHEY SOCIETY'S PRESIDENT.****DEATH OF THE REV. G. MONTAGUE HALL.**

On Sunday evening, April 11th, at Bushey, Herts, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. E. Rootes 1, J. J. Allen 2, E. Jennings 3, P. Parslow 4, M. F. R. Hibbert 5, W. Seeley 6, W. G. Whitehead (conductor) 7, T. Clark 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled previous to the memorial service for the Rev. G. Montague Hall, Rector of Bushey for 39 years.

He was president of the Bushey Society, and patron of the Herts Association for many years, and took a great interest in ringing. He often expressed regret at not having acquired the art in his younger days.

The remains of the late Rector were cremated on the previous Thursday, when a half-muffled peal was rung.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****NEW RULES ADOPTED.**

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday, there being a good attendance which well represented the branches. By kind permission of the Precentor (the Rev. J. d'Arcy Hutton), the 12 bells were available for ringing throughout the day.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Room at 2.30 p.m., and apologies for absence were received from Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. J. Austin and Mr. F. W. Merrett.

The Master, Mr. S. Romans, in his report, called for united efforts during the Coronation year to fill the towers with ringers. He also appealed to members to support the district meetings. They had been well attended, but usually the local ringers failed in their support. He paid a tribute to the clergy for their efforts, and he was glad to see more clergy in the association's area taking up ringing.

The hon. secretary, in his report, referred to the passing of Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Brown, Capt. H. W. Grant, Mr. H. Green, Mr. E. E. Davies, Mr. W. Curtis, Mr. J. Owen, Mr. S. Phillips and Mr. A. R. Agg.

He recorded that 24 peals had been rung during 1936.

It was also mentioned that Mr. J. Gould, of Henbury, had completed 50 years as leader and conductor at the Parish Church.

The hon. treasurer's statements showed an increased balance of £16 on the year.—The balance sheets were adopted.

A report upon the Central Council meeting at the Guildhall, London, was given by Mr. J. K. Armstrong.

The new rules prepared by the Special Committee were unanimously adopted with one slight deletion. This referred to a quorum at annual meetings, it being decided against stating a definite number.—The Rules Revision Committee were thanked and disbanded.

All the officers were re-elected, the Master for the fourth successive time, the general secretary (Mr. E. Guise) for the twentieth successive occasion, and the hon. treasurer for the ninth successive time.

Messrs. F. G. Leaker, J. H. Shepherd, W. Hale and A. Martin were appointed advisers, and the Rev. E. J. Phillips and Mr. C. H. Gordon were elected auditors.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bristol on Easter Monday, 1938.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. d'Arcy Hutton and Mr. H. Devereux for their kindness in making arrangements.

The Rev. J. E. Staley proposed a vote of thanks to the Master, hon. secretary, hon. treasurer and all those connected with the association for their work.—This was unanimously accorded.

Tea was taken in the Parish Hall and there was more ringing afterwards until time to catch trains and buses concluded the day's proceedings.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Although 'The Ringing World' is this week enlarged to twenty pages, we regret we are compelled to hold over a number of reports, which will appear as soon as possible.

The death occurred suddenly in Paisley on April 11th of Mr. A. E. Wrecks, who for 25 years, up to September, 1911, was hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association.

The new bells of the Birmingham Cathedral (St. Philip's) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, Dr. E. W. Barnes, at a service to be held at 6 p.m. on St. Philip's Day, Saturday, May 1st.

The new ring of ten is by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D. The bells will be broadcast on the Midland Regional after the service, from 7.45 to 8 o'clock, and superimposed on the broadcast, for the first five minutes or so, Mr. A. Paddon Smith will give a brief description of them from the Cathedral.

Another new Surprise method, Otley, has been rung at Helmingham. It makes the fortieth Surprise method in which a peal has been rung at this tower.

There are frequent instances of ringers' enthusiasm for their hobby. On Saturday four members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, attended the meeting of the Middlesex Association in London and enjoyed ringing at the City churches where the bells were available.

Geoffrey Harrison, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough, rang his first touch of Grandsire Caters on Sunday evening, when he piloted the treble without a mistake.

A report of a peal rung at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, has been sent without the date, and of a peal at Newland, Glos., without the time.

The twelve bells at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, are to be rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Two trebles are being added to make eight at Gorleston-on-Sea, Suffolk, and they are to be dedicated in time for the Coronation. The work is being carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry.

The Chester Diocesan Guild meeting, which was to have been held at Market Drayton to-morrow, has been postponed owing to illness near the church.

Mr. T. E. Sone, who has now rung peals with 275 different ringers, has called compositions by 40 composers. Sixty-five peals have been different compositions by Mr. Arthur Knights.

Mr. Alfred Lawrence, who rang in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Swindon on Saturday, is in his 83rd year. His last peal was rung ten years ago, when he gave up peal ringing as he was getting too old for peals!

The dinner which is to be held on October 23rd by the Ladies' Guild to celebrate their silver jubilee will take place at Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Accommodation is limited, and it will, therefore, be necessary to apply early for tickets.

## RINGING AT BELL OPENINGS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ON NEED FOR GOOD STRIKING.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I see from the notices in your last issue that there are to be a number of bell dedications in the next few weeks. May I point out that the greatest possible care should be taken over the arrangements for ringing on the opening day.

On such occasions the public naturally listen with greater attention than at any other time. Any bad striking does incalculable harm to the art of ringing, as far as public sympathy is concerned.

An even more important point is the irreverence of imperfect ringing as part of the offering which is being made. EDWIN H. LEWIS.

## CLERICAL RINGERS' GUILD FORMED.

**CANON COLERIDGE THE FIRST PRESIDENT.**

On a recent clerical ringing tour some priests founded 'The Guild of Clerical Ringers,' with the object of drawing together all clergy who take any part in scientific ringing.

The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge has consented to be the first president.

A fee of 5s. is payable for life membership, and further particulars can be obtained from the hon. secretary, the Rev. E. V. Cox, The Vicarage, Bramford Spoke, Exeter.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**NORTHERN DIVISION ELECTS OFFICERS.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Warnham on Saturday, April 10th. Thirty-five members were present from adjoining towers and ringing was commenced at 2.45 p.m. At the service the proposed new form for the association was used. A capital address was given by the Vicar, who also gave a brief history of Warnham Church.

Tea was partaken of at the Sussex Oak, and at the business meeting which followed the following officers were elected: Mr. O. Sippetts, divisional secretary; Messrs. W. Charman, A. E. Laker and R. V. Johnson, committee; Messrs. O. Sippetts, W. Charman and G. Apps, Committee of Advice.

Six new resident members were elected, and the Rev. F. S. Farebrother, Vicar of Warnham, was elected an honorary member.

The Warnham band gave an exhibition of handbells lapped to Treble Ten and Grandsire Caters and received much applause.

The tower was then again visited and the bells kept going to 8.45. Rounds to London Surprise were rung during the day.

### ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1936.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Number Corresponding with Last Column.	ASSOCIATION.	Number of Conductors	CINQUES.																ROYAL.																MAJOR.																TRIPLES.																TOTAL	Number Corresponding with First Column
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3	Bedfordshire .....	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	3																																			
4	Cambridge U. Guild .....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4																																			
5	Chester Diocesan .....	20	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	5	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	1	2	7	v4	1	7	a2	26	3	77	5																																				
6	Cleveland and N. Yorks .....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6																																			
7	Devonshire .....	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7																																			
8	Dudley and District .....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8																																			
9	Durham and Newcastle .....	17	1	-	2	-	1	1	2	3	-	2	1	e2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	34	9																																			
10	East Derby & Notts .....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10																																			
11	Ely Diocesan .....	14	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	11																																			
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15	Hereford Diocesan .....	13	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	15																																			
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17	Irish Association .....	9	1	-	2	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	17																																			
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21	Lincoln Diocesan .....	27	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	10	-	-	-	-	-	112	21																																		
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31	St. Martin's Gld. B'ham .....	8	1	4	-	1	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	15	31																																			
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33	Shropshire Association .....	5	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	33																																			
34	Stafford Archdeaconry .....	15	-	6	-	-	2	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	11	e1	8	-	-	36	34																																			
35	Soc. Royal Cumberlands .....	6	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	13	35																																			
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45	Yorkshire Assn. ....	38	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	8	ab1	12	3	-	-	87	45																																		
46	Unaffiliated Societies .....	16	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	46																																		
47	Non-Association .....	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	47																																		
TOTAL.			9	31	4	3	19	17	15	56	35	12	31	80	22	43	16	23	11	116	21	5	2	1	84	129	22	124	163	18	562	75	1749																																			

The tables relating to Minor and Doubles and to handball peals will be found on the next page.

## TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

Association.	MINOR										Total	DOUBLES										Total	Grand Total of Peals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Bath and Wells ...	4	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	9	10	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	22
Bedfordshire ...	4	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	8	17	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	22
Cambridge U. Gld.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chester Diocesan	5	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	10a	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	—
Devonshire Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Dur. and Newc'le	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	1b	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—
E. Derbys. & N'ts.	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ely Diocesan	13	—	2	2	3	2	6	—	—	3c	31	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	32
Essex Association	3	—	6	6	3	1	2	—	—	—	21	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	22
Glos. & Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	0
Hereford Dio.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	22	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	27
Hertford County	9	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3d	12	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	17
Kent County	15	1	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	28
Lancashire	3	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	13
Lincoln Diocesan	14	2	—	1	1	—	26	24e	—	—	68	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	70
Llandaff & Mon.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Midland Counties	5	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	9	1	2	—	1h	—	—	—	—	—	13	21
North Notts.	4	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	6	1b	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
North Staffs.	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Norwich Diocesan	10	1	5	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	22	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	24
Oxford Diocesan	1	2	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	10	4f	22	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	27
Peterborough Dio.	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	2	—	13g	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	10
Salisbury Dio.	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	3	—	4	2	41k	—	—	—	—	—	14	25
Shropshire Assoc.	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6
Stafford Arch.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	8
Soc. Roy. Can. Y.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Suffolk Guild	7	—	6	6	4	1	5	—	—	—	29	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	39
Surrey Assoc.	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Sussex County	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	7
Swansea & Brecon	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	6
Trolo Diocesan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Warwickshire	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4
Winch. & P'm'b.	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	6
Worcester & Dis.	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	17
Yorkshire Assoc.	5	2	1	2	—	—	1	7	—	—	21	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	21
Unaffiliated	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
Non-Association	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>562</b>						

a—In 68, 66, 52, 46, 30, 23, 20 and 10 methods, two in 9 methods. b—Twelve methods. c—Two in 10 methods, one in 8 methods. d—One in 9 methods, one in 12 methods, one in 14 methods. e—In 70, 61, 60, 57, 51, 48, 38, 32, 30, 25, 20, 17, 16, 12, 11 and 9 methods. Two in 42 methods, two in 28 methods and four in 14 methods. f—One in 12 methods, one in 11 methods and two in 8 methods. g—One in 25 methods, one in 20 methods and one in 8 methods. h—Fourteen methods. i—Three in 7 methods. k—Ten methods.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

Association.	ROYAL		CATERS		MAJOR			TRIPLES		MINOR		DOUBLES					
	Oxford Treble Bob	Little Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	4 Spliced Surprise	8 Spliced Surprise	Oxford Treble Bob	Double Norwich	Double Bob	St Clement's Coll.	Plain Bob	Skatman	Grandsire	Methods	Doubles—1 method	TOTAL
Anc. Soc. Col. Y.	1	1	1	1	1	a1					1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bath & Wells	1	1	1	1	1						1	2	2	1	1	1	4
Cam. Univ. Gld.	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1		2	1	1	1	1	4
Chester Dio.	1	1	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Durham & N'e'ls	1	1	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ely Diocesan	1	1	1	1	1							1	1	1	1	1	1
Essex Assoc.	1	1	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Guildford Dio.	1	1	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Hertford Co.	1	1	1	1	1	a3	b1			1	1	2	1	1	1	2	12
Irish Assoc.	1	1	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kent County	1	1	1	1	1						1	4	1	1	1	1	1
Lancashire Assoc.	1	1	1	1	1				1	1		1	1	1	1	2	10
Lincoln Dio.	1	1	1	1	1					1	1	3	1	1	1	1	5
Middlesex Co.	1	1	1	1	1				1	1		5	1	1	1	1	10
Norwich Dio.	1	1	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Royal Can. Y.	1	1	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Scottish Assoc.	1	1	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Worcestershire A.	1	1	1	1	1						1	1	2	1	1	1	2
Yorkshire Assoc.	1	1	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Unaffiliated Soc.	1	1	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	1	1	4	4	4	1	1	3	1	1	26	2	5	1	9	1	47

a—Four Methods—London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol.  
b—Three methods—London, Cambridge and Superlative.

## REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE, 1936.

The following report of the Analysis and Records Committee upon the peals rung in 1936 will be submitted to the Central Council at their meeting on Whitsun Tuesday:—  
There has been a considerable decrease in the number of peals rung in 1936, as compared with 1935.

The following summary shows comparative figures:—

	1935		1936	
	Tower	Handbells	Tower	Handbells
Maximus	9	1	9	—
Cinques	35	5	35	—
Royal	46	8	54	6
Caters	82	7	91	11
Major	689	41	618	37
Triples	376	12	305	7
Minor	381	5	412	10
Doubles	183	3	150	4
	<b>1,781</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>75</b>

## TOWER BELLS.

Peals of Maximus and Cinques remain the same, but there is an increase of 2 in the Surprise methods, and a decrease in the Kent Treble Bob. Cinques also remain the same. There are three peals less of Stedman, and three more of Grandsire. Royal have increased by 8—three Surprise methods and other methods 5. Caters have increased by 9—Stedman by 7 and Grandsire by 3. No other Cater method was rung. Major methods have decreased by 51. Surprise methods show a decrease of 50—London 15, Cambridge 22, Bristol 3, Superlative 17. Spliced Surprise have increased by 4, sundry Surprise by 10, Yorkshire by 2, new Surprise methods by 1. Kent Treble Bob have increased by 4, Oxford Treble Bob have decreased by 1, and Spliced Treble Bob by 2. Double Norwich have decreased by 6 and Plain Bob by 23. Sundry plain methods have increased by 17.

Triples have decreased by 71—Stedman by 33 and Grandsire by 44. Sundry methods have increased by 6.

There is again an increase in Minor of 31. In one method peals have increased by 25; in two methods there is a decrease of 14; in three methods an increase of 10; in four methods no change; in five methods a decrease of 1; in six methods an increase of 1; in seven methods a decrease of 4; and in methods over seven an increase of 14. In Doubles there has been a decrease of 33. In one method there is a decrease of 19; in two methods a decrease of 21; in three methods a decrease of 4; in four methods a decrease of 6; in five methods an increase of 5; and in methods over, an increase of 12.

## HANDBELLS.

A still further decrease has taken place, and this year there are no peals of Maximus or Cinques. Royal have decreased by 2, Major by 4, Triples by 5. Caters have increased by 4, Minor by 5, and Doubles by 1.

## ASSOCIATIONS.

The Kent County Association still head the list, with 128 peals, a decrease of 27 on last year's total. The Lincoln Guild follow with 112, an increase of 5. These are the only associations with over 100 peals. Nineteen associations show an increase and 25 a decrease.

## PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS.

5,216 Crayford College Bob Major, by the Norwich Diocesan Association, July 2nd, 1936.

## NEW METHODS.

5,040 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Royal, by the Surrey Association, January 18th.

5,088 Uxbridge Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, February 15th.

5,040 Little Oxford Bob Major, by the Hertford County Association, February 22nd.

5,088 Chester Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, March 6th.

5,088 Killamarsh Surprise Major, by the Yorkshire Association, April 18th.

5,088 Hughenden Surprise Major, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, April 18th.

5,152 Spliced Painswick, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, April 29th.

5,024 Cassiobury Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, May 16th.

5,024 Leeds Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, May 14th.

5,088 Leicestershire Surprise Major, by the Midland Counties Association, May 23rd.

5,056 Sandringham Surprise Major, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, May 23rd.

## GENERAL.

Noteworthy performances include the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods on handbells by four members of the Hertford County Association, which undoubtedly ranks as the greatest performance yet accomplished on handbells.

Other outstanding performances are the peal of Surprise Royal in four methods by the Surrey Association, and the peals of Minor in 42, 48, 51, 57, 60, 61 and 70 methods by the Lincoln Guild, and in 46, 52, 66 and 68 methods by the Chester Guild.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1936 and 1935:—

	1936	1935		1936	1935
January	227	124	July	89	86
February	178	160	August	170	125
March	110	152	September	126	158
April	150	99	October	152	149
May	139	257	November	148	192
June	116	174	December	144	187

## FOOTNOTES.

There is a very serious decrease in the number of ringers who have scored their first peals. The number is 517, as against 643 in 1935. On eight bells and over, 69 rang the treble, 92 inside and 51 the tenor; on 5 and 6 bells, 99 rang the treble, 151 inside and 51 the tenor. The number who rang their first peal in a different method or method on a different number of bells is 1,434, an increase of 619. Ringers of their first peal inside number 68; away from the tenor 10; Maximus 5; Cinques 13; Royal 22; Caters 15; Major 72; Triples 24; Minor 127; Doubles 37; on twelve bells 33; ten 66; eight 32; six 13; five 5; Surprise 36; in hand 4; in method in hand 62. New conductors number 57—27 on eight bells and over, and 30 on five and six. This is a decrease of 25. Conductors in new methods number 179. New conductors on handbells number 3.

Other footnotes show that 44 were the first on the bells; 169 the first in the method on the bells; 27 the first since restoration or augmentation.

For the funeral of King George V., 175 peals were rung, muffled and half-muffled. Other muffled peals number 57.

For Proclamations and Accessions 22 peals were rung; Royal birthdays 7; birthdays 241; weddings (including silver, etc.) 97; church festivals and dedications 25; welcome and farewell 58; anniversaries 62.

During the year 27 peals have been withdrawn as follows:—

- Record peal of Stedman Cinques—College Youths.
- 2 peals London Surprise Major—Sussex Association.
- 12 peals Kent Treble Bob Major—Surrey Association.
- 1 peal Kent Treble Bob Major—Guildford Guild.
- 3 peals Kent Treble Bob Major—Middlesex Association.
- 1 peal Kent Treble Bob Major—Suffolk Guild.
- 3 peals Kent Treble Bob Major—Norwich Diocesan Association.
- 1 peal Kent Treble Bob Major—Worcester and Districts.
- 1 peal Oxford Treble Bob Major—Yorkshire Association.
- 2 peals Stedman Caters—Gloucester and Bristol Association.

And these have been deducted from the total of peals rung.

We give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 68,706:—

1881	156	1921	1,632
1898	1,002	1932	2,199
1905	1,519	1933	1,833
1913	2,359	1934	1,784
1917 (war year)	130	1935	1,863
1919	1,048	1936	1,749

Included in the tables as peals of Doubles are 13 peals for the Hereford Diocesan, one for the Swansea and Brecon, one for the Devon Guild, and one for the Ely Diocesan Guild, all containing either Pitman's, Morris' or Lindoff's 240's or 'spliced 240's' of Grandshire. We are a little doubtful if the Council has made any decision which expressly recognises these compositions.

We have had in mind the instructions given to us last year by the Council, but in view of the fact that peals containing the compositions referred to have been accepted by the Council in previous years, we hesitate to decide that these peals are contrary to any decision of the Council, and have, therefore, included them.

Two peals of Doubles rung for the Hertford County Association and included in the tables are stated to contain 'Oxford Singles.' Inquiries have been made, but no information has been obtained on which we could definitely decide that these peals should be omitted from the tables.

A peal of Minor in seven methods included in the tables and rung for the Yorkshire Association contained a plain course of Woodbine Treble Bob in addition to an extent in that method. We are not clear as to whether the plain course concluded the peal or was sandwiched between extents.

The committee recommend the appointment of Mr. Walter Ayre to serve on this committee.

(Signed) G. L. GROVER.  
GEORGE R. PYE.  
CHARLES DEAN.  
EDITH K. FLETCHER.

## KINGSTON-ON-THAMES BELLS RESTORED.

## FOUR TREBLES RECAST.

## Reopening By Bishop of Southwark.

Kingston-upon-Thames is rich in history. Seven Saxon kings were crowned there, and the stone on which the ceremonies took place is still there to be seen. Through the ages the bells of its Parish Church have proclaimed the loyalty of the royal borough, and now, in time for the Coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth, they have been set in order to play their part again. There are records of Kingston's bells ringing for the first Queen Elizabeth. In 1570 the 'Ryngars' were paid xij pence 'the first tyme the quene whent in to bare feld,' and again in the following year they received ij shillings at 'the quens comyng' and xix pence at her 'first goyug in to bare feld.'

And the firm of bellfounders, whose history goes back to those distant days, was entrusted with the work of restoring the peal in time for the forthcoming Coronation. For years the bells had been 'a lumpy old lot,' and gradually the necessity of overhaul forced itself upon the authorities. The bell frame has been strengthened, a new belfry floor and deadening ceiling has been provided, the front four bells have been recast, the rest sandblasted and retuned, and the whole peal hung, with new fittings of modern type, on ball bearings. A great improvement has been effected in the tone and the bells now 'go' admirably, but as the old frame was utilised, the ring still runs 'the wrong way' round.

The bells were reopened on Saturday afternoon, when they were rededicated, at a largely attended service, by the Lord Bishop of Southwark, who, in his address, referred to the place which bells in this country had taken in our national life and of the purpose they served as a reminder to all who hear them of the higher things in our own lives.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. B. Scrutton), and at the completion of the formal dedication the bells were rung by a band consisting chiefly of local ringers. Afterwards an 'opening touch' of Stedman Caters was rung under the conductorship of Mr. T. W. Taffender, who will in future be in charge of the ringing at the church, and, later, other touches were rung, in which numerous visitors took part. Mr. A. A. Hughes represented the Whitechapel Foundry.

## THE BELLS.

The tenor, which is now 27 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D flat, is inscribed round the shoulder, 'T. Mears of London fecit 1830,' and in the waist, 'Recast 1830. Revd. S. W. Gandy, Vicar. George Wadbrook, John Reed, Churchwardens. Samuel Redford, Churchwarden elect.'

The other bells bear the following inscriptions:—

- 9th.—Mears & Staibank, Founders, London. Recast 1879.
- 8th.—The old 8 bells recast and two new Trebbles added to make X by subscription. S. London, S. Belchier, Collectors. 1748.
- 7th.—T. Mears of London fecit. 1826. Saml. Allenby, William Pamphilon, Churchwardens.
- 6th.—T. Mears of London fecit. 1826. James Fricker, John French, Bayleffs.
- 5th.—T. Mears of London fecit. 1826. Richard Carter, Vestry Clerk.
- 4th.—William Blews and Sons, Founders, Birmingham. 1873. Revd. A. Williams, Vicar. Charles Walter, Esq., Philip Jones, Churchwardens.

3rd.—Robert Catlin fecit. 1750.

2nd.—Thomas Mears, Founder, London. 1841.

Treble.—Intactum silco percute dulce cano. R.C. 1748.

The last four bells bear the additional inscription: Recast 1936. Alfred Dryland, Mayor. T. B. Scrutton, Vicar. R. T. Hesketh, G. J. Dymott, Churchwardens.

It will be seen from the inscription on the 8th that in 1748 the complete ring of ten was cast by Robert Catlin, successor to Samuel Knight, of Holborn.

## AN OLD BRISTOL RINGER.

## DEATH OF CHARLES H. TOMKINS.

After an illness only lasting a week, Mr. Charles H. Tomkins, of Bristol, passed peacefully away on Saturday, April 10th, in his 79th year. He was for many years a prominent figure in ringing circles in Bristol. He rang his first peal at St. Matthew's, Bristol, in 1891, at a period when peals rung in the city were few and far between. Only three were rung by local men in four years, and he rang in each one, all being Grandshire Triples.

Mr. Tomkins was one of those present at the formation of the St. Stephen's Guild towards the end of 1894, and was an enthusiastic member of the band who made such progress in the art during the years that followed.

He rang altogether about 130 peals, the most notable being the first 'Charles' peal: the 7,023 Stedman Caters at St. Stephen's, the longest peal rung in the city for over 100 years; and the one and only peal rung on the bells of St. Helena, Lundy Island.

The interment took place on Wednesday, April 14th, at Holy Trinity, Kingswood, and was attended by the following: Messrs. C. H. Gordon, W. Knight, G. T. Daltry, H. Tucker, W. H. Thomas, J. Gould and W. A. Cave.

The bells of St. Stephen's were rung muffled at the usual practice on the previous evening.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

### PRESENTATIONS TO ASTON AND ST. MARTIN'S.

A very successful quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Parish Church, Aston. It was here that such old Birmingham worthies as Henry Johnson, Tom Russam, John Carter and many others used to ring and where many record peals have been rung. It is a fine old church with tower and spire, and, in fact, is claimed by many as 'the gem of the Midlands.' The tower contained a peal of eight bells as far back as 1776, and in 1814 these were augmented into a peal of ten. For some years they were silent, but in June, 1935, they were recast and augmented into a peal of 12, largely through the efforts of the present Vicar, the Rev. H. McGowan.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. R. S. O. Stevens, the Vicar acting as organist and also giving a very helpful address, dwelling on the dignity of the office of bellringer, and urging them, whilst ringing the bells to the best of their ability, not to omit attending the services.

Between 40 and 50 sat down to an excellent tea, provided by the local ringers and well served by their wives and other lady friends. In the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., the Vicar, who is a vice-president, presided at the business meeting.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. Tom Russam, who died in January last; and in doing so Mr. Vice-President Paddon Smith said it was very difficult to be sad when talking of Tom Russam, who was really a very happy man. His passing, however, was a great loss to the Exercise and particularly to the St. Martin's Guild. For many years he was in charge of the bells and tower at Aston, and during that time ringers were always made welcome there. He asked all to stand for a moment as a last tribute of respect.

### PRESENTATION TO ASTON TOWER.

The hon. secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves) reported that some time before Mr. Russam's death he expressed the wish that his peal of 12 handbells (which were presented to him many years ago by members of the St. Martin's Guild) should be given to a tower where there was a young and progressive band of ringers. He suggested to Mrs. Russam that Aston fulfilled this condition, and that it would be a suitable place for the bells on account of his long association with the tower. To this Mrs. Russam agreed, and so on her behalf he had much pleasure in handing the bells to the Vicar for the use of the ringers of Aston Parish Church.

The Vicar accepted the gift, and, in handing them over to Mr. W. Davies, the Ringing Master, remarked it was another token of the goodwill which existed between St. Martin's Guild and Aston, and would always remind them of a man who for many years had been connected with the church and tower.

Mr. Reeves also stated that he had received from Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, now of Bath, who for many years was a prominent member of the Guild and still takes a lively interest in its well-being, a framed photograph of Henry Johnson. In his letter accompanying the gift Mr. Smallwood remarked that he thought there should be a photograph of the 'old gentleman' in St. Martin's tower, and so he had much pleasure in presenting one.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the meeting, and the secretary was requested to send Mr. Smallwood a letter of thanks for his gift.

Owing to the death of Mr. Russam, it was necessary to elect another trustee in his stead, and Mr. E. T. Allaway was unanimously elected. Mr. Fred Price was also unanimously elected auditor in the place of Mr. Allaway.

Mr. E. T. Lloyd, of Hall Green, was duly elected a member, and the tower election of Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Eye, Suffolk, as a life member was duly ratified.

### DONATION TO OLDBURY BELLS.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting on the first Saturday in July at Solihull. The Ringing Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes) pointed out that the date of the bi-quarterly meeting would clash with the Coronation celebrations, and so he suggested that instead of the meeting several peals should be attempted.

The secretary read a letter from the Vicar of Oldbury appealing for subscriptions towards the recasting of the bells of Oldbury Parish Church. It was proposed by Mr. Haynes and unanimously agreed that a donation of £2 2s. be sent from the Guild's funds. A subsequent collection resulted in a further £1 3s. being added.

The secretary also announced the arrangements made for ringing at the various churches in the city during Coronation Week. These would be included in the official programme, and he urged all those taking part to do their utmost to make the striking as good as possible.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Haynes to the Vicar and curate for conducting the service, to the ringers of Aston for providing such an excellent tea, and to the ladies for having prepared and served it, was enthusiastically accorded by all. The Vicar and Mr. W. Davies, on behalf of the Aston ringers, responded.

Mr. Russam's bells were then tried out, and, although the clappers in some of them were rather stiff, a good touch of Stedman Cinques was brought round.

A return was afterwards made to the tower, where the bells were kept going in various methods until 9 o'clock, when a social hour spent in another place brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

## DARLINGTON'S NEW PEAL.

### BELLS RECAST BY LADY'S LEGACY.

The inauguration of the recast peal of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, took place on Saturday, April 3rd. The church, which is one of the Collegiate Churches in the County of Durham, originally possessed a peal of six, which were augmented to eight by the gift of two trebles in 1866 by Joseph Pease, a prominent Quaker of the time, and son of Edward Pease, who founded the first railway company in the world.

Of late years the bells had shown signs of wear, and the authorities of St. Cuthbert's, after investigation, decided to the delight of the ringers in the district to have the whole peal recast and rehung in ball bearings and a new steel frame. The contract was awarded to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, who have carried out their duties admirably, the welded steel frame being a noteworthy feature. April 3rd saw the culmination of their efforts when the peal sounded once more over Darlington. Between 30 and 40 ringers from Newcastle Cathedral, Shildon, Staindrop, West Hartlepool, Ormesby, Saltburn and Leeds, together with members of the three Darlington towers, took part in keeping the bells going, and afterwards the company were entertained to tea at the invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens.

Councillor Arthur Payne, O.B.E., J.P., president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, was in the chair, supported by Mr. Roland Park, the hon. secretary, and, in moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for their hospitality and invitation to ring on the bells, expressed his pleasure at being able to visit Darlington. Mr. Payne went on to emphasise the work for the Church done by ringers, and how thoughts of religion were carried into many unexpected places by the sound of the bells.

Mr. W. N. Park, of Darlington, seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation, St. Cuthbert's being assured of the good wishes of the association for success with their new peal.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Jordan, M.A., gracefully responded and mentioned that this was the first occasion upon which he had attended a gathering of ringers. He went on to say how pleased the St. Cuthbert's people were to have the bells in use again, and referred to the 62 years' service to the belfry of St. Cuthbert's of Mr. A. Hodgson.

Mr. W. E. Watson (churchwarden in 1936) explained that the work done had been made possible through the legacy of a Darlington lady. His remarks reflected the keen interest he had taken in the scheme throughout.

After Mr. E. Minors (churchwarden) had endorsed these remarks, and added that, as borough surveyor, he was confident that the job was a sound engineering one.—Mr. Cyril F. Johnston was called upon to enlighten the company as to what had been done. This he did in his usual capable manner.

During the proceedings courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on handbells by Messrs. C. F. Johnston, J. W. Moorhouse, G. W. Park, W. N. Park and R. Park, and an adjournment was made to the tower for further ringing, which was continued throughout the evening.

Appended are the weights of the new bells with their respective inscriptions:—

Treble.—Note F. Cast by John Warner & Sons, London. The gift of Joseph Pease, Esquire, to complete the chime. 1866. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

2nd.—E. Same as treble. 4 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

3rd.—D. Lester & Pack of London Fecit 1755. 5 cwt. 4 lb.

4th.—C. Mears & Stainbank, Founders, London, 1866. Restoration of St. Cuthbert's Church, when this bell, the third and tenor were recast. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

5th.—B flat. Lester and Pack of London Fecit. Andrew Wood Curate. Wm. Hall and Thos. Darnton and Wm. Duck and Ing. Brown, Churchwardens 1755. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

6th.—A. G. Mears & Co. Founders, London, 1864. 9 cwt. 5 lb.

7th.—G. Lester & Pack of London Fecit. Andrew Wood, Curate, Fras. Holmes, Robt. Westall, Mark Jeffrey, Richd. Southern, Churchwardens 1760. 12 cwt. 2 qr.

Tenor.—F. G. Mears & Co. Founders, London, 1864. The Ring of 8 was re-cast and re-hung in the year of the Coronation of King George VI, 1937. Vicar—W. C. Jordan. Churchwardens—W. G. Chandler, W. E. Watson, E. Minors, G. A. Dawson. 18 cwt. 14 lb.

On each bell, 'Re-cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1937.'

## 'ORANGES AND LEMONS.'

### SERVICE AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.

Among the bells of 'London town' oranges and lemons are inseparably associated, in the old nursery rhyme, with St. Clement's, and this connection is picturesquely commemorated every year at the historic Church of St. Clement Danes in the Strand. The annual 'Oranges and Lemons' service took place last Friday, when children from the Danish colony in London distributed oranges and lemons among English children. In connection with the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was specially rung on the bells by Miss D. Bryant 1, E. G. Fenn 2, C. F. Winney 3, A. B. Peck 4, T. Langdon 5, H. Pasmore 6, E. J. Morris 7, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 8, L. B. Porter 9, H. G. Miles 10.

## LEICESTER'S NEW PEAL OF TWELVE. FREEMASONS GIVE CORONATION TENOR.

### Hallowing Services at the Cathedral.

Two impressive ceremonies have taken place at Leicester Cathedral in connection with the coming of the new bells, which are to form a ring of twelve, with an additional half-tone.

On Saturday week the front twelve, together with the clock and chimes, were hallowed, and on the following day a similar service was held in connection with the tenor bell, given by the Freemasons of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland in commemoration of the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI. At both services the Cathedral was full, that on Saturday being attended by the Lord Mayor of Leicester and Lady Mayoress, while on Sunday a large gathering of Freemasons witnessed the ceremony. Ringers were present from all parts of the diocese and beyond.

The bells were arranged in a semi-circle on the floor of the nave, the tenor bell being placed below the chancel steps. The Bishop of the diocese and the Provost of the Cathedral, with their attendants, were seated opposite the centre of the semi-circle facing eastward, and on the south side were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress; in a semi-circle facing eastward were the donors, while at the foot of the chancel steps, behind the bells, were the Cathedral bellringers.

The service opened with the hymn, 'Unchanging God,' and following intercessions, thanksgivings and the 150th Psalm came the ceremony of the naming of the bells, beginning with the eleventh. The donors were led by the Provost and his vergers, one by one, to the bells, and each formally named their gift.

The anthem, Purcell's 'Rejoice in the Lord alway,' was followed by the ceremony of hallowing, performed by Bishop Bardsley, who afterwards charged the ringers in these terms: 'See that you ring these bells with reverence and devotion to your sacred trust, and as you shall summon the people to worship in this holy house, so be yourselves faithful worshippers of Him who hath called you to this service.'

A short touch was then rung on handbells, and the clock and chimes were next hallowed. After the hymn, 'Ring out, ye bells, to heaven on high,' adapted from the well-known stanzas in Tennyson's immortal poem, the Provost, the Very Rev. F. B. Macnutt, who is also Archdeacon of Leicester, gave the address.

He dealt with the history of the old peal and made mention of the long connection of the firm of Taylor and Co. with the bells of the diocese. He also referred to the patience of his own ringers, during the 18 years of his own connection with St. Martin's, in waiting for the restoration of the bells.

Afterwards the hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' was sung, and a collection taken for the Cathedral Tower and Spire Fund. The service closed with a prayer for the people and the King and Queen, the Blessing, and the National Anthem.

### FREEMASONS' SERVICE.

The service on Sunday afternoon followed somewhat similar lines, but with prayers suitable to the special occasion, the Masonic form of 'So mote it be' being used instead of the customary 'Amen.'

The prayers were offered by the Rev. R. C. Johnson, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and the Rev. Henry Lewis, Provincial Grand Chaplain. The anthem was Schubert's 'Where Thou reignest.'

The lesson, from Deuteronomy xxx. 9-14, was read by the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Frederick Oliver, T.D., D.L., who afterwards, standing by the tenor bell with Bishop Bardsley, was invited by the Provost to name this bell, recast at the cost of the Freemasons of the Province.

The Provincial Grand Master answered: Reverend sir, in loyalty to our sovereign Lord the King, who has granted us his gracious permission, I will name it.

He then unveiled the bell, and, laying his hand upon it, said: 'I, Charles Frederick Oliver, give to this bell the name of The Coronation Bell of His Majesty King George the Sixth. God save the King.'

And all the congregation answered, 'So mote it be.'

The Bishop, at the request of the Provincial Grand Master, then hallowed the bell and pronounced the Ascription.

Again the hymn, 'Ring out, ye bells, to heaven on high,' was heard, and, following it, came a sermon by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, the Very Worshipful Ernest Neville Lovett, Past Grand Chaplain of England.

The hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' followed, and after the Blessing a memorable service was brought to a close with the National Anthem.

### THE BELLS.

The bells, which have been increased from ten to twelve, with added weight, the tenor having been increased from 20 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. to 24 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb., have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. They will be rung for the first time on Coronation Day.

The following are the inscriptions:—

Treble: The Bell Founder's Bell. Given by E. Denison Taylor, Bell Founder, Loughborough. May 12th, 1937.

I summon all to pray on this and every day.

2: The John Edward Ellis Bell. Given in memory of John Edward Ellis, Lay Canon, Churchwarden and Deputy Warden of St. Martin's, by his wife, Mabel Ellis, and his daughter, Freda Lorrimer, and his niece, Kathleen Browning. May 12th, 1937.

Praise God for Blessed Martin. Soldier, Bishop, Saint.

3: The Bowmar Bell. Recast in memory of Walter Hammond Bowmar by his wife, Eva Bowmar. May 12th, 1937.

Jesu Christo Miserere Nobis. John Taylor and Son, Founders, Loughborough. A.D. 1852.

4: The Gertrude Ellis Bell. Recast in memory of Gertrude Ellis by her daughter, Freda Lorrimer, and her niece, Kathleen Browning. May 12th, 1937.

This truth I tell, In Christ all's well. John Taylor and Son, Founders, Oxford and Loughborough. A.D. 1854.

5: The Fielding Johnson Bell. Recast in memory of Thomas Fielding Johnson, M.A., J.P., Lay Canon of St. Martin's, and his wife, Florence Lyne Johnson, by their children, Florence Julia Fielding Eyward, J.P., Agnes Miriam Fielding Johnson, William Spurrett Fielding Johnson. May 12th, 1937.

Peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh. Revd. Edwd. Thomas Vaughan, Vicar. Hy. Sharpe Jones, Joseph Simpkin, C. Wardens. John Taylor and Son, Bellfounders, Loughborough, late of Oxford, Bideford, Devon, and St. Neots, Hunts, Successors to the old and celebrated Founders, Newcombe, Watts, Bayre, and Arnold, of Leicester, names of high repute, dating as early as 1560.

6: The Daniels Bell. Recast by Samuel Kilworth Daniels, Lay Canon of St. Martin's in memory of his wife, Caroline Daniels. May 12th, 1937.

In His Will is our Peace. John Taylor and Son, Bell Founders, Oxford and Loughborough, 1854.

Half-tone: The Stelfox Bell. Given in memory of James Walter Stelfox, Lay Canon, Churchwarden of St. Martin's, by his wife, Evelyn Marsland Stelfox. May 12th, 1937.

Non Clamor Sed Amor.

7: The Partridge Bell. Recast in memory of Samuel Steads Partridge, J.P., by his wife, Elizabeth Partridge. May 12th, 1937.

God send us Peace in Christ.

I. Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough. MDCCCLXXIX. Continentia.

8: The Jarvis Bell. Recast by William George Jarvis, Churchwarden and Deputy Warden of St. Martin's. May 12th, 1937.

Adesto fideles. Gaudete. Orate.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise him upon the loud cymbals. 1781.

9: The Samson Smith Bell. Recast by Samson Smith, of Leicester. May 12th, 1937.

Christ is Risen. Alleluia. H. Watchorn, Esq., Mayor. J. Nichols, W. Capp, Churchwardens. Edwd. Arnold, fecit, 1781.

10: The Bell of the Congregation. Recast by the Congregation of the Cathedral. May 12th, 1937.

God Save His Church. H. Watchorn, Esq., Mayor. J. Nichols, W. Capp, Churchwardens. Edwd. Arnold, fecit, 1781.

11: The North Bell. Recast by Alderman Sir Jonathan North, J.P., Mayor of Leicester, 1914-1918, and William Albert North J.P., High Sheriff of Leicestershire, 1935-1936. May 12th, 1937.

God Save City and Shire. Recast by J. Taylor and Co., 1879. Edwd. Arnold, fecit, 1781. Thomas Ingram, 1879.

Tenor: The Coronation Bell of His Majesty King George VI. Recast by the Freemasons of Leicestershire and Rutland. May 12th, 1937. F. B. Macnutt, Provost. C. F. Oliver, Provincial Grand Master.

God Save the King. H. Watchorn, Esq., Mayor. J. Nichols, W. Capp, Churchwardens. Edwd. Arnold, St. Neots, fecit, 1781.

The new inscription is on the waist of the bells, and on the tenor between the names of the Provost and the Provincial Grand Master, and above the words 'God Save the King,' is the Masonic emblem of Square and Compasses.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Over 30 ringers attended a most successful meeting at All Saints', Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, on March 13th. Ringing took place both in the afternoon and evening, when the methods rung varied from rounds to Erin Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

At the business meeting, following the tea in the Church Hall, it was decided to meet next at Fenham on April 17th. Double Bob Major was the method proposed for practice.

Coronation ringing was discussed, and a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Anderson, J. Scott and T. W. Crowe, with the vice-president and secretary, was appointed to investigate and report.

All the hand of the local tower were elected members of the association.

### ASHOVER BELLS REOPENED.

The rehanging of the bells on ball bearings at Ashover Parish Church has just been completed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. They were rung the first time on Sunday, April 11th, when for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was conducted by Mr. Edwin Hopkinson, those taking part being W. Hopkinson (first quarter-peal) 1, A. W. H. Bowler 2, J. Revell (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 3, E. Hopkinson 4, V. Taylor 5, H. E. Taylor 6, T. Dent 7, H. Hopkinson 8. All the ringers are members of the Midland Counties Association, and, apart from V. Taylor (Matlock) and H. E. Taylor (Darley Dale), all belong to Ashover.

## NOTICES.

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### 18th CENTURY PEAL RECORDS.

Will all secretaries, or any interested ringers who have collected records of old peals rung previous to 1825, please forward same or particulars, not later than May 1st for this year's report to the Central Council, to Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4?

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 24th. At a service in the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop will dedicate a memorial, erected by the Cathedral ringers, to the late Provost E. C. Kirwan. Meeting at 5 p.m. in the Royal Grammar School; tea in Abbot's Kitchen 6.15, 1s. per head. Cathedral bells (8) available after service; S. Nicolas' (10) and Shalford (8) after tea.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley (10 bells) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in Café at 5 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 24th, in conjunction with the half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association. For arrangements see notice above.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting, arranged for Leigh, will be transferred to Worsley on April 24th. It will be held in conjunction with the half-yearly meeting. See notice above.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 24th. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (new rule) 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at King's Somborne on Saturday, April 24th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall at 4.30. Bells available at 2 p.m. Please let us know if you are coming. All welcome.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, nr. Exeter.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Aldermaston on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ash Priors on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., to follow. — P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Milton Clevedon bells also available. P.C. for tea, please.—W. A. Osborn, Hon. Sec., Galhampton, Yeovil.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Madeley on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Saturday, April 24th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea at the Turkey Cock after. I hope we may have a good attendance of old and new friends.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Hawkley on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 401, London Road, Reading.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting has been arranged at Boyne Hill on Saturday, April 24th, at 2.45 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Old Whittington on Saturday, April 24th.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Chilham on Saturday, April 24th. Throwley bells not available owing to illness.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch. — The meeting which was advertised to take place at Market Drayton on Saturday, April 24th, has been postponed, owing to serious illness near the church.—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow (April 24th) at St. Mary's, Holloway Road, N.7 (near Highbury Corner). Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Church Hall. Visitors welcome.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Whirby on Saturday, April 24th. Ten bells (tenor 18 cwt). Tea will be provided at Hood's Marine Cafe at 5 p.m.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1/8 per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for service at Shoreditch on Sunday, April 25th, at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice at Shoreditch on Thursday, April 29th, commencing at 6.30 p.m.—N. Summerhayes, Asst. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on April 27th; ringing from 6 to 7 and 8.45 to 9 p.m.; St. Magnus' on April 29th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Hersham (Oatlands Park not available at present) on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. A p.c. by Wednesday, April 28th, will enable me to arrange tea for all. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready for 3 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Teynham on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 (1s.). To help with tea, please send your names in to Mr. V. J. Page, 1, The Crescent, Teynham, near Sittingbourne, not later than Wednesday, April 28th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 1st, at Christ Church, Southport. Bells available from 3 p.m. A small charge will be made for tea, for which please notify Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. After tea ringing will be continued at Emmanuel Church, Southport.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held in conjunction with the Sheffield and District Society at St. John's, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 1st, when the peal of 10 bells will be available from 2 p.m. onwards. Meeting of the general committee in the Church Hall at 3.45 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Names to be sent to Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, by Wednesday, April 28th. The general meeting will be held immediately after tea.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Hawkhurst is just the place to visit in the spring; is picturesque; has fine peal of bells. The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, May 1st. The Hastings and District Guild will associate itself with this meeting. 3 p.m., tower open; 4.30, service. Tea (free to practising members) to follow; also business meeting. All ringers intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, April 27th.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Queenborough on Saturday, May 1st. Further particulars later.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 1st. Luncheon (1s. 6d.) in British Legion Hall, followed by annual meeting, at 1 p.m. Service in Cathedral, at 3.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Salisbury. Towers open: 8 bells, St. Thomas' (11-12.30, 6-7), St. Edmund's, St. Martin's; 6 bells, St. Paul's, Amesbury, Britford, Broadchalk, Bervick St. John, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Semley, Wilton, Woodford. Visitors intending to take luncheon please notify secretary before Monday, April 26th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available at 2.30; also Bramford, Hintlesham and Copdock (all 6 bells). Tea 9d. each, at 4.30 at Church Hall. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Willingdon on Saturday, May 1st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) —A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—May Day.—A meeting will be held at Graveley on May 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. The Rector (Canon Jebb) has offered to provide tea for those who notify him before April 30th. Don't 'let the side down, chaps!' Learners welcome and will get good opportunities. Names for tea to Canon Jebb, The Rectory, Graveley, Hitchin.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Westonzoyleland on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD** will hold a joint meeting with the Kent County Association (Tonbridge District) at Hawkhurst on Saturday, May 1st. Tower open 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea notify A. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.—C. A. Levett, 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting, at Rectory. Will those requiring tea please help by sending names by Wednesday previous to Rev. Thorold Ella, The Rectory, Barkston, Grantham?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Fownhope on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., in Parish Hall, 6d. each to those notifying me not later than April 27th. Buses leave Hereford at 2, 3.30 and 5 p.m., returning at 8 and 8.17 p.m. Fare 1s. return. Bus leaves Ross at 4.45 p.m., returning at 7.10 and 9.30 p.m. Fare 1s. 4d. return.—L. H. Steckley, The Green, Fownhope.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Run-corn on Saturday, May 1st, at 3 p.m. Advise me by April 27th if requiring tea. — John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, May 1st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea in Conservative Club at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please advise me by April 28th. Business meeting after tea. Special method for practice: St. Lawrence Little Bob Major. Trains, Metropolitan, Baker St., etc., to Pinner. Bakerloo and L.M.S. Stations to Harrow and 183 bus to Pinner.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walgrave on Saturday, May 1st. Usual arrangements. Tea, at 1s. per head, to all who send names by April 28th. All ringers welcome.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A special meeting will be held at Maidwell (6 bells) on Saturday, May 1st. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 28th.—R. Jeff, 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea in Institute at 5.30. Business meeting after. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Chrishall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—

H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford, Herts.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 58th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 17th. Details later.—L. J. Clark, Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit-Monday, May 17th. Committee meet Parish Room 10.45. Service, Thrapston Church, 12 noon. Lunch at King's Arms Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by meeting. 1s. 6d. will be allowed toward cost of lunch to all those resident and subscribing honorary and ringing members who make application for ticket with remittance of 1s. to the general secretary by May 3rd. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by May 10th. Bells available: Islip (6), Thrapston (8) 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. and after meeting, Raunds (8), Tichmarsh (8), Lowick (6) after the meeting. — Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

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