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ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP.

In days when many associations are bemoaning a loss of membership, it is pleasing to be able to turn to the report of the Worcestershire Association and read of the numerical progress being made. Including the new members elected at the annual meeting, the total stands well over the best previous record. It is an encouraging position, which should afford gratification to the association's officers, who are doing such excellent work, while the retiring Master, Mr. William Short, must be able to lay down his office with a feeling of satisfaction on this high tide of success. For nearly fifty years Mr. Short has been a bulwark of ringing in the western Midlands, and his services in St. Martin's Guild, where he was once Deputy Ringing Master, in the Worcestershire Association and in the Hereford Diocesan Guild, have been invaluable. His mantle has descended upon a younger and no less able and enthusiastic ringer, Mr. Sidney T. Holt, and in this respect the Worcestershire Association is fortunate. There is one thing in which the association never seems to be lacking, and that is in the quality of the men it can call upon to fill its offices, and to that, in a large measure, must be attributed its success.

But among ringers, almost everywhere, there is a tendency to leave things entirely to the officials. As long as things go well they are content to sit back and let those who will do the work. The best method of ensuring success in any organisation, however, is by the endeavour which every individual puts into it; and particularly is this the case in building up a strong membership. In towers where only part of the ringers have joined the territorial association it should be their constant aim and effort to bring in the remainder. The responsibility is theirs more than the officials', and yet there are hundreds of belfries up and down the country where only a half-hearted interest exists in the parent association, resulting in only a portion of the members supporting their county association or diocesan organisation. There is no cure for it until the ringers themselves realise what is due from them in loyalty and effort.

Officials can keep in touch with their members, but they can seldom reach non-members, many of whom probably stay 'outside the fold' for the want of a little persuasion. Has not the time arrived when it should be a condition of membership of any tower that a ringer should also be a member of the county or diocesan organisation? Ringers, for the most part, pay little enough for the opportunities of practising their art. Their instruments are freely provided for them; the pursuit of change ringing may cost them nothing. The enthusiasts join, and join willingly,

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the parent associations. It would be no hardship if in every tower there was a rule which insisted that every member of the band should be a member of the territorial association, and there could be no misunderstanding if this were made plain on entry. We cannot go into the matter at this point, but this opens up the whole question of whether the present financial arrangements under which associations work do not need reconsideration.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES... .. Treble	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 7
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 8
RALPH COLES 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN... 9
LEONARD STILWELL 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... 10
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 5	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 11
WILLIAM HENLEY 6	EDWIN CROXFORD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on twelve bells.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	HAROLD WALKER 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS 2	†HERBERT LUDKIN 8
*JAMES FERNLEY 3	†JOHN WORTH 9
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	FRANK VARTY 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 11
†GEORGE LEDSHAM 6	ERNEST F. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. Treble	RONALD H. DOVE 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 8
ERNEST J. KING 4	FRANK E. DARBY 9
RAYMOND G. COUSINS... .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
*MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
*EDWARD J. CHARMAN... .. 3	*RAYMOND OVERY 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
EDWARD T. GRIFFEN 3	REGINALD A. REED 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).	Tenor 17½ cwt.
*KENNETH HILL Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
*THOMAS PRICE 2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 6
WALTER LYCETT 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
FREDERICK PRICE 4	†GEORGE BERRY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Price.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*DENNIS PARSONS Treble	F. A. ADAMS 5
RICHARD F. REECE 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... 6
WILLIAM T. PALMER 3	G. GORDON GRAHAM 7
PERCY JARVIS 4	ALFRED E. PARSONS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALFRED E. PARSONS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Palmer.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CHARLES SHAW Treble	WALTER ALLMAN 5
HAROLD WORRAL 2	STANLEY HARRISON 6
ROBERT J. HULSE 3	HARRY W. HOWARD 7
DAVID SMITH 4	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First attempt for a peal of Major.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	WALTER DORKING 5
ARTHUR H. EVERETT 2	HENRY WAIN 6
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	*LEONARD G. DAY 7
HIRZEL EDWARDS 4	PERCY GREEN Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by ARTHUR H. EVERETT

* First peal of Major.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES P. CHAIK Treble	GORDON A. BACON 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN 2	HORACE S. MANSFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM CHALK 3	FRANK CHALK 7
ALBERT E. NORTH 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEV.

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William Perry, a local ringer.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).	Tenor 17½ cwt.
GEORGE A. COUSINS Treble	WALTER TAYLOR 5
*AUSTIN T. WINGATE 2	JAMES P. HYETT 6
*GEORGE T. COUSINS 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS 7
CHARLES L. SADLER 4	*LESLIE L. QUARTERMAIN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal on eight bells. Especially arranged and rung for the Easter festival.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR D. BARKER Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 5
*MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	*WILLIAM E. REDRUP 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. D. BARKER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells since the addition of two trebles by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HENRY JENNINGS Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
ROBERT H. ROBINSON 2	CECIL L. GUY 6
ANNE M. GUY 3	ALBERT R. WARD 7
FRANK S. TAYLOR 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

HOLLAND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 5
EDWARD E. DAVEY 2	ARTHUR R. WOODWARD ... 6
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WALTER A. SOUTHGATE ... Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY 5
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 2	ARTHUR R. WOODWARD ... 6
HARRY D. LISTER 3	SHELFORD SPARROW 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*FRED LACEY Treble	FRANK LORD 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	ERNEST BRITAIN 6
*HAROLD JUDD 3	*C. BERT CHESTER 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
THOMAS R. BUTLER 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
PERCY SWINDLEY 4	WILLIAM GRIFFITHS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES, JUN.

Rung as a centenary celebration of a peal of Stedman rung by the Christleton Youths at St. John's Church, Chester, on April 19th, 1838.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

WALTER NICHOLS Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY 5
FREDERICK A. SALTER 2	FRANK BRADLEY 6
EDWARD F. GOBEY 3	GEORGE H. CLIFT 7
HENRY HARRISON 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Bradley, of Nottingham.

LLANFRECHFA, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE JOHN Treble	*SIDNEY BAMFORD 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ROBERT SMITH 6
LESLIE BAINHAM 3	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS 7
WILLIAM J. POWELL 4	†EDWARD DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. Ivor J. Richards as priest-in-charge of the parish of Llanhennock, Mon., and to commemorate his year of office as Master of the association.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
FRANK E. DARBY 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

This composition consists of 2,944 London, 640 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative, with 112 changes of method.

MOORSIDE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK LAWTON Treble	ISAAC GARTSIDE 5
JOHN MEADOWCROFT 2	HERBERT BARLOW 6
JOSEPH OGDEN 3	IVAN KAY 7
*FRED MELLOR 4	JOSEPH WARBURTON Tenor

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

* First peal. First peal for Oldham and District Society since reorganisation.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 21, 1938, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

BERNARD GILLATT Treble	MRS. J. BRAY 5
JACK BRAY 2	GEORGE HOBBINS 6
PHILIP BARNES 3	FRED JEFFERY 7
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	ERNEST BRITAIN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN Treble	JOHN O. WELLER 5
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 2	JAMES E. BAILEY 6
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEO. J. BUTCHER.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Rung in honour of St George's Day.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

NORMAN H. MANNING Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER 3	JOHN W. EUSTON 7
*EDNA F. BEDFORD 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK

* First peal in the method. Specially arranged and rung for the wedding of Thomas J. Lock and Kathleen M. Bradford, which took place on this day at Twickenham.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. G. HURREN Treble	D. G. FRANCIS 5
T. H. REES 2	G. E. PARMENTER 4
C. H. HAWKINS 3	J. C. HURREN Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

First peal by all except the conductor.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

DONALD L. COCKINGS Treble	REGINALD HOUGHTON 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
C. HENRY HARDING 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1938, in 1 *Three Hours*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Six different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*FELIX CHAPLIN Treble | VICTOR SOCKWOOD 3
*DONALD MITSON 2 | *FRANK STERRY 4

THOMAS W. SOCKWOOD ... Tenor
Conducted by THOMAS W. SOCKWOOD.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, April 16, 1938, in 1 *Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three 720's of Kent, two each of Oxford and Cambridge.
Tenor 12 cwt, in F sharp.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Treble | FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 4
FRED WATKINSON 2 | HAROLD CHANT 5
JOHN E. TURLEY 3 | NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 17, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Fifty Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of St. Clement's, one of Oxford Bob, two of Kent
Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob called differently.
Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr. 19 lb.

*MISS BRENDA BAYLES ... Treble | STANLEY W. GALL ... 4
JOHN R. WILKERSON 2 | R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 5
JEFFERY C. PRIEST 3 | *DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. First peal as conductor.

TYDD ST. MARY, Lincs.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 17, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Fifty-One Minutes*,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's
of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RODNEY FLINT ... Treble | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4
JOHN BUCKENHAM 2 | WALLACE COUSINS 5
CLAUDE COUSINS 3 | RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by WALLACE COUSINS.

First peal as conductor.

SHELLY, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EMMANUEL.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Carlisle, Chester, Canterbury, London, York,
Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt, 2 qr. 9 lb.

ROLAND HILL ... Treble | ERNEST BROOKES ... 4
HAROLD CHANT 2 | ARTHUR GILL 5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON 3 | DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by H. CHANT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

KIRKBURTON, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following 4th place Delights: Canterbury,
Southwark, Abbeyville, Crowland, Vale Royal, Combermere and St.
Werbarg. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... Treble | ERNEST BROOKES ... 4
HAROLD CHANT 2 | ARTHUR GILL 5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON 3 | DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

First peal of Minor on these bells.

MARCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Forty-Five Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD G. HIGGINS ... Treble | *RICHARD T. SARGENT ... 4
*NORMAN J. SPOKES 2 | NELSON E. SARGENT ... 5
ERNEST CADLE 3 | *FRED ABSOLOM ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST CADLE.

* First peal.

HARSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr. 24 lb.

*JAMES H. G. HOME ... Treble | †BERT DEAN 4
†CYRIL G. HURST 2 | CHARLES W. COOK 5
*RONALD H. LAWRANCE ... 3 | †ALBERT HURST ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. COOK.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells and belong to Little Shelford.
Rung for the Easter festival.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes*,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double
Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court Bob, Oxford Bob and
Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS MARY BROWN ... Treble | E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 4
*MISS MARY GARLEY 2 | †ARTHUR GARLEY 5
†WILLIAM SHELFORD 3 | THOMAS GARLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in seven methods. An Easter
peal, also rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Mary Brown and
Miss Mary Garley.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Forty Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble | URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 4
MISS DAISY ANDREWS 2 | HORACE A. WRIGHT ... 5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 3 | GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Tenor

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all.

FELKIRK, NEAR BARNSELY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 19, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Plain Bob, Sandal, London Scholars'
Pleasure, Kingston, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent.
Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR GILL ... Treble | J. THOMAS WHITE ... 4
*HOWARD SCOTT 2 | HAROLD CHANT 5
ROLAND HILL 3 | DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 17, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes*,

AT 25, WRST ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 1-2 | WALTER AYRE 5-6
ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... 3-4 | ALFRED L. SIMMONDS ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

A wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. W. Ayre.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. RECORD MEMBERSHIP.

Mr. S. T. Holt Succeeds Mr. W. Short as Master.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association held its annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, when members and visitors attended from all parts of the county. During the morning and evening ringing took place on the various rings of bells available in the city, St. Swithun's and St. Nicholas' (6), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints' (10), and, for an hour, the grand peal of twelve at the Cathedral was available.

The business meeting was held in the College Hall and presided over by the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., president of the association), supported by the Rev. G. W. Webb (clerical secretary), Mr. J. D. Johnson (lay secretary), and Mr. William Short (Master).

The President welcomed the association to Worcester, explaining, at the same time, that he would be obliged to vacate the chair before the end of the meeting owing to business arising from a royal visit which would be taking place the next day. He expressed a wish that the meeting would not, on this occasion, lament the absence of young ringers, and referred to the number of youngsters in his Cathedral band.

Arising from the minutes, Mr. S. T. Holt reported that the 'annual peal' had been duly rung, this taking the form of a peal of Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral.

Several apologies were received from absent members. The Rev. J. F. Hastings explained that his absence was due to the illness of his wife, and Alderman J. S. Pritchett referred to his increasing years as the reason for his non-appearance, but, nevertheless, he expressed a wish that the meeting would be a successful one. In view of the illness of Mrs. Hastings, it was resolved that the secretary write to the Rev. J. F. Hastings expressing sympathy and hoping that she would soon be well.

EIGHTY-THREE NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR.

In presenting the 53rd annual report, the secretary pointed out that the paid-up membership last year was 495, only one short of the record number. In addition to this, the branches had elected 63 new members this year, and, as will be seen later in this report, 20 were elected at the annual meeting, making a total membership of 578, which is a record for any one year for the association. Other points from the report were that during 1937 no less than £33 6s. 3d. had been paid in grants towards bell restoration, which was easily the highest amount paid by the association in one year for this purpose. The General Fund showed a credit balance of £7 1s. 3d. The Rev. J. F. Hastings, who last year resigned from his position of clerical secretary, had been successively curate and rector of Martley since 1891, this being a record for length of stay in one benefice equalled by only one other in the diocese. There had been only one change in the branch officers, Mr. T. Hemming having resigned from the office of Northern Branch Master, and Mr. J. Lloyd elected in his place. The branch secretaries were congratulated on their reports of meetings, which had appeared in the Press. The lay secretary thought that the year's work might be considered satisfactory, but there were still some 30 per cent. of the towers appearing in the Directory without ringing members. They must not rest content until every tower in the county with a ringable peal of bells was in active union with the association.

Two recommendations of the Central Committee were adopted, and as a result the annual dinner is to be held on the last Saturday in September. The committee appointed to arrange matters consists of Messrs. R. G. Knowles, C. H. Woodberry, W. C. Dowling, G. King, J. Hall, G. E. Large, with the Master and secretary. Rule 5 was modified to make the auditors, Central Council representatives, peals analyst and hon. librarian ex-officio members of the Central Committee, instead of co-opted members, which they previously were.

The balance sheet, which has been previously referred to, was adopted without discussion.

The librarian reported that 20 applications for books had been made involving 24 books.

At this point the chairman was obliged to leave, but before departing a vote of thanks was carried by the meeting thanking him for his presence during the afternoon. The clerical secretary was then voted to the chair, and the meeting proceeded with the election of officers.

The Dean of Worcester was re-elected president, and the whole of the vice-presidents re-elected with the exception of the Rev. V. C. Blyth, whose place is taken by the Rev. W. R. R. Brown.

MASTER'S RESIGNATION.

Mr. William Short resigned his position as Master of the association. The Chairman expressed regret that Mr. Short was resigning, and thanked him for his past services. Mr. W. B. Cartwright, in proposing the election of Mr. S. T. Holt to the office, expressed regret that Mr. Short was resigning, but thought that the association should respect his wishes.—Mr. R. G. Knowles seconded the proposition and Mr. Holt was duly elected.

Mr. J. R. Newman moved that the association's thanks be given to Mr. Short for his past services. Mr. Short replied and hoped that Mr. Holt would be supported as he had been during his term of office.

The clerical secretary, lay secretary and the treasurer were unanimously re-elected, and Mr. J. R. Newman took the place of Mr. S. T. Holt as auditor, in company with Mr. E. E. Barber.

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PEAL NOTES.

INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT MANY PERFORMANCES.

The Rev. Ivor J. Richards, who, until Easter Monday, was Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, has been appointed as priest-in-charge of Llanhennock, Monmouthshire. To celebrate this appointment and in honour of his year of office as Master, a peal of Grandsire Triples, in which he took part, was rung at Llanfrehfa on April 19th.

The first ringer to call a peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major is Mr. Wilfred Williams, who completed this unique 'circle' at Ewell, Surrey on April 20th, when he called the peal from the treble. It was the first Spliced Surprise peal on the bells.

To celebrate the coming of age of two lady members of the Isham Society, a peal in seven Minor methods was rung on Easter Monday at Isham.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, was the first peal by all the band except the conductor.

Three ringers from the five-bell tower of Little Shelford, Cambs, rang their first peal of Minor on Easter Monday, on a visit to the neighbouring church of Harston. The band was made up of three Harston ringers, two of whom scored their first peal.

Miss Brenda Bayles, of Acle, Norfolk, who is only 14 years of age, rang her first peal on Easter Day, and her brother, who is only 16, was the conductor. It was a peal of Minor in four methods.

Mr. Arnold Brunton rang his fiftieth peal for the Lancashire Association when he took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Liverpool on Easter Monday, and Mr. Leslie Gray brought his peal total up to the double century.

CELEBRATIONS.

A peal of Grandsire Triples at Market Drayton, Shropshire, was a birthday compliment to Miss M. Price, two of whose brothers took part in the peal.

On Easter Day, a handbell peal of Bob Major at Saffron Walden, Essex, celebrated the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ayre.

The fortieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Palmer, who were married on April 9th, 1898, was celebrated on Easter Monday by a peal rung at Staveley, Derbyshire, in which Mr. Palmer took part.

The first peal on the bells at Stoke Poges since they have been a ring of eight was rung on Easter Monday. It was rung to commemorate the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Redrup and the christening of Roger, the infant son of Mr. William L. Gutteridge, who rang the tenor, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Welling. Williams played an important part in this peal, for they manned the back five bells.

Like Stoke Poges, Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, has recently had its bells increased to an octave, and the local band rang the first peal on them on April 21st, when Mr. Jack Bray conducted a peal of Bob Major.

The first peal for the reorganised Oldham and District Society was rung on April 21st—a peal of Stedman Triples at Moorside.

The first peal of Major on the bells at Great Waltham, Essex, since they were rehung was brought round on Easter Monday.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING.

(Continued from previous column.)

A vacancy occurred on the Central Committee through the resignation of Mr. H. G. Bird. Mr. W. B. Cartwright was elected to fill this office and Mr. Short co-opted as a member.

Twenty new ringing members were then elected by the meeting.

The next annual meeting will be held at Worcester, and the arrangements for the annual peal will be made by the Master. Mr. R. G. Knowles contended that this was the Master's job, and made a few remarks pointing out that he had attended about 50 annual meetings, but he did not remember one at which so many young members had been elected. He hoped that those new members and those who had introduced them would stick to ringing and be loyal to the officers of the association, as he was sure it was the best thing they could possibly do.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all who had assisted in making the meeting a success, and the chairman replied on behalf of the clergy.

Evensong at the Cathedral was attended by some of the ringers, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Buchanan Dunlop, Rector of All Saints', Worcester, an honorary member of the association.

As in previous years, tea was taken at the Co-operative Cafe, this being the final gathering before breaking up for evening ringing and home. During the evening further ringing took place, the cream of it all being Spliced Surprise Major in four methods on the back eight at All Saints' Church, a physical as well as mental effort.

The meeting was by no means the best held at Worcester from the numerical standpoint, but it was the conclusion of a year's work which can be only described as very successful and promising greater things in the future.

PEALS FOR CHURCH FESTIVALS.

(Continued from previous column.)

Ringers do not take sufficient advantage of the opportunities to arrange peals for the Church's festivals. Peals are rung, and, as an after-thought, all sorts of 'compliments' are tacked on, but the great festivals should be the ringers' first consideration, as they are the best justification for peal ringing. It is pleasing to read that peals at All Saints', Hereford, and Harston, Cambs, were 'specially arranged and rung for the Easter festival.'

It is, we always think, a mistake to say that a peal is rung in honour or in celebration of any event, unless it is specially arranged for the purpose, and this is particularly so in the case of birthdays which are often only thought of after a peal has been rung.

Ringers were present in large numbers at Twickenham on Saturday to witness the marriage of Mr. Thomas J. Lock and Miss Kathleen Bradford, two popular members of the Middlesex County Association, who a few days before being united in matrimony both took part in a peal in nine Spliced Surprise methods.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in their honour was rung at St. Mary's, Ealing, and it was accompanied by the wholehearted wishes of the band for the future happiness of the bride and bridegroom.

A peal in three Minor methods—Kent, Oxford and Cambridge—was rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, on April 16th, after meeting short for a peal of Major.

On Easter Monday, following a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods at Shelly, the same band in the same order, but with a different conductor, rang a peal in seven Treble Bob methods at Kirkburton, the latter being the first peal of Minor on the bells.

Four of the same party scored a peal of Minor on the following day at Felkirk. It was Howard Scott's first peal in seven methods, three of which—Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston—he had never previously rung.

There is no 'age limit' in ringing. On Easter Monday, Mr. Edward G. Higgins, of Marcham, Berks, rang his first peal. He is 75 years of age! He rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Doubles, in which three others of the band also scored their first peal.

On Easter Monday, a band of twelve met at Trowbridge, Wilts, for a peal of Treble Twelve, but could not ring on account of serious illness near the church. They went on to Bradford-on-Avon and eight of them rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

With only one change of personnel, a band rang a peal of Double Norwich at Holland-on-Sea, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken on Bank Holiday. Both were conducted by Harry D. Lister.

The name of the ringer of the 2nd in the recent peal of Stedman Triples at Egham, Surrey, was Wilkins (and not Watkins) Massey.

LONDON RINGING.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—If a round table conference is to meet to consider the subject of ringing in and around London, one of the first considerations would be the form an organisation could take. It appears to me that there are two opposing possibilities, viz. :—

(1) A central body, regarding London as a whole and taking in what are usually regarded as the dormitory suburbs.

(2) A separate body for each of the London dioceses.

It seems to me that the advantages of (2) far outweigh its defects. In the same way as in other church organisations, where a prosperous parish helps the poorer parishes of the diocese, strong companies of ringers would be able to help churches in the organisation where it is difficult to get the bells rung regularly. Ringers at the more humble churches would be able to look to their brethren at the more important churches and at the Cathedral church to give them a lead and help.

If anything is done in this matter, do not let us descend to bickering and personal interests. The affair is too important and should be regarded as something really big. Reference has been made to our position being recognised by the Church authorities, but if we ourselves could only recognise our position in the Church, ways and means would soon be evolved of ending the unsatisfactory state of affairs which we have inherited.

E. M. ATKINS.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**LADY TAKES PART IN CONTEST AT LONGWOOD.**

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Longwood on Saturday, April 9th. Four teams had entered to ring 600 changes with a plain course for practice. The draw for the order of ringing was as follows: No. 1, Meltham; No. 2, Freizeland; No. 3, Liversedge; No. 4, New Mill. Meltham and New Mill rang Oxford, Freizeland rang Woodbine, and Liversedge rang Killamars Treble Bob.

The meeting was held in the Church Institute, Mr. J. Burgess being in the chair in the absence of the president (Mr. E. Farnshaw).

After the business had been dealt with, the judge, Mr. H. Haigh, of New Mill, gave his decision as follows: Meltham, 89 faults; Freizeland, 131 faults; Liversedge, 118 faults; New Mill, 104 faults. Meltham were, therefore, declared winners, and the cup was presented to the Meltham conductor, Mr. E. Whiteley, by the Rev. W. M. Griffiths.

The success of Meltham is worthy of note, as they had ringing with them Miss M. Byrom. As she is believed to be the first lady member of the Halifax Association to compete, it was felt that this was a memorable occasion.

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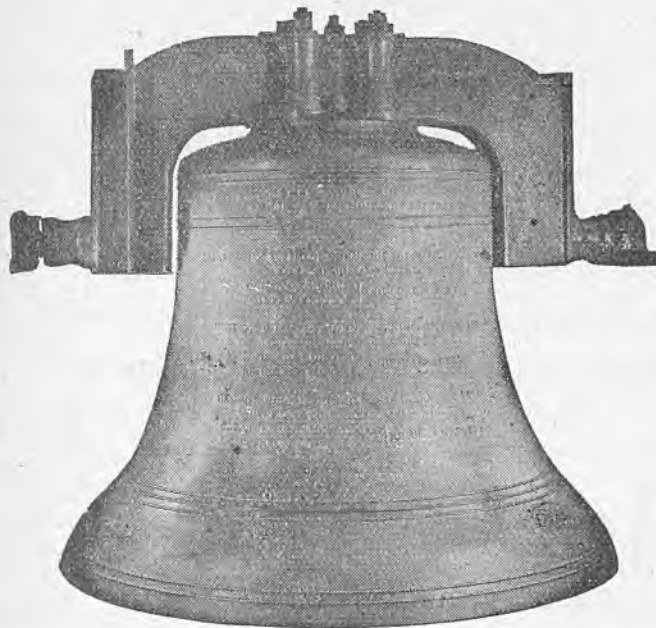
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Recent annual meetings of associations have provided several changes among officers. Mr. E. Denison Taylor has retired from the presidency of the Midland Counties Association, and the office has been taken by Dr. F. Stedman Poole; Mr. William Short has given up the Mastership of the Worcestershire Association and is succeeded by Mr. Sidney Holt.

Mr. E. Stitch was elected Master of the Llandaff and Mounmouth Association in succession to the Rev. Ivor J. Richards.

Two secretaries have retired: Mr. Malcolm Melville in the Warwickshire Guild, where he is succeeded by Mrs. Beamish, who returns to an office which she formerly held; and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith in the Guildford Diocesan Guild. His place is taken by Mr. G. L. Grover.

We are very glad to be able to report that Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, is well on the road to recovery from his illness. This news, we are sure, will delight his many friends in all parts of the country. He desires to thank them all for their kind inquiries and hopes soon to be among them to thank them personally.

As a balance to a statement too often made re non-service ringers, here is one of a 'positive' character. The Walgrave belfry, dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on April 11th last year, has a peal of five bells only. But there are 11 ringers, including a team of ladies, all of whom are in the choir, six men, of whom two are churchwardens and four are choirmen, and six of the eleven are members of the Church Council. This probably constitutes an unusual record.

The Norwich Diocesan Association, at their annual meeting on Easter Monday, decided to adopt a badge and to charge new members, other than life members, an entrance fee of 1s. to cover the cost of a certificate and badge.

A handsome shield was presented last year to the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, to be awarded annually to the tower showing most progress. Kirkby-in-Ashfield, a five-bell tower, are the first to win it, and received it at the annual meeting on Easter Monday.

Two hundred members attended the annual meeting of the Kent County Association at Margate on Easter Monday. A report of these meetings and of the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild last Saturday will appear in our next issue.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung on Saturday at Cheltenham to commemorate the 15,227 Grandsire Caters rung there on April 22nd, 1889. Last week we said this was still the longest peal of Grandsire Caters, but we are reminded by Mr. George Holifield, jun., that a longer one, 16,271, was rung at Appleton on December 27th, 1932. Appleton holds the record for both Grandsire and Stedman Caters, the latter being the 'longest ever' by one set of men.

Among the bequests of the late Mr. Francis Scaife, of Pocklington, Yorkshire, who died on October 29th at the age of 82 years, is a sum not exceeding £300 to the Vicar and churchwardens of Pocklington Parish Church for the erection of two bells to complete the peal of eight bells, and £400 upon trust, the income to be applied for or towards the salary of three ringers, and a further £100 upon trust for the instruction of all the bellringers in Pocklington Church.

He left other sums to the church for a memorial window and the improvement of the choir, and £100 to the pastor and deacons of the Congregational Chapel for the benefit of the chapel.

Ringers often say hard things to one another, but it doesn't often interfere with friendships. An example: An official of the Royal Cumberland Youths and an official of the London County Association have recently been doing some 'hard hitting'—but they rang a peal together last Saturday. And that is as it should be.

A conjuror entertained the party at the social held after the Midland Counties Association's annual meeting on Easter Monday. The man of magic had, as his assistant during a card manipulation trick, a celebrated 'Fidler,' who was as mystified as the rest of the audience, until he came to undress at night and the seven of diamonds fell out of his shirt. There was only one in the audience at that time—but didn't she laugh!

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. GROWING MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Saturday, April 23rd. The meeting attracted 45 members representing most of the towers, and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, of London, were visitors. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. L. Broun, M.A., Vice-Provost of the Cathedral, who, in his address, gave an interesting account of the history of bells in the Church in Scotland. Mr. H. White, one of the young Cathedral ringers, acted as organist.

After service the association members were entertained to tea by the Cathedral Society.

At the business meeting which followed, 16 new members were elected, bringing the total membership to 97, the highest since the association was founded.

The Cathedral bells (10) were kept going till 7 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung. The ringing was of a high standard for a meeting. The bells at St. Cuthbert's (8) were also rung till 8.30 p.m. in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Erin, Kent and a course of Double Norwich, which was rung for the first time at a meeting in Scotland.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—16.**ARTHUR KNIGHTS.**

There are some names in the Exercise that stand out like landmarks, and one such is undoubtedly that of Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield. He is known best as a composer, for he is among the most prolific producers of peals, but he has also no mean record as a conductor.

Mr. Knights was born at Brome, near Eye, in Suffolk, on December 17th, 1859, so that he is in his 79th year, and his actual first connection with bells began in his native village as long ago as 1868, when he learned to chime. Later on, ringing attracted him, and his first peal was rung at Diss, Norfolk, on May 19th, 1879, being the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by the Norwich Diocesan Association. He removed soon after to Chesterfield, where the rest of his long life has been spent. It was at this time that he became interested in composition, and his first peal as conductor was rung at Chesterfield on July 15th, 1882. It was a 5,216 of Kent Treble Bob Major of his own composition.

Mr. Knights has now rung 600 peals (including 19 on handbells), of which he has conducted 210, including nine on handbells. Of the total, 379 have been peals which he composed, and nearly all were rung for the first time. With the exception of Holt's Original and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Ten-part peals of Grandsire Triples, Mr. Knights has never called the same peal twice, and only upon two or three occasions has he rung the same composition more than once.

His peals include Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Double Norwich Major, Caters and Royal, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major and Royal and London Surprise Major.

Mr. Knights took part in the following first peals for the Yorkshire Association: New Cambridge, Bristol, Peterborough and Norfolk Surprise Major, Double Norwich Caters, Double Norwich, Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal, and the first and only peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on tower bells in Yorkshire. His longest peal, which he also conducted, was 8,288 Kent Treble Bob Major (composed by the late Arthur Craven), and rung on May 19th, 1900, to celebrate the relief of Ladysmith.

Mr. Knights' two sons have shared in many peals with their father, and Mr. Ben Knights (now of Preston) has called 77 of them, and Mr. A. Percival Knights (of Sheffield) 46.

Up to the present Mr. Knights has never attempted a peal on five or six bells, and unfortunately he has, for some years, been without a 'home' tower. The famous tower and twisted spire of Chesterfield was pronounced unsafe for the bells to be rung in, and although restoration has been carried out, the ringing on the ten bells is still prohibited. But this does not curb Mr. Knights' enthusiasm.

His work as a composer is well known, particularly in the realm of Treble Bob, and some idea of his output may be gained from the fact that between 1,100 and 1,200 of his compositions have been rung, including some reverse variations of peals of Treble Bob Major. He has about 430 original peals of Treble Bob Major and over 300 of Treble Bob Royal.

Next week: Mr. Thomas W. Last.

FATHER OF A RINGING FAMILY.**DEATH OF MR. JOE RUSSELL, OF BRAY.**

For nearly 50 years Mr. Joe Russell had rung the 26½ cwt. tenor bell at Bray, Berks, but on Friday last he died suddenly after only a couple of hours' illness, in his 67th year.

The family are well known for their dexterity with handbells, all five sons and four daughters taking part (one member could often be seen ringing six, i.e., three in each hand), and delighting many an audience with their tunes. Only three members, however, were tower-bell ringers, two sons and father, usually known as 'Old Joe.'

By request after evensong on Sunday with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (the method to which he loved to ring the cover) was rung, in which the two sons took part, Fred J. (present captain of Bray band) and Harry. The quarter-peal was well and truly rung in 53 minutes, followed by the 'whole pull and stand.' Those taking part were G. Gilbert (conductor) 1, F. J. Russell 2, M. Pocock 3, B. O'Neill 4, H. Russell 5, J. E. Taylor 6. Ringers of 1, 4 and 6 from Burnham, and 2, 3 and 5 from the Bray band.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at Bray Church.



MR. ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.**AGENDA FOR THE LEEDS MEETING.**

The third session of the sixteenth Council (46th annual meeting) will be held in the Civil Court of the Leeds Town Hall, Leeds, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 7th, 1938, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1.30, and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30, or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

1. Report of the hon. secretary as to membership and payment of subscriptions.
2. Presentation of new members to the president. (Rule 11.)
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Election of honorary members.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. A. Walker.
5. Loss of members through death.
6. Minutes of the last meeting.
7. Report of the honorary librarian.
8. Statement of accounts.
9. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
10. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees.
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
To alter the constitution of the committees if considered desirable.
 - (a) Standing Committee.
 - (b) Peal Collection Committee.
 - (c) Methods Committee.
 - (d) Peal Analysis and Records Committee.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries Committee.
 - (f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee.
 - (g) Peal Boards Committee.
 - (h) Biographies Committee.
 - (i) As to the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'
 - (j) As to the muffling of bells.

MOTION.

11. This Council, desiring that peals of Doubles and Minor shall be put upon a similar basis, resolves that peals of Doubles, as already defined, may be lengthened at the end by one true touch of less than 120 changes.
Proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson.
12. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**CHANGE IN SECRETARYSHIP.**

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday, April 9th, at Warwick. About 50 members and friends attended, and ringing was enjoyed on the ten bells of St. Mary's Church. A short service, held in the chancel of the church, was conducted by Canon C. A. H. Russell.

After tea at the Porridge Pot, an adjournment was made to the vestry of the church for the business meeting, which was presided over by Canon Russell. Owing to illness, Mr. Malcolm C. Melville, the hon. secretary, was not present, and Mrs. Beamish deputised for him. Arising out of the minutes, the proposed Bell Restoration Fund was discussed, but, on being put to the vote, the proposition was lost.

Mr. Melville had given notice that he would propose that new members joining the Guild for the first time at or after the quarterly meeting in July be required to pay 1s. only as subscription for that year. In his absence, the motion was proposed by Mr. F. W. Perrens. It was seconded by Mr. D. H. Argyle and carried.

The balance sheet, showing a balance in hand at the end of 1937 of £20 16s. 8d., was adopted.

Of the officers of the Guild retiring automatically at the end of the year, only Mr. M. C. Melville did not seek re-election. Mr. Perrens, therefore, proposed that Mrs. Beamish be appointed hon. secretary, with Mr. C. E. Rayson as assistant.—Mr. J. Beale seconded. This was carried unanimously.

The remaining officers were re-elected en bloc.

The following meeting places were decided upon: Fillongley for May, Solihull for June, Monk's Kirby for July.

The Rev. Mostyn Robinson, Vicar of Wolvey, was elected an hon. member, and the Rev. H. Benson, F. N. Maskell, G. A. Stocker, W. Haves, E. Hewlett, A. T. Price, D. Smith, Miss E. F. Wootton and G. F. Cantrill were elected ringing members.

A letter was received from Mr. P. Amos appealing for a small subscription to a Northampton Bell Restoration Fund, and it was decided to have a 'whip round' at the close of the meeting.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to Canon Russell, the organist and Mr. E. H. Adams, and a return was then made to the belfry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MR. E. DENISON TAYLOR'S RETIREMENT.

Dr. F. Stedman Poole the New President.

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Easter Monday, and, following the usual rota, took place at Leicester. From an early hour the bells of St. Martin's Cathedral (12), St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10) and Belgrave (8) were rung by friends and visitors, from far and near, throughout the day, with the exception of breaks for funerals and marriages.

The committee met in the afternoon in the Church House of the Cathedral. In the course of their business it was decided that the association handbells, left by the late president, Sir A. P. Heywood, should be insured and a new carrying bag provided for them, and that, as is usual, they should be transferred yearly to the centre where the annual meeting is held. Three places for the next quarterly meetings were suggested and left to the general meeting to decide.

Tea was served at the Oriental Cafe, Market Place, and a good repast partaken of by some 120 or more members and friends. These represented all the seven branches of the association, viz., Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham. Visitors who were welcomed included Messrs. T. H. Taffender, W. Williams (London), F. E. Collins, R. Davies (Croydon), F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth), Mr. and Mrs. Beamish, Messrs. F. W. Perrens, F. E. Pervin (Warwickshire Guild), R. G. Black, A. Pettitt, W. Rogers (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), W. Fernley (Hazel Grove), A. Hewitt (Gainsborough), W. Rhodes and friends (Birmingham), A. Sargent and members of Kelham Theological College, C. E. Smith (Godalming), O. Sippetts, K. Snelling, Miss Wyman (Crawley, Sussex), Mr. F. E. Darby (Beddington) and others.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president) was in the chair at the business meeting, supported by Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer), Mr. Ernest Morris (general secretary) and a large number of committeemen.

The President gave a review of the past quarter's work, the peals rung, etc., and he voiced the committee's hearty greetings and welcome to Leicester to visitors from long distances. He stated that during the first three months of the year the association scored 33 peals, 28 on tower and five on handbells. The former included Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus at the two Leicester twelve-bell towers. The handbell peals included two by students of Kelham Theological College, to whom he gave a hearty welcome into the ranks of the Midland Counties Association, and expressed a hope that they would continue to flourish and carry on the art after leaving college for parochial work. The association had lost an old and valued member in the passing of Mr. Charles Draper, of Derby and Duffield, who died on March 28th at the age of 73. Mr. Draper was one of the famous 'Wednesday' band, and altogether had scored 407 peals for the association. The President referred to the loss the Exercise had sustained in the death of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, of the College Youths and St. Paul's Cathedral. In this connection the members of the M.C.A. were glad that their association was represented in the memorial peal at Southwark Cathedral rung by twelve secretaries of different associations and guilds. As their own general secretary was fortunately able to go and take part in this unique performance, he suggested that this peal should be noted in the association's records.

As a token of respect to the memory of these two gentlemen, all the company present stood in silence a moment.

Mr. Taylor tendered apologies for absence from Mr. William Willson and Mr. J. Oldham, in both cases due to illness at home. He added that thanks were due to the Provost for use of the Cathedral bells, and the Vicars and towerkeepers for other bells available that day, and he hoped visitors had enjoyed the opportunities thus provided.

MR. TAYLOR'S FAREWELL.

In closing, Mr. Taylor wished the members 'Godspeed,' as that was to be his last meeting with them as president. He felt that he must now give place to a younger man, having served for eight years. Although retiring from this office, however, he assured them he would not lose his interest in the association's welfare or the art in general.

Mr. A. J. Harris, in proposing thanks to the retiring president, said it was with deepest regret they were parting with Mr. Taylor from that office, but they did so with happy memories of his work and society with them. Never had they had a gloomy meeting while Mr. Taylor was in the chair, and his opening speeches were model ones—equal to anything they heard from the B.B.C.! He left office with the good wishes and respect of all members, and they most certainly would accept his offer to 'come up and see me some time' at Loughborough. In conclusion, Mr. Harris said he was happy to announce that the thanks of all those present were due to Mr. Taylor for his generosity in providing the sumptuous tea free to all.

The whole company then rose and sang 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' after which Mr. Taylor suitably replied.

New members proposed since the last meeting, viz., 16 ringing, five life, four honorary, were duly elected. The new hon. members included the Ven. Archdeacon of Leicester (the Rev. Canon Matthews) and Col. Sir Frederick Oliver, O.B.E., who both sent apologies for absence. The ringing members included seven from Kelham College, and after election Mr. Sargent spoke of their work and rendered thanks to Nottingham and Southwell members for help given.

Places chosen for the next three quarterly meetings were then confirmed, viz.: Bottesford, June; Wirksworth, September; Hugglescote, January, 1939.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.

'THE BROTHERHOOD OF RINGERS.'

A happy little gathering took place at Dorking Parish Church on Easter Monday, when 38 ringers attended a meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association. Twenty-three towers, in six different dioceses, were represented, and the Vicar and Rural Dean of Dorking, the Rev. Oswald A. Hunt, commented on this further piece of evidence of the brotherhood and fellowship of ringers, when he presided at the business meeting.

Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and continued until 5 o'clock, when the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. A. Dawson (curate) conducted the usual ringers' service. He welcomed the association to Dorking, and referred to his former association with bellringers when he was at St. Mary's, Portsea, and later at Godstone Parish Church. Prefacing his remarks with the Psalmist's phrase, 'I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord,' he hoped that their ringing would be heard and understood by many of the holiday-makers as they passed through Dorking that day, and serve to remind them of the welcome that always awaited them in God's house.

He went on to tell of the traditions of the church at Dorking; how the old Saxon church was burnt down by the Danes when they invaded Dorking in A.D. 851, and of the erection of three different buildings on the same site: (a) The Ancient Church—1377 to 1834; (b) the Intermediate Church—1837 to 1872; and (c) the present church—from 1873. After describing the construction and architecture of the chancel, nave and Lady Chapel in turn, he referred to the very noble spire of Dorking, which is a landmark for all the surrounding district and can only be surpassed in the south by the spire of Salisbury Cathedral. The top-stone of the spire, which is 200ft. high, was laid on St. Mark's Day, 1877, as a memorial to Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Winchester, who was thrown from his horse and killed as he rode from Dorking towards Guildford. Bishop Wilberforce had consecrated the church in 1874, the year before he met his death.

The bells are a mixed ring of eight, tenor 25 cwt. in D, by Robert Catlin, 1746. The 7th, 6th and treble are by Thomas Mears, 1827 and 1842, the 5th by John Wilner, 1826, and the 4th, 3rd and 2nd, by R. Phelps, 1709. They are a melodious peal.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, and at the business meeting the Vicar drew attention to the great distances which ringers travelled to meet one another. He congratulated those present on their good fellowship.

Six new members were elected (two honorary, one compounding and three ringing members), and it was announced that the annual dinner of the association would be held this year on October 1st at Croydon. Members are asked to note this. The business meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the caterers for all they had done to make the meeting a success.

DR. POOLE'S UNANIMOUS ELECTION.

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. J. H. Dean, one of the auditors, moved the adoption of the balance sheet as printed in the annual report, which was seconded by Mr. C. Harrison and carried.

Next followed the election of general officers. Mr. Ernest Morris stated that each district had nominated Dr. F. Stedman Poole as president, and he had much pleasure in formally proposing him. Mr. F. H. Dexter seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Poole thanked the members for the honour thus conferred upon him in placing him in this office. He trusted that all would bear with him if at subsequent meetings his work as doctor and surgeon prevented his attendance. He would do all he could for the association's welfare, and in passing voiced the plea of the 'beginner.' Much good work might be done in this direction, which was sadly neglected by many bands. Opportunities could, and should, always be found for youngsters in the art. He also suggested to the Kelham College band that they would do well to follow the example of the Cambridge University Guild by having annual reunions for members, who were somewhat scattered after leaving college.

For the office of vice-president, Mr. John Oldham, of Loughborough, was unanimously elected. It was suggested and carried that the retiring president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, also become a vice-president.

Mr. Wm. E. White was re-elected as hon. treasurer and Mr. Ernest Morris as general secretary, and both these gentlemen suitably acknowledged the honour again conferred on them.

In closing the business meeting, it was announced that the association's handsomely written and illuminated peal books were on show for any members who wished to see them.

After further ringing at the Cathedral, members and friends assembled at the Victory Hotel, where a splendid entertainment had been arranged by the local committee for their pleasure. A clever illusionist from the Leicester Magic Circle caused Mr. Colin Harrison to lay a few eggs, the Fidler to fiddle with pound notes, and bewildered the company with some magical tricks. Delightful songs and handbell ringing enlivened the proceedings, the latter including a course of Stedman Cinques by G. S. Morris, F. W. Perrens, H. J. Poole, F. E. Pervin and J. Morris. It was noticed that the Kelham College 'boys' were enjoying themselves, and Mr. Sargent's short recitation was appreciated—it was brief and to the point! It is hoped these students will come again and bring others to the fold.

The meeting, with ringing arrangements and the evening's entertainment, was one of the 'best ever.'

DEVON GUILD.**EAST DEVON BRANCH PROGRESS.**

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held on Easter Monday at Dalwood. Nearly 70 members and friends attended, most of the towers in the branch being represented. Among those present were the Rev. F. C. Butters (Vicar of Dalwood and Stockland), the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild), the Rev. A. A. F. de Salis (branch chairman), the Rev. G. Greenslade (Vicar of Harpford), Mr. T. Laver (general secretary, Devon Guild), Mr. C. R. Lilley (Exeter Branch chairman), Mr. G. Burrows (Ringing Master), Mr. J. H. Godfrey (hon. secretary and treasurer), and visitors from Kenn, Newton Abbot, Trull (Somerset), Lyme Regis (Dorset), Exeter and Plymouth.

A service, held in St. Peter's Church, was conducted by the Rev. F. C. Butters. The Rev. A. A. F. de Salis gave an impressive address on the message of Easter tide—'Now is Christ risen'—adapted as the voice of the bells.

Tea, provided by the branch in the Church Hall, was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the branch chairman. The hon. secretary and treasurer reported an increase in membership of ten, while the balance in hand was now over £17.

The chairman, hon. secretary and treasurer and Ringing Master were all re-elected, while Mr. P. Davis (Sidmouth), Mr. W. E. Dickens (Honiton), Mr. C. J. Turner (Ottery St. Mary) were elected to represent the branch on the General Committee.

Colyton was chosen for the annual meeting in 1939, and Harpford for the autumn meeting, to be held on September 24th.

Mr. R. J. Curneli (Bucknell), Mr. C. Flower (Harpford) and Mr. T. J. Holland (Harpford) were presented with certificates by the chairman, who said that some day he hoped to become qualified to receive one himself.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar were suitably acknowledged, and the Rev. E. V. Cox paid tribute to the progress of the branch and the work of the hon. secretary.

During the afternoon and evening the bells of Dalwood and Stockland were made full use of. The six at Dalwood, tenor 9 cwt., are in excellent order, having been rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. about two years ago. The Stockland six are heavier. Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were the methods rung.

MID-DEVON MEETING AT KINGSKERSWELL.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Kingskerswell, near Torquay, on Saturday, April 23rd, when ringers were present from Milverton (Som.), Exeter, Brampford Speke, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh and Collaton. The ring of six bells, which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were found to be in splendid going order, and the ringing during the afternoon included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and an excellent touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Service was conducted by the chairman of the branch (the Rev. W. R. D. Mills), and in the course of an address the Vicar of Kingskerswell (the Rev. G. C. Dawe) extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

The party next adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a bountiful tea was in readiness, and this was followed by the usual business meeting, presided over by the chairman. The secretary (Mr. A. L. Bennett) reported that two combined practices had been held at Cockington.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting on Saturday, October 15th, and it was first recommended that this be held at Highweek. A discussion, which arose from a complaint, followed, and it was afterwards decided that the meeting should be held at Cockington, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The secretary reported that the collection in church for the Guild Bells Restoration Fund amounted to 8s. 4d.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Kingskerswell for the use of his bells and for his excellent address, to the organist for his assistance, and to the ladies for the excellent tea arrangements. To this the Vicar suitably replied. This concluded the business, and the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

DEATH OF ANOTHER LOUGHTON RINGER.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Luke George Carter, who passed away on Saturday, April 8th, in the London Hospital, following an operation. Deceased, who was 74 years of age, was a valuable member of the Loughton (Essex) Society for over 50 years and was an enthusiastic ringer. He had rung about 30 peals in various methods, including several 'George' peals, of which he was justly proud. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Essex Association.

The funeral took place on April 13th at St. John's Church, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Peregrine Maitland, M.A.). The interment took place in Loughton Cemetery.

The 'whole pull and stand' was rung over the grave on handbells, and in the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung half-muffled on the church bells as a last mark of respect. Mr. Carter is the second ringer Loughton has lost within a month, Mr. Walter Clark having died on March 14th.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church tomorrow, Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 6d. 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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Hillingdon on Saturday, April 30th. Service at St. John-the-Baptist Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. John's Hall at a charge of 1s. each, at 5.30. Business meeting will follow. Ringing arrangements: St. John-the-Baptist's, 10 bells, 3 to 4.45; St. Andrew's, 8 bells, 3.15 to 4.15; and at both towers after the meeting. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, 8 bells, 8 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Linton (8 bells) on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.45. Tea is by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. M. Haire. Everybody will be welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (recently augmented to eight) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael's and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 30th, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Hon. Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Leverington on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terlington St. John, Wisbech.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available for ringing. Tea at the Bishop Blaize Hotel at 5 p.m.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea (1s. per head) and business meeting to follow in St. Mary's Hall.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

PLYMTREE, NEAR CULLUMPTON, DEVON.—Festival service and rededication of the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., will take place on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. Special preacher, the Rector of Rewe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, April 30th. Nice peal of 6. Service at 4.30. Please send cards early for tea.—Arthur Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Wheathampstead on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6), recently recast, available only from 3.30 to 4.30. Short service and tea. Sandridge bells (6) are available for the evening. Good bus services. Please let me know if you intend to be present.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Eynsham on Saturday, April 30th, next. Service 3.30 p.m.—W. Evetts, Hampton, Tackley, Oxford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Combe Florey on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ichester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, April 30th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Ruyton XI. Towns, April 30th. Six bells, recently restored. 2.25 'Midland' bus from Square, Shrewsbury. Names for tea.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Parish Room.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot, Hants.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at Barnby Don. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Everyone can be catered for, so turn up in your dozens and don't forget tea cards.—E. Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Plowden Arms at 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, April 30th. 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.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wanstrow on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells, Frome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at Wraxall, instead of Blackwell, as previously proposed. The peal of 8 will be available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Kirby Moorside, on Saturday, April 30th. The peal of six bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting immediately after tea. Please try to be present. All ringers welcome.—Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rousham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and short business meeting. Lower Heyford (6), Steeple Aston (5) open after tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ring of six restored by Bowell, of Ipswich. Dedication service on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 o'clock. Ringers welcome.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pilton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dove Cottages, Street, Somerset.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Colmworth on Saturday, April 30th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Service ringing St. Clement Danes, Strand, Sunday, May 1st, 10 a.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes, May 9th and 23rd, at 7.30 p.m.; also St. Mary, Lambeth, May 31st, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—This is to remind members that the Northern District is holding its first meeting of the year to-morrow, Saturday, April 30th, at St. George's, Jesmond, starting 3 p.m. Osborne Road trams (No. 38) stop at the church.—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Northbrook Hall, at 4.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The quarterly meeting which was to have been held on Saturday, April 30th, is postponed for several weeks.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—Re-dedication of the bells will take place during the evening service on Sunday, May 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Ring of eight rehung by John Taylor and Co.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for May at 7.30 p.m.: 3rd, Southwark Cathedral; 10th, *St. Mary-le-Bow; 12th, St. Magnus'; 17th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn (8 p.m.); 24th, *St. Paul's Cathedral; 26th, St. Magnus'. *Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Special practice next Wednesday, May 4th, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, at 7.30 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Southport on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at Christ Church from 2 p.m. Bells at Emmanuel Church from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after tea. Service at Christ Church at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. L. G. Brewster, M.A. Tea at 5.15 in Schools. Free to those who send in names by Wednesday, May 4th, to J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale. Will those who attend service be in church at 4.30 prompt?—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A combined meeting of the Gainsborough and Grimsby Districts will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. (except during service, tea and meeting). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge to those who inform Mr. J. Bray, Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by the Thursday previous. — E. J. P. Davies and H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, May 7th. Usual arrangements. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Branch Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—Next branch meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, May 7th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me not later than the 4th if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, P.O., Grappenhall.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, Surrey, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow at 5.15 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mrs. D. Massey, 47, Coverts Road, Claygate, Surrey, by Wednesday, May 4th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Henry VIII. and Anne Boleyn were closely connected with Hever, where the next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7th. By the kindness of Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, the castle grounds will be open to ringers. Tower open at 2.30. Divine service 4 p.m., conducted by the Rector, Canon F. W. Lace. Visit to castle grounds at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Half fares will be paid up to 2s. Train leaves Tunbridge Wells West at 2.12 p.m. Also bus from War Memorial at 2.24 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Edwards, Elliott's House, Rogues Hill, Penshurst, by Wednesday, May 4th?—Alec. E. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting in the Schoolroom. Those requiring tea (which is very kindly provided by the Church Council) please advise Mr. E. Peartree, 1, Plane Avenue, Northfleet, not later than first post on Wednesday, May 4th.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Marden on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, May 3rd.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Goodworth Clatford, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Pain, Goodworth Clatford.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged. Please come and encourage this band of fifteen ringers, all belonging to the above tower. All welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tattenhall on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Will those who require tea kindly communicate with me not later than the previous Thursday?—J. W. Clarke, Way-side, Circular Drive, Chester.

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STAVERTON, near Daventry, Northants. — Dedication of the bells by the Ven. Archdeacon of Northampton on Saturday, May 7th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for visiting ringers who notify the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Powell, of their intention to be present, and a special bus will run from Daventry in time for the service. The former five bells have been recast into a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Banwell on May 7th. Bells (recently augmented to eight and rehung in new frame) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. — H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — A meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, May 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Brewery Inn at 5.15. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. G. A. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by May 5th. — A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. G. E. Plant, 12, Westwood Terrace, Leek, Staffs, not later than May 5th? A short committee meeting after tea. — Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Branch. — The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, May 7th, at Piddington (5 bells). Tower open 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ambrosden tower (8 bells) open after meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come. A good company is requested. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next practice meeting will be held at Heversham on May 7th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — N. M. Newby, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, May 7th. Usual arrangements. — W. J. Whitmore, Hon. Sec., Raunds, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — Next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends. — Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the Branch will be held at Thorverton on May 14th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Will bands and visitors kindly notify me by May 9th? — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. — A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District. — You can 'Keep fit' by visiting Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, May 14th, for the next meeting of the above district. Beautiful ring of eight available at 3 p.m. Usual Rolleston tea arrangements for those who reply by Wednesday, May 11th. All ringers and friends welcome. — J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and East District. — A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Monken Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me by May 11th. Special method, Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Other methods as desired. All members and friends welcomed. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel., Larkswood 1959.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District. — The next district meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business following. Bells again after until 9 p.m. Please notify me by Wednesday, the 11th, for tea. All ringers heartily welcomed. Buses 214 from or to Kingston pass the church. — F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow tea, which is to be provided free, at 5.15 p.m. Will everyone please make a special effort to attend and to notify me as soon as possible? — J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held at East Budleigh on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, May 9th? — R. Brook, 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The shield contest will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 9th. Tower closed for practice after June 11th. Entrance fees 6s. per band, and money for prize fund must reach me not later than Saturday, June 25th. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — The address of Geo. L. A. Lunn, Ringing Master, of Gainsborough District of Lincoln Diocesan Guild, is now 248, Lea Road, Gainsborough.

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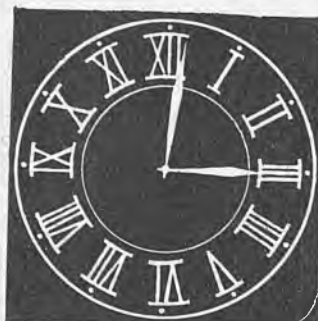
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