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## FESTIVAL THOUGHTS

**T**HOUGHTS upon the approaching Festival of Britain were focused last week for an interesting three-quarters of an hour on the television broadcast by witnessing the casting of the Festival Bell in the White-chapel Foundry. The ceremony was made more absorbing by one of those non-technical talks on the tuning and casting of bells, thus giving to the uninformed public a valuable insight into a subject which ringers in general hold dear. Millions of visitors will see and hear this bell as it performs its daily allotted task during the Festival. It will not rank among the big bells of the world, being of some 19 or 20 cwt., but it is a symbol of our art, a public witness of the service of bells to the community.

We hope that from this one bell the visiting public will be sufficiently inquisitive to see other bells, to visit the belfries of the land and witness practical demonstrations of change ringing. Nevertheless, it must be borne in mind that the Festival is in no sense confined to London. The country is on show to the world, and what is typically British is essentially of interest to visitors. The thoughts of ringers on the subject were admirably crystallised by the report prepared by Dr. John Hatcher and Mr. G. H. Spice at the behest of the Eastbourne Conference, which 'The Ringing World' in its wisdom decided to publish. The findings of the Standing Committee on that report have not yet been received, but we feel that the main tenor of it was so in keeping with the spirit expressed at Eastbourne that the Guilds and Associations were wise at their annual meetings in making their plans accordingly. There were, however, one or two controversial points, but these are not likely to impede the immediate arrangements for appropriate ringing at the opening of the Festival. They are, in a sense, academic in character and can be discussed by the Methods and other Committees. The Exercise is awaiting, however, plans for ringing parties visiting the Festival to obtain a pull in London. Probably this matter is in hand and announcements will be made in due course.

Of the programmes announced, one of the most enterprising is the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Every band in the Diocese is asked to proclaim the opening of the Festival by ringing its bells on the evening of Friday, May 4th, and a Festival of Britain ringers' rally is to be held at

Exeter on the following day. The rally is not to be a 'closed-shop' affair for change ringers only. The rival organisation, the Devon Association of Ringers, whose activities are with call change ringers, is participating in the rally. This breaking down of barriers is most commendable, and while 'The Ringing World' is primarily of interest to change ringers, we have among our readers and contributors those whose knowledge of the art is limited to these narrow confines. We do not belittle the work of call-change ringers, although we should like to see them embrace our style of ringing. Last week they had a most gracious tribute paid to them from no less a person than Mr. J. T. Dyke, when he told his own Association of 'the tremendous respect' he had for their prowess and how he had 'to concentrate tremendously to fit in with their uncanny accuracy.'

It is evident from the reports to hand that not only peal ringers but those who occasionally ring peals are planning big things for that week-end. The Editor expects a spate of peals equivalent to the big national occasions during the opening week-end of the Festival. The normal rate of peal ringing this year has averaged between 50 and 60 a week. A big influx can only be handled expeditiously if footnotes are limited to essential details. We ask those who ring peals to associate them with the Festival and not couple them with those individual domestic rejoicings so dear to the ringer's heart. In other words, have a one-purpose peal. If the response warrants it, we might be able to arrange for the issue of May 18th to be a special Festival issue, with an appropriate allocation for quarter peals.

Lastly, let the ringing on this occasion be of quality. Mr. G. H. Spice, when he outlined the Festival programme to the Kent County Association at Tonbridge, made a special point of good striking. 'Nothing irritates the public ear more than badly-struck change ringing,' he told the meeting. On these national occasions we are very much in the public ears, and a bad performance will defeat all the good intentions we have so much at heart. Let the objective be ringing at its best. If there is any doubt about the individual capabilities of the band, do practise the method beforehand with a tolerably long touch. Then not only the public but the ringers can, in the words of one veteran conductor, 'sit back and enjoy the bells.' Something then will have been accomplished worthy of an art which is essentially and peculiarly British and which has been handed down to us for more than two centuries.



**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5280 ALBANIAN SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Treble	*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	*J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 8
*DOROTHY M. UDALE .. .. 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. .. 9
*ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 5	*TERENCE A. THORNER .. 11
*SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Albanian Surprise Maximus. Rung for the wedding of Peter J. Staniforth and Margaret Jill Poole, both members of the Cathedral band.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. Treble	*JOHN HILL .. .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 8
JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 9
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS .. 11
DAVID PARSONS .. .. 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 4 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 35½ cwt. in C.

JOHN SCOTT .. .. Treble	HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 3	*J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 10
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 5	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 11
J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. 6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus on the bells, in the county and for the Association. A wedding compliment to P. J. Staniforth and Jill Poole, of Leicester.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS .. 6
ARTHUR HINGLEY .. .. 2	HENRY E. GREEN .. .. 7
ALAN ELSMORE .. .. 3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	*MAURICE G. TURNER .. 9
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 5	JOHN LUCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* 100th peal. Rung for the Easter festival and redecoration of the church.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*FRANK D. MACK .. .. Treble	*COLIN BARWICK .. .. 6
IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 2	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 7
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 3	*DAVID J. KING .. .. 8
†REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4	*WILFRED F. WEBB .. .. 9
*ERIC SUTTON .. .. 5	CHARLES GREEDY .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*GRAHAM MCKAY .. .. Treble	JOHN H. ROTHERY .. .. 5
†JOHN A. HAILE .. .. 2	†ROBERT A. JOHNSON .. 6
†GEOFFREY TEMBEY .. .. 3	†HAROLD WILSON .. .. 7
ALFRED EILBECK .. .. 4	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal. First peal on eight bells as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rung fully muffled in memoriam George W. Tembey.

FINCHLEY, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS .. .. Treble	FREDERICK A. BARKER .. 5
ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 2	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 6
GEORGE A. PARSONS .. .. 3	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 7
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 4	PHILIP BLAKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*ANNE P. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	†ALAN WARD .. .. 5
DEREK OGDEN .. .. 2	JAMES CARTER .. .. 6
ROBERT H. WIMPENNY .. 3	RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 7
JAMES B. ROBINSON .. .. 4	JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD M. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor. A birthday compliment to Derek Ogdren.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

WALTER AYRE .. .. Treble	JOHN G. HOBSON .. .. 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. 2	GEORGE DOBBS .. .. 6
PHILIP H. SPECK .. .. 3	ARTHUR W. CROWDER .. 7
*GWEN I. RUSBY .. .. 4	WALTER GODDARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung for the Easter festival. Also as a birthday compliment to A. W. Hoodless and with good wishes to Jill Poole and Peter Staniforth.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD MILLARD .. .. Treble	WILLIAM H. PARKER .. 5
MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. .. 2	*DAVID SLEET .. .. 6
MRS. A. J. N. RANGE .. 3	*ROY COLLINS .. .. 7
*REX J. CORKE .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. PAICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

\* First peal of Major. In memoriam Thomas William Upshall. of Farnham.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.

*COLIN GOLDING .. .. Treble	JOHN N. LINDON .. .. 5
†JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	FREDK. G. BEDDOW .. 6
JOHN R. BUTLER .. .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
†E. DENNIS POOLE .. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\* First peal of Major. † 150th peal. ‡ 60th peal.

## HEREFORD.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5068 SPICED MAJOR

Comprising 2,464 Plain Bob, 1,344 Double Bob, 756 Gainsborough Little Bob and 504 Little Bob, with 42 changes of method.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. Treble	*REGINALD T. JONES .. .. 5
*JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 6
*F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 3	*E. PETER ROCK .. .. 7
*FREDK. R. HARRIS .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\*First peal of Spiced Major in four methods. The first peal of Spiced Major in four methods for the Guild. Rung in honour of the Easter Festival.

## HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN COBB .. .. Treble	FREDERICK A. FINCH .. .. 5
HORACE BELCHER .. .. 2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. .. 6
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. .. 3	JOHN B. SANSOM .. .. 7
WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. .. 4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.

Rung as a farewell to John B. Sansom, shortly leaving for service overseas.

## MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. in F.

W. GEOFFREY HAIR .. .. Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 5
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE .. .. 2	WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 6
WILLIAM H. CURSON .. .. 3	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. .. 7
F. GEORGE BAILEY .. .. 4	GEORGE WM. RIDGWAY .. Tenor

Composed by B. D. PRICE. Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

## NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH Treble	HERBERT SUTTON .. .. 5
J. DEREK SMITH .. .. 2	JOHN E. BROUGH .. .. 6
HAROLD G. SMITH .. .. 3	EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. .. 7
FRANK BARNARD .. .. 4	FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

The ringers of the 7th and tenor have now completed circle. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector, the Ven. J. Tyler Whittle, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, on his leaving to be Rector of Astbury.

## PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

E. ROGER MARTIN .. .. Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. .. 5
*IAN JONES .. .. 2	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. .. 6
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. .. 7
JOHN JACKSON .. .. 4	ERNEST J. GOWER .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\*First peal of Surprise. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. L. Walmsley, hon. secretary of the Preston Branch.

## BANGOR, CO. DOWN.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COMGALL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*FRANK KING .. .. Treble	NAT SAVAGE .. .. 5
JAMES EDGAR .. .. 2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. .. 6
WILLIAM PRATT .. .. 3	FREDK. E. DUKES .. .. 7
†THOMAS SMELTZER .. .. 4	HARRY BROWN .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were rehung and second peal ever on the bells. First peal by an Irish band. No. 3 peal in Northern Ireland Festival of Britain programme.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. .. 3	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 7
JOHN O. WELLER .. .. 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\*250th peal for the Association. In honour of the marriage at Leicesters Cathedral on March 26th, 1951, of Mr. P. J. Staniforth and Miss M. J. Poole.

## NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Annab's Six-part.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOSEPH V. LIVOCK .. .. Treble	HELEN Y. GARDNER .. .. 5
†JOHN F. COLLINGS (13) .. .. 2	ROY V. WEBB .. .. 6
MAURICE A. COLLINGS (14) .. .. 3	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 7
EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 4	LEONARD B. SCOOT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY V. WEBB.

\*First peal on eight. †First peal 'inside.' First peal of Bob Triples by all.

## WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

WALTER G. PAUL .. .. Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE .. .. 5
PAMELA A. MARTIN .. .. 2	FREDERICK H. CROOK .. .. 6
*RAYMOND G. SMITH .. .. 3	RICHARD G. BELL .. .. 7
THOMAS J. CLARK .. .. 4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

\*First peal. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Alfred G. Woodward, friend of the ringers and verger for 29 years.

## WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. .. 5
ERNEST F. SHEARN .. .. 2	ROGER O. FRY .. .. 6
LEONARD F. DERRICK .. .. 3	*GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 7
JACK LINTERN .. .. 4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\*50th peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Birthday compliment to the conductor.



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### ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 11½ cwt.
*DEREK G. GOODMAN .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ..	5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	†S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	7
†WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4	TERENCE A. THORNER ..	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal on tower bells. † First peal in the method. A farewell to Canon H. V. Hibbert, who is moving to another part of the Leicester Diocese after 27 years as Vicar of Enderby.

### MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John, Miles Platting,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

	Tenor 12 cwt.
RICHARD BENSON .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. 5
JEAN C. BROWN .. 2	NEVILLE A. BROWN .. 6
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN .. 7
ROY BROOM .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

First peal on eight as conductor.

### SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

The 'Barrabool' peal.	Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.
CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	HORACE BENNETT .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	W. ALLEN RICHARDSON .. 6
JOHN E. ALLEN .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRILL .. 7
AUBREY D. MILLS .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. WHITTON.

### WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.
WILLIAM GREEN .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 3	GIBSON JACKSON .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

### CHESTER. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-on-the-Hill,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

	Tenor 14 cwt.
*BETTY GRIFFITHS (15) .. Treble	HENRY O. BAKER .. 5
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 2	*JOHN BOUTLAND (15) .. 6
FRANK JACKSON .. 3	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. 7
*SHIRLEY GOLDING (15) .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method.

### CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 14 cwt.
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5
*TERENCE A. THORNER .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	ALFRED BALLARD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method.

### ERITH, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
Middleton's.	
MRS. F. I. HAIRS .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
WILLIAM G. COOK .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 3	FRANK I. HAIRS .. 7
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

### HENLEY, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 8 cwt.
RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 6
*JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 7
ERNEST W. PYE .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Superlative. First peal in the method as conductor.

### MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

#### A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

	Tenor 7½ cwt.
WILFRED STEVENSON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 5
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 2	*HARRY FARRER .. 6
ANNE WORTH .. 3	*HEDLEY WOOD .. 7
GERALD FARRER .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung by the Christ Church, Macclesfield, ringers to mark the 19th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Worth.

### OXFORD.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Ebbe,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

	Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation).	
FRANK BECKETT .. Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE .. 5
*LOTTIE R. PIMM .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 6
ALAN R. PINK .. 3	HARRY P. FLOYD .. 7
†DAVID WOODLEY .. 4	CHARLES COLES .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

### TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.
HARRY HARRINGTON .. Treble	†FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 5
ROBERT COLLINS .. 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 6
*SHIRLEY RYMER .. 3	DORIS E. COLGATE .. 7
EDNA M. SILLS .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal of Surprise on 'inside' bell. † First in the method. An 87th birthday compliment to William Collison.

### BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 14½ cwt.
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. Treble	CYRIL TANSELL .. 5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 2	THOMAS HEMMING .. 6
*SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	*THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* 200th peal together.

### COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.
Comprising 2,016 Yorkshire, 1,536 Superlative, 1,536 Cambridge, with 129 changes of method.	
THOMAS E. SONE .. Treble	WILFRED W. RING .. 5
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
ROBERT COLLINS .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

Arranged by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in three Spliced Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. A fourth birthday compliment to Yvonne, granddaughter of the conductor. Also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby on the birth of their daughter, Judith Mary.

## HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
*MAURICE ASPINALL .. .. Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT .. .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 2	JOHN HALSALL .. .. 6
HARRY S. COOPER .. .. 3	*ROY RIDGE .. .. 7
LAURENCE WOOD .. .. 4	JACK PLATT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. Halsall, daughter of the 6th ringer.

## HOLLOWAY, LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH Treble	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 2	*ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. 6
*DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
THOMAS G. FOX .. .. 4	*JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the birthday of the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Goodwin-Hudson.

## PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Brooks' Variation.	Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Treble	*PETER E. NORTH .. .. 5
ERNEST A. THORPE .. .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 6
*WILFRED ROBINSON .. .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
†FRANK REED .. .. 4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. Rung to mark the wedding of Miss Jill Poole to Peter J. Staniforth.

## READING, BERKSHIRE.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.

PERCY J. DYKE .. .. Treble	ROGER O. FRY .. .. 5
WILLIAM R. HIBBERT .. 2	HENRY J. SANGER .. .. 6
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. .. 7
W. B. KYNASTON .. .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. O. FRY. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung for the feast of the Annunciation.

## SHERBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 4 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. in B flat.

STAFFORD H. GREEN .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5
JEAN M. BROWN .. .. 2	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Longest length on the bells and the heaviest tenor rung to a peal in this method. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 275th peal.

## WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

## A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

RONALD KENRICK .. Treble	JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. 5
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. 6
†JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 3	†ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. 7
THOMAS HORRIDGE .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

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## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt.  
GEORGE DOWLING .. .. Treble \*PHILIP H. SPECK .. .. 4  
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. .. 2 LEONARD RODMELL .. .. 5  
\*JOHN G. HOBSON .. .. 3 CHARLES BARKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

\* First peal in four methods.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
LEWIS J. LAST .. .. Treble \*JOHN CRAPNELL .. .. 4  
JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. .. 2 GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. .. 5  
GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 3 RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Lewis J. Last and Hilda G. Snowden.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 12 cwt.  
\*DEREK WOODWARD .. .. Treble MAX PAGE .. .. 3  
†W. JOHN WATHEN .. .. 2 †GEOFFREY PAGE .. .. 4  
†CHAS. SHEMMING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SHEMMING.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Believed to be the first peal rung on this complete pre-Reformation ring of five, it being rung by the first known ringing band attached to the tower.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
THOMAS COOPER .. .. Treble WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 4  
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. .. 2 MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 5  
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 3 REGINALD T. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.  
IRIS KING .. .. Treble \*LEONARD SHARPE .. .. 4  
CHARLES FORDHAM .. .. 2 ARTHUR COOK .. .. 5  
\*ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 3 RICHARD E. MANTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. MANTON.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Miss Iris King.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent of St. Simon's, 20 of Grandsire and 21 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.  
\*ROY A. WARD .. .. Treble CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD .. .. 4  
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. .. 2 †SYDNEY FOSKETT .. .. 5  
†JOAN ASHTON .. .. 3 \*WILLIAM WATTS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER G. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles 'in-side.' First tower-bell peal as conductor.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.  
\*ALAN ELSMORE .. .. Treble \*J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 4  
DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 2 MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 5  
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. .. 3 HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER. Witnessed by CLIVE SMITH.

\* First peal of Minor in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor. Rung for the Easter festival.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one 720 of St. Clement's. Tenor 14½ cwt.  
DOUGLAS M. HALL .. .. Treble PETER CARBUTT .. .. 4  
\*MARJORIE PERKINS .. .. 2 STANLEY DANCE .. .. 5  
LEONARD W. CARBUTT .. .. 3 EDWIN ATKINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN ATKINSON.

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

BURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
LEWIS J. LAST .. .. Treble FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL .. .. 4  
RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. 2 GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 5  
JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. .. 3 CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

CASSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 16 methods, with 101 changes of method, viz.: (1) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Horsmonden; (2) Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise, (3) Fulbeck, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, (4) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, (5) Thelwall, Childwall, (6) Plain Bob, Single Oxford, (7) Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).  
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. Treble HARRY P. FLOYD .. .. 4  
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. .. 2 EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 5  
CHARLES COLES .. .. 3 ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in 16 Minor methods by all the band and on the bells. This is the greatest number of Minor methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Peak District.)

On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 15½ cwt.  
JEAN D. DUNN .. .. Treble †GEORGE H. PAULSON .. .. 4  
\*DAVID MELLOR .. .. 2 †HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. .. 5  
NORMA HOWES .. .. 3 †JOHN HODGSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR AND GEORGE H. PAULSON.

\* First peal on a working bell. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal.

CANTERBURY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in B.  
\*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Treble FREDERICK R. WELLER .. .. 4  
PETER J. H. SMALL .. .. 2 WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. .. 5  
PETER NEWING .. .. 3 THOMAS H. HOLMES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding this day, at the Church of St. Dunstan, Canterbury, of Mr. D. Chatfield and Miss B. Philpott.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*

*At St. Peter's Vicarage,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

*Holt's Original.*

COLIN HARRISON .. .. .	1-2	JOSEPH A. FENTON .. .. .	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. .	3-4	CAPT. EDW. F. M. SAMSON	7-8

*Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN. Umpire: HAROLD MARCON.*

**BOURNEMOUTH.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Mar. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,*

*At 20, WELLINGTON ROAD.*

**A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR**

*In eight methods, comprising 1,456 Plain, 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 464 Reverse, 304 each of Double and St. Clement's, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 232 Crayford Little Bob, with 397 changes of method.*

*Tenor size 15 in C.*

JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. .	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. .	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	3-4	*MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. ..	7-8

*Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.*

*Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.*

*\* First peal in eight methods.*

**GLOUCESTER.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,*

*In St. Mary de Crypt Belfry,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

*Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.*

*Tenor size 11 in G.*

*JOAN BUSSEY .. .. .	1-2	LESLIE BARRY .. .. .	3-4
		DORIS SHEPPARD .. .. .	5-6

*Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.*

*Witness: TIMOTHY COBB.*

*\* 25th peal.*

**NOTTINGHAM.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*

*At 110, NOEL STREET,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

*Holt's Original.*

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. ..	1-2	FREDK. A. SALTER .. .. .	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. .	3-4	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. .	7-8

*Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.*

**GAYTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

*On Thurs. Mar. 29, 1951, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

*Being spliced extents of Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob and Reverse Bob and Plain Bob; one extent of Reverse Bob and two extents of Plain Bob; 40 changes of method.*

*Tenor size 14 in D.*

M. ELIZABETH ROE .. .. .	1-2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. .	3-4
		MICHAEL SLANEY .. .. .	5-6

*Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.*

*The first peal in more than one method by all the band.*

**LONDON.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,*

*At THE COUNTY HALL, S.E.1,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR**

*Tenor size 15.*

THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. .	1-2	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. ..	5-6
WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. .	3-4	EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. .	7-8

*Composed by E. J. LINDLEY.*

*Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.*

*\* First peal in the method. First handbell peal of St. Clement's by the Association.*

**HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,*

*At OAKLEIGH, ELMGROVE ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

*Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.*

*Tenor size 15 in C.*

JOAN BUSSEY .. .. .	1-2	LESLIE BARRY .. .. .	3-4
		DORIS SHEPPARD .. .. .	5-6

*Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.*

*First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Bussey.*

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Members of the Standing  
Committee of the Central  
Council have been informed  
by Mr. G. W. Fletcher that he has written to  
the president of the Council advising him that,  
having completed 20 years of service as secre-  
tary to the Council, he is not able to accept  
nomination for a further term.

The Snowdon Dinner will be held at York on  
September 29th.

Miss Pamela A. Martin is the first lady to  
ring a peal at St. Mary's, Watford.

For their peal at Reading on March 31st, the  
three Somerset members of the band drove 160  
miles in a 17-year-old Austin Seven.

After the Easter Monday peal at St.  
Lawrence's, Chobham, Surrey, the band was hos-  
pitably entertained by the Vicar, the Rev. O.  
R. Acworth.

Apropos the passing of Mr. William Dye  
(page 203), Mr. C. E. Borrett points out that  
Holt's Original was rung at Norwich on August  
22nd and again on October 22nd, 1752. Our  
correspondent's claim in regard to Mr. Dye  
probably intended to refer to contemporary  
ringing.

Buckingham ringers accompanied by friends  
from Maids Moreton and Wicken had an en-  
joyable tour on Easter Monday, ringing at  
Egham, St. Peter's, Staines, Chertsey, Leather-  
head, Ashted and Ewell. Mr. Frank Townsend  
was in charge of the party and the arrangements  
were admirably made by Mr. F. Vickers (tower  
secretary).

Mr. D. H. Rooke points out that the peal of  
Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung at Greasley on  
March 16th was not the first peal of Minor for  
the Southwell Diocesan Guild. The first was  
at Warsop on May 16th, 1948, conducted by  
Frederick Flint. Another was rung at the same  
tower on August 15th, 1950, conducted by the  
writer.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. C. Sharples writes:  
'It would be very interest-  
ing to see a peal rung in  
this second half of the 20th century by a band  
of veterans who also rang a peal in the 19th  
century.' This brings to mind the veterans' peal  
rung at St. Olave's, Hart Street, in the 30's, all of  
whom had rung a thousand peals and upwards.

It is 45 years since Mr. John Cobb had rung  
a peal. He broke the 'silence' at Heston, Mid-  
dlesex, on March 26th.

The peal of Raunds Surprise Major recorded  
in our last issue was rung without practice.

With the peal at Stanwell, Middlesex, on  
March 17th, Mr. Frank Blondell has rung peals  
of Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Great credit is due to the young band at  
St. Bees, Cumberland, who are mostly boys  
and girls under 18, by raising over £100 them-  
selves towards the cost of having their bells  
rehung in the very near future.

The peal at Newport, Monmouth, on March  
31st, was the 13th peal for two of the band—  
Miss Jacqueline Evans and Mr. Eric Sutton—  
though neither had met before the attempt.

The peal of 5,184 Double Norwich Court  
Bob Major on the heavy bells of Sherborne  
Abbey on March 31st was a triumph for Miss  
Jean M. Brown. She is the first lady to ring  
a peal of Major on these bells. Previously she  
had rung a peal of Triples on the bells.

The twelve ringers at Evershot, Dorset, in-  
clude a churchwarden, a parochial church sec-  
retary, a sexton, four members of the Church  
Council, two choristers, two sidesmen and a  
'lad' of 77 with over 50 years' service to his  
credit as a ringer at the church. On Easter  
Day 720 Plain Bob Doubles was rung by F.  
Samways 1, F. T. Groves 2, H. Smith 3, Mrs.  
H. Smith 4, H. D. W. Bishop (conductor) 5, H.  
Vine 6. First 720 by 1 and 2.

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# BISHOP OFFICIATES AT LEICESTER RINGERS' WEDDING

THE thoughts and good wishes of the Exercise were turned to Leicester on Easter Monday for the wedding at the Cathedral Church of St. Martin of Peter John, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Staniforth, of Anstey, Leics, and Margaret Jill, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, of Leicester. A very large congregation witnessed the ceremony which was performed by the Lord Bishop of Leicester (the Right Rev. G. Vernon Smith) assisted by the Provost and the Rev. W. O. Chantler (Vicar of Ovington).

As the bridal party drew near the Cathedral, the bells pealed forth their welcome. At the Cathedral door the bride, who looked a picture of radiant happiness, was met by the Provost and the choir. Escorted by her father, who subsequently gave her away, she was attended by six bridesmaids. The bride's procession moved slowly to the chancel as Mr. Brian G. Warwick, the organist for the occasion, played the Bridal March from 'Lohengrin' (Wagner).

The hymn 'Love Divine' preceded the nuptial rites performed by the Bishop. In an address to the assembly he said that during the singing of Psalm 67 (The Deus Misereatur) the newly-wedded couple would take their first steps as man and wife—steps taken in the right direction — towards the altar. In wishing them every happiness, the Bishop said he was sure that wish would be shared not only by the large company present, but by the whole of the fraternity of ringers.

The hymn 'May the Grace of Christ our Saviour' followed the prayers, and after the blessing and during the signing of the register, the choir sang as an anthem 'Brother James' Air.' As the bride and bridegroom left the Cathedral the bells were 'fired' and a short touch of Stedman Cinques was rung.

The bride was attired in a heavy cream satin dress with train. Her wreath was decorated with miniature arum lilies and stephanotis and the veil was appropriately adorned on each corner with bells. She wore a gold cross and chain and carried an ivory-bound prayer book from which was suspended satin ribbon with lilies of the valley and white heather. A silver bell hung from the bottom of the ribbon.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Elizabeth Faulknall and Sheila Healey (both ringers), Yvonne Staniforth (sister of the bridegroom) Doreen Powell (friend of the bride) who were dressed in turquoise panne velvet and carried shower bouquets of pink carnations. Jane Parker (bride's cousin) and Pat Wayman (granddaughter of Mrs. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet) who wore dresses of salmon pink panne velvet and carried baskets of blue forget-me-nots. Each had a velvet Juliet cap to match her dress and wore a necklace, the gift of the bridegroom.

It was almost completely a ringers' day. In addition to the bride and bridegroom, the bride's parents and the two previously-men-

tioned bridesmaids, other ringers who took part in the ceremony were M. D. Staniforth (best man), Brian G. Warwick (organist), Harry Poyner and Derek Goodman (choristers). With the exception of Miss Faulknall (Desford) and Michael Staniforth (St. Mary's, Anstey), all are members of the Cathedral Company.

## THE RECEPTION

The reception was held in the ballroom of the Victoria Casino and was attended by 100 guests, the guests of honour being the Lord Bishop and the Provost. Grace at the wedding breakfast was said by the Lord Bishop. The Provost proposed the toast of 'The Bride and Bridegroom' and recalled that he had known the bride since she was nine years old. He had watched her grow up and had later

Guild, Melton and Harborough Districts of the Leicester Guild and twenty-four ringers from various parts of the country.

Dancing followed and then came a rousing send-off to the bride and bridegroom as they left for their honeymoon at Church Stretton, Salop.

The many present included a barometer from the Cathedral Company and Wigston Magna ringers and wine glasses from the Anstey ringers, with whom the bridegroom learnt to ring.

## BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM

The bride is the hon. secretary of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild and is also the representative for that Guild on the Central Council. She is a brilliant ringer both on handbells and in the tower. She could hardly be otherwise considering who she chose to be her parents! She has taken part in 234 peals in many methods and on all numbers from Minor to Maximus and her list includes all the many Surprise Maximus methods which have been rung at Leicester.

The bridegroom, a former pupil of Redvers F. Elkington, of Anstey, is also a ringer of outstanding capability and a conductor of great promise. He has taken part in over 200 peals and his list includes the Surprise Maximus peal mentioned above. He is the chairman of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Finally, both these young ringers hold the distinction of belonging to that very select band who have rung peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus on both tower and handbells.

Peals in honour of the wedding were rung at Leicester Cathedral, Wakefield Cathedral, Countesthorpe, Lyme Regis, Penistone, Long Eaton, Crayford and Barton-on-Humber.

H. B.



The Bishop of Leicester congratulating the bride and bridegroom after the ceremony.

(Photo: S. G. Deakin, Leicester.)

noticed her in certain company and had thought that some day some one would be giving that toast but had no idea that the honour of doing so would fall upon him. Being bellringers he knew that Jill and Peter would know how to pull together and he wondered who would take the treble! The bridegroom ably responded.

The usual toasts were given and responded to and in between the toasts the bride and bridegroom took wine—first with the Lord Bishop and Provost and later with all the ringers present. In his reply to the final toast the bride's father said that never had he given anything away so valuable as what he had given away that morning. He felt that it was a great honour to have had his only daughter married by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and in the Mother Church of the Diocese and he sincerely thanked the Bishop for his kindness in celebrating the marriage and the Provost for his valuable assistance.

Forty-one congratulatory telegrams and messages were read out by the best man. These included one from the Midland District Ladies'

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Bolton Branch

In spite of local point to point races, a first division football match and very bad weather, there was a well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch held at The Saviour's Church on March 31st.

It was not a meeting of method ringers, but of youth. Under 21's of both sexes well outnumbered the older members and there is no doubt there are many buds ready to burst into flower. This attendance of youth is a good omen.

When Field-Marshal Montgomery visits Bolton Parish Church in the near future, there will be a 'teenage' band to ring for the service. The arrangements for this are in the hands of Alan Pendlebury.

At the business part of the meeting it was decided, for the Festival of Britain, to throw open the towers for the public to visit during the evenings of Thursday and Friday, May 3rd and 4th, and to attempt a peal at all churches during the following week. P. C.



## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MR. E. H. LEWIS LEAVING KENT — RINGERS AND THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN: PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS — MEMBERSHIP NOW 1,049 — LEADING COUNTY FOR PEALS

THIS year Tonbridge was selected for the annual meeting of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday and a company of about 160 enjoyed an excellent meeting.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted jointly by the Archdeacon of Tonbridge and Canon Russell B. White, R.D., Vicar of Tonbridge. The address was given by Canon White and was much appreciated.

Luncheon followed in the Medway Hall at the close of which the business meeting took place. Before commencing the routine work the meeting heard with great reluctance of the impending departure of Mr. E. H. Lewis from Kent and of his consequent severance with the affairs of the Kent County Association.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell expressed appreciation of Mr. Lewis's services to the Kent County Association over the past 22 years and Mr. P. A. Corby also spoke in affectionate terms of the cordial esteem in which Mr. Lewis had been held by all officers and members.

Mr. G. H. Spice (hon. secretary), in his report, said: 'Just over 50 years ago, one annual report opened with the words "The affairs of the Association during the past year have been conducted in a very quiet fashion, hardly anything having occurred to bring us prominently before the public." The first portion of the quotation might well be applied to the year 1950, but, as regards being brought into prominence, we in Kent, in common with other privileged counties, have been brought before the public by sundry broadcasts of ringing before Divine service and there is ample evidence to indicate that on most of our important national occasions of rejoicing, festivals and otherwise, the B.B.C. have come to realise that the sound of our church bells forms an integral part of a well-organised broadcast. Only yesterday, Easter Day, what a sense of dignified grandeur must have been felt by the thousands, and possibly millions, of listeners to that special broadcast in the Home Service of the tuneful bells of our cathedrals and churches scattered far and wide over the British Isles.'

### THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

'This year we have, through the Festival of Britain, the opportunity to interest the public both at home and from overseas, in a peculiarly British art. Bells have become interwoven in the pattern of life as lived in Britain and should figure prominently in a Festival intended to demonstrate to the world the merit of the British way of life. The love of home, of family, of village or town, of the English countryside and of our national Church—all these have found expression in some of our finest poems and songs—linked with the sound of church bells. The music of bells rung in the English fashion, their changes rolling out from some noble and ancient tower, remind men and women of the worship of God and of their duty to their Creator. No other country in the world can produce such a scene.'

With this in mind surely it was their duty as ringers during 1951 to bring their art before the public in every possible way. Without doubt this could best be done by local bands.

Obviously the first step should be to ensure the help and co-operation of the clergy. Special ringing should mark the opening days of the Festival. Where it could be arranged, a good idea would be to display prominently notices to the effect that ringing chambers were open to receive visitors. Qualified ringers could volunteer to act as guides to conduct parties to view bells and to explain their movement and the simplest principles of change ringing. Lectures with a model bell and handbell demonstrations might well be offered to guilds, institutes and other organisations, especially to those connected with youth. Interest was a necessary forerunner of

recruitment and every local band should remember that if the introduction of new blood was neglected the band must, sooner or later, fail in its purpose.

Whenever ringing, the essential quality of good striking must be kept firmly in mind. Nothing irritated the public ear more than badly-struck change ringing. A perfect rhythm could be achieved only if each ringer listened intently to every blow struck whether it be for service ringing, practices or peals.

### MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

It was gratifying to report a slight increase in practising membership. As compared with last year's total of 1,015, their total for 1950 reached 1,049. Fifteen non-resident life members were elected during the year and subscriptions were received from 52 honorary members, one less than last year.

New practising members had joined from all districts as follows:—Ashford 17, Canterbury 46, Lewisham 16, Maidstone 22, Rochester 61 and Tonbridge 13.

Losses by death during the year had been:—Canterbury District, Frederick G. Brett, George Swaffer; Lewisham District, Jesse Couchman (Farningham). Reuben Baldwin (Eynesford); Maidstone District, Brian Bristow (Leeds, killed in action in Korea); Tonbridge District, George Eastman (Hever). The company stood in silence as the names were read out.

### COMMITTEE WORK

Matters of interest dealt with by the Committee were grants from the Belfry Repair Fund of £10 10s. to St. Leonard's, Deal; £15 15s. to St. Mary's, Lewisham; £10 10s. to Barming Parish Church. It was decided that any difference between the amount standing to the credit of the Helmore Memorial Fund and the total cost of the clock and the installation of the same in the ringing chamber of Canterbury Cathedral be met from the Association's General Fund.

In recognition of Mr. Robert Edwards' long service to the Association and Tenterden Church, it was unanimously agreed to make him an honorary life member. The committee accepted the trusteeship of the proceeds of the sale of shares, the gift of Mr. Robert Edwards, to be invested and the interest earmarked for the Tenterden Parish Church Bell Ropes Fund.

An order for three gross of ringers' badges had been placed to a design kindly provided, free of cost, by Mr. Fred Cullum.

Preliminary consideration had been given to a proposal of Mr. A. Waddington as to the advisability of regrouping of towers, adjusting boundaries and possibly increasing the number of districts.

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Horsmonden is to have two new bells to complete the octave, the gift of Mrs. Bridges.

Susan Dilmot, of Whitstable, at the tender age of ten months, has been made an honorary member.

The bells in two six-bell towers—Wateringbury and Barming—had been rehung on ball bearings. Congratulations to Wateringbury enthusiasts, who it is understood are making good progress, were expressed.

### FINANCIAL POSITION

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, in presenting the accounts, urged upon all districts the importance of securing honorary members. Subscriptions from members amounted to £121 7s. 6d. and revenue from other sources £69 5s. 7d. With the amount brought forward of £90 18s. 7d., this made a total of £281 11s. 8d. on the income account. The principal item of expenditure was the annual report, costing over £56. The next report would cost considerably more and he appealed to members to purchase copies at 1s. each, which was not a quarter of the cost of

production. The year ended with a balance in hand of £95 19s. 5d., but this would be reduced by the purchase of badges, the first order being over £50. He asked members to purchase their badges as soon as possible.

The Belfry Repair Fund started the year with £240 17s. 3d., collections at meetings and donations amounted to £11 0s. 7d., and interest £11 4s. 6d. Grants of £25 15s. had been made, leaving a balance at the end of the year of £237 7s. 4d. The shares Mr. Edwards had handed over realised £33 17s. 6d. for the Tenterden Bell Ropes Fund. He was sure all members would heartily thank Mr. Edwards for this kind gesture.

The Benevolent Fund started with a balance in hand of £422 2s. 2d. The total income for the year was £22 5s. 1d. and £40 had been paid out in grants to seven members. There had also been paid out £40 10s. for the Helmore Memorial towards which donations to this Fund was £12 5s. 7d.

### A GOOD YEAR FOR PEALS

Mr. P. A. Corby, peal secretary, in his report, stated that 165 peals were recorded in 1950. Although this was a decrease of three on 1949, it probably ensured the return to the head of the Central Council's list. The peals included the first ever of Derby Surprise Major and the first for the Association of Aldenham, Boveney, Cranbourne and Southgate Surprise Major. It was again a pleasure to record a considerable range of performance from the very simple to the advanced methods, although no peal of Spliced Surprise Major was rung and only one of London Surprise Major. There was a slight increase in the number of handbell peals but no sign of real activity.

There were 50 conductors, including four 'first as conductor.' The peal secretary headed the list with 17. Messrs. W. A. J. Knight and T. E. Sone with 13 each and Mr. W. Bottrill with 12 all showed a commendable record of achievement in circumstances that were not always easy.

Of 220 towers with five or more bells, peals were rung in 79. One peal was rung in Sussex, and one at Southwark Cathedral. Six peals were rung 'in hand.' There were only 20 first peals, the lowest number since the war. Sincere congratulations were offered to all first pealers and their instructors.

Six peals were rung in honour of the birth of Princess Anne. Isaac Emery, of Bromley, had the great pleasure of ringing a peal on the second bell at St. John's, Erith on August 30th, 1950, sixty years to the day after he had rung the same bell to his first peal. Members will share the pleasure of our old friend that he has been spared to carry out such a remarkable feat. We would commend to our members the recent suggestion in 'The Ringing World' that peals should be related, where possible, to Saints' Days and church activities generally.

In addition to the peals rung by the Association, the following were rung in the county by other Associations:—East Grinstead and District Guild, four; Ancient Society of College Youths and Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, two each; the Hawkhurst and District Guild, the London County Association and Oxford University Society, one each.

Conductors should ascertain before starting for a peal whether all the band were members of the Association and any non-members should be provisionally elected in accordance with Rule 17.

All the officers were re-elected with the addition of Mr. Wilfred Rayner, of Gravesend, to the committee. The four representatives to serve on the Central Council were Messrs. P. J. Corby, T. E. Sone, G. H. Spice and John Willis.



# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The first session of the 26th Council (54th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 15th, 1951, in the Cathedral Refectory, Chester, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, at 11 o'clock.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 o'clock and the afternoon session will commence at 2.15 p.m. or as may be decided.

## AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 14).

1. Election of President for 1951-1954. Mr. E. H. Lewis retires and is eligible for re-election.
2. Election of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for 1951-1954. Mr. G. W. Fletcher retires and is not seeking re-election.
3. Election of Hon. Librarian for 1951-1954. Mr. W. H. J. Hooton retires and is eligible for re-election.
4. Election of Honorary Members. The following are now Life Members under Rule 6:—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. E. Alex Young. Mr. C. Dean has resigned from the Council and Mr. J. F. Smallwood is now a Representative of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The following retire and are eligible for re-election:—The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Mrs. L. K. Marshall (Records Committee), Mr. E. A. Barnett (Methods and Peal Collection Committee), Mr. G. E. Debenham (Rules Sub-Committee), Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Mr. A. A. Hughes (Auditor), Mr. F. Sharpe (Towers and Belfries Committee), Mr. W. H. Viggers (Biographies), Mr. A. Walker (Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee). There are ten vacancies.
5. Election of Auditors (2) for 1951-1954. Present Auditor Mr. A. A. Hughes.
6. Loss of members through death.
7. Minutes of the last meeting.
8. Report of the Hon. Librarian.
9. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1950.
10. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine. Trustees: Messrs. A. A. Hughes and A. Walker.
11. 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 re-appoint or alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable.

### (a) Standing Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Messrs. G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, J. W. Clarke, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, F. W. Perrens, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, J. F. Smallwood, A. Paddon Smith, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. A. Walker.

The ex-officio members are the President, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past officers (if still members of the Council).

### (b) Peal Collection.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Messrs. E. A. Barnett, H. G. Cashmore, G. R. Newton and C. W. Woolley.

### (c) Methods Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, H. G. Cashmore, F. Nolan Golden and C. K. Lewis.

### (d) Peal Analysis

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Messrs. W. Ayre, G. L. Grover and H. Miles.

### (e) Records Committee.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. L. K. Marshall.

### (f) Towers and Belfries.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Messrs. W. Ayre, Lewis, W. Osborn, F. Sharpe and E. Alex Young.

### (g) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker.

### (h) Peal Boards.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Rev. C. E. Wigg, Messrs. W. Ayre and J. W. Clarke.

### (i) Biographies.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Messrs. A. C. Hazelden and W. H. Viggers.

### (k) 'Ringing World'.

The following retire:—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

12. To fix the place of next meeting.
13. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.  
The White House, Caister-on-Sea.

## OBITUARY

### MR. OLIVER SIPPETTS

The funeral took place at Crawley, Sussex, on April 7th, of Mr. Oliver Sippetts, for nearly 50 years a member of the band of St. John-the-Baptist's and leader for many years. Mr. Sippetts, who would have been 61 next month, was a very well-known ringer and conductor, who had rung over 800 peals. He was, in addition, treasurer of the Sussex County Association and Ringing Master of the Northern Branch.

A large congregation attended the service including many of his employees and fellow-townpeople, and some 26 ringers. The Sussex County Association was represented by Messrs. G. W. Cecil (Master) and S. E. Armstrong (secretary), the Central Council by Mr. F. I. Hairs (with Mrs. Hairs), the Ancient Society of College Youths by Mr. A. B. Peck, and the Guildford Diocesan Guild by Mr. A. H. Pulling. Others present were Messrs. F. Bennett and W. C. Hart (Brighton), R. Overy and H. Lilley (Cuckfield), L. Stilwell (Horsham), R. Wood (Billingshurst), W. Stanford (Warnham), Mr. and Mrs. F. Crutten and B. White (Henfield), E. Rapley (West Grinstead), A. J. Bull (Horley), A. E. Laker (Balcombe), J. Laker (Worthing), Miss E. Lonnen (Felpham, representing the Western Division), L. Jupp, L. Penfold and the following past and present members of the Crawley band: Messrs. K. Snelling, C. Nice (with Mrs. Nice), R. V. Johnson (with Mrs. Johnson) and G. F. Jennings.

At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandire Triples was rung at the graveside by Mr. and Mrs. Hairs, A. H. Pulling and E. Rapley, and several half muffled touches were later rung on Crawley bells.

An appreciation of Mr. Sippetts' ringing career will appear in our next issue.

### MR. CHARLES DEAN

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Charles Dean on Monday, within a few days of his 80th birthday. The funeral service was at Croydon Parish Church yesterday (Thursday) morning.

## LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Annual Meeting

INCLEMENT weather did not deter about 90 visitors and friends from attending the annual meeting held at St. John's Church, Cardiff, on Easter Monday. Many young and enthusiastic ringers of both sexes were among those present. The Vicar (Canon T. M. Hughes) conducted the service and this was followed by tea which was kindly provided by the churchwardens.

Canon Hughes presided at the business meeting. The secretary, in his report, stated that membership was roughly about the same as for 1949 with 252 paid-up members. Four members, Mr. Tom Page and Mr. G. Wines, of Pentre, Mr. H. Baldwin, of Rumney, and Mr. A. Hawkins, of Usk, had died. Sunday service ringing in affiliated towers had been maintained and 21 peals, which was above post-war average, had been rung. Porthkerry bells had been augmented to six and there was now an enthusiastic band there. A peal entirely by clergy of the diocese of Monmouth had been rung. This was most gratifying, indicating that the clergy were taking a greater interest in our art. Attendances at meetings had been well maintained. One interesting feature of the year had been the purchase of a badge of office for the Master to be worn on official occasions. The report was adopted.

Mr. T. Roderick presented the balance sheet which showed a balance of £5 17s. 6d., not counting the purchase price of the Master's

badge. The Bell Restoration Fund stood at £18 17s. 5d. The report was adopted.

Mr. Frank Rowsell was elected Master for the ensuing year, the secretary was asked to carry on and the auditors were re-elected. Mr. J. W. Jones was re-elected Central Council representative and Mr. T. M. Roderick was elected to take the place of Mr. E. Stitch, who had moved to Wolverhampton.

Progress was reported from several towers, notably Llanbadach and Newport All Saints'. Newport All Saints' was selected for the next annual meeting and Radyr for the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting. The Monmouthshire quarterly meeting has already been fixed for Ebbw Vale. Two notices of motion were given, one to divide the Association area into districts, the other to revise the rules.

The question of the delivery of 'The Ringing World' was raised: several members saying they could not get it regularly through their newsagent. They were advised to get it by post. New members were elected from Caerphilly, Llanbadach and Chepstow.

Mr. Jack Worrall moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and Mr. J. W. Jones to the churchwardens and the ladies for providing the tea and presiding thereat.

Apologies for a recent suggestion that Bognor Regis is the largest town in the country without a ring of bells, Mr. F. Farrant, of Martock, submits Clacton-on-Sea.



## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

### Annual Meeting Discuss Ring of Eight for Sale

DESPITE the wintry conditions, the annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday was, as usual well attended, some 130-140 members and friends being present, with welcome visitors from Leicester, Loughborough, Melton Mowbray, Nuneaton, Hereford and Sunbury-on-Thames. Although at the early hour of 11 a.m., a congregation of 90 attended the special service at All Saints', the officiating clergy being the Right Rev. Bishop B. Lasbrey, Rector of All Saints', the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), the Rev. L. J. Birch (vice-president) with the Rev. J. M. Wale at the organ.

The general business meeting was held, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, in the Cathedral Chapter House, and in the absence of the president, the Dean of Worcester (who was away from home), Mr. W. B. Cartwright (vice-president) was elected to the chair. He was supported by Mr. C. Skidmore (Master), the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), Mr. J. D. Johnson (secretary and treasurer) and Mr. S. T. Holt. Apologies for absence were received from the Dean, Messrs. J. Bass, A. J. Skelding, J. R. Newman, F. V. Nicholls and T. Greenhall. It was decided to send a letter of good wishes to Mr. J. Bass who, but for indisposition, would have been present at this, his 50th annual meeting.

On behalf of the Central Committee, the secretary reported that the Guildhall had been booked for the annual dinner on October 27th and that it coincided with the closing date of the Bishop of Worcester's Mission, 1951. Grants of £10 each from the Belfry Renais. Fund had been approved towards the rehanging of Hagley bells and to the new ring of 12 at Evesham and also a donation of £5 5s. from the General Fund to the Cathedral Tower Restoration Fund. Arising from the report of the committee, the chaplain (the Rev. H. Hartley) reminded the meeting that the Bishop's Mission would close from October 13th to 27th and he made an appeal that, wherever possible, a concerted effort should be made by local bands throughout the Diocese to ring a peal on Saturday, October 13th.

#### ST. HELEN'S BELLS, WORCESTER

The Rev. L. J. Birch spoke of recent advertisements in the 'Church Times' offering the ring of eight at St. Helen's (now a redundant church) for sale at £550 and said he had since heard that there was an application for a faculty to sell them for scrap metal. It would be a great pity if this good old ring was allowed to be broken up. The bells (eight, tenor 13 cwt. in E) were cast in 1706 and each one bore a rhyming inscription commemorative of Marlborough and his Flanders victories.

The secretary reported that he had had considerable correspondence on the subject, and since 1948 the Association had made every effort to find a home for them within the Diocese. At the annual meeting in 1948, a strong resolution was passed, urging that they be retained without recasting and as an individual ring. When he heard of the application for the faculty, and in view of this resolution, he had written to the Diocesan Registrar, the result being that the faculty was withheld pending wider publicity and advertisement. His actions had been unanimously approved by the committee and it was resolved that he again write to the Registrar to ascertain the current position.

At this point the chairman said he had the pleasant task of handing over a cheque for £5 5s. as a donation from the Association to the Cathedral Tower Restoration Fund. This was received on behalf of the Dean and Chapter by the Chapter clerk, Mr. Victor Dowse, who suitably thanked the meeting.

As recommended by a sub-committee, it was resolved with acclamation:—That in recognition of long and outstanding service to the Association, the following be elected 'Freemen' of the Association: Messrs. William Ranford (elected 1900), John Bass (elected 1901) and Albert J. Skelding (elected 1896). They had all given valuable service to the committee in various offices and as teachers and instructors and their names are added to that of James R. Newman (elected 1902, and general secretary for 25 years).

The librarian (Mr. C. W. Cooper) reported better use of the library with 14 applications for 18 books.

The Dean of Worcester was unanimously re-elected president and the Rev. H. Hartley added to the clerical vice-presidents. Mr. F. C. Hyde was elected auditor in lieu of Mr. T. W. Lewis, who did not wish to continue, and the Rev. L. J. Birch elected to the Central Committee, Mr. J. D. Johnson not wishing to stand for re-election to the Central Council, Mr. W. B. Cartwright was elected and Messrs. B. C. Ashford and S. T. Holt re-elected for the ensuing three years. All other officers were re-elected.

Worcester was again chosen for the next annual meeting and arrangements for the annual peal were left to the Master.

The meeting closed with sincere votes of thanks to Mr. W. B. Cartwright (chairman), for his good-humoured and expeditious conduct of the meeting, the Dean and Cathedral Chapter, Bishop Lasbrey and the Rev. J. M. Wale and incumbents whose bells were used that day.

During the afternoon and evening, good use was made of the bells of the Cathedral, All Saints', Claines, St. John's and Kempsey. Probably the most notable feature of the ringing was the large number of youth of both sexes taking part—several of whom were undaunted by the Cathedral 12. One lad of tender years and diminutive stature, approached as he was leaving a tower door with a wooden box under his arm, said he was hoping to ring at several other towers before the day ended. The box—his own luggage—was necessary to enable him to reach both sally and backstroke!

## BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The bi-annual Corporate Communion of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Chew Magna on April 1st. The bells were raised in peal soon after 7 a.m. and ringing continued until service time.

The celebrant was the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Luxmore-Ball, and ringers were present from Chew Magna, Chilcompton, Long Ashton, Marksbury, Nailsea, Wington and Yatton.

A party of 16 afterwards sat down to an excellent breakfast served in the Church Hall, for which thanks are due to Mr. H. Babb and his lady helpers. Ringing was under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

M. J. H.

## Ilchester & Merston Deaneries Branch

There was a good gathering at a meeting held at Haselbury Plucknett on March 31st.

The Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Haskins) conducted the service and gave an interesting address on the bells and their recent restoration. Mr. C. Paull was the organist.

Prebendary G. W. Saunders presided at the business meeting. There being no charge made for tea, a collection was taken in aid of the Pyll Church, Tower and Bell Restoration Fund, £2 6s. being the result.

New members were elected from Norton 3, West Coker 1, Hardington 2, Yeovil 2, Haselbury 7 and one non-resident life-member.

F. F.

## IRISH ASSOCIATION Eastern District

The annual district meeting was held in Bray on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, and was attended by 51 bellringers from Arklow, Bray, Drogheda and Dublin (St. George's and St. John's).

The Bray Society kindly made the arrangements for lunch in the Wicklow Hills Hotel which was presided over by the Rector, Canon E. H. F. Campbell, M.A.

From 10.30 onwards the ringers arrived and at 11.30 a.m. the Striking Competition for the Lindoff Memorial Cup commenced. The holders, Bray, 'won the toss' and went on first. It took a little while for them to settle down but not before they had 22 faults against them. Three of the ringers failed to set their bells. The Arklow team followed and rang a steady pace throughout and finished with 15 faults. St. Peter's, Drogheda—whose bells are the worst going in the world!—next 'chanced their arm' on the beautiful ring of Bray. They settled down to a good open pace from the start but finished up with 25 faults due to 'clipping and clashing.' Arklow were, therefore, declared the winners. Both Bray and Arklow rang Plain Bob while Drogheda rang call changes. The judges were Messrs. J. N. Roden and H. W. Jones.

At the meeting which followed the lunch, the Cup was presented by Mrs. R. J. Kerr, wife of the Rector of St. George's, Dublin, to Mrs. M. Kinch, on behalf of the Arklow Society. She was the only lady ringing in the team.

The meeting was presided over by the Rector of Bray in the unavoidable absence of the district chairman, Mr. R. Corson, whose business as an undertaker necessitated his attention, owing to an unusually high number of clients! Canon Campbell welcomed the meeting to Bray and also welcomed back the members of St. John-the-Baptist Society, Dublin, into the Association.

Officers elected were:—District chairman, Fred Henly (Drogheda); District Ringing Master, Robert W. Smyth (Drogheda); district treasurer, John F. Fennell (Bray); district secretary, Fred E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda; vice-president (executive), Samuel J. Evans (Arklow), representatives on executive Miss A. C. Dukes, Messrs. F. Simpson and J. Fennell.

Twelve new members were elected. The next annual meeting is to be held at Drogheda, by invitation, and the interim meeting at Dublin.

The bells of Christ Church, Bray (tenor 29 cwt.), which were recently completely restored by Messrs. Taylor, were kept going most of the day to call changes, Plain Bob and Grandsire. All were agreed that an excellent job had been done.

## SS. PETER & PAUL'S, TONBRIDGE

As part of the general restoration of the Parish Church, an order has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for repairs to the eight bells originally cast by Messrs. Pack and Chapman in 1774.

The treble, second, third and seventh bells are to be recast and the remainder retuned and hung on ball-bearings in the old wooden frame.

The bells will be removed in June when repairs to the tower begin and it is anticipated that they will be rehung by the New Year.

The total cost of the Church restoration is £6,000, of which some £900 will be spent on the bells. If any reader cares to help, however little, towards raising the necessary funds, the subscription will be gratefully received by the Vicar, Canon Russell B. White, M.A., The Vicarage, Tonbridge, Kent.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Dobb 1, Miss J. Smith 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.—Also on Easter Day, 1,320 Minor (600 St. Clement's and 720 Oxford Bob): Miss J. Smith 1, Miss J. Haynes 2, D. H. Rooke 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.



## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Plans for Festival of Britain

THE annual festival of the Guild, which was held at Newton Abbot on Easter Monday, was favoured with dry weather but despite this agreeable circumstance the attendance was smaller than for several years past. This may have been due partly to the change in date—from Whit Monday—partly to the reluctance of members to climb the steep ascents to the churches of Wolborough and Highweek (even the Combe Martin car which must surely be used to hills jibbed at the idea) but those members who did attend obviously thought that the pleasure of having their Central Councillors among them outweighed all other considerations for Easter Monday was again chosen for 1952.

The service in St. Leonard's Church was noteworthy for the splendid address by the Rector, Canon P. F. Ardagh-Walter. Bell-ringing, he said, was an art, and while the arts of painting, sculpture, music, literature and the rest had their secular as well as their religious uses, ringing was unique in that practically its sole usage was in the service of the Church. Lightly undertaken, it was worship in its truest sense, showing forth the worth-ship of God, and although high proficiency in the art was desirable, it was far more important that ringers should, in their inmost hearts, feel that they were taking part in an act of devotion.

Sixty sat down to a luncheon which (as a Devon farmer once said of his rather stout wife) combined quality with quantity, and the many expressions of appreciation must have warmed the hearts of Messrs. Turner and Bennett, of the Mid-Devon Branch, who were largely responsible for its excellence.

At the subsequent business meeting, Prebendary E. V. Cox, the president, took the chair with his accustomed verve and efficiency. He first voiced the thanks of all present to the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, whose duties necessitated his early departure, for playing the organ at the service, saying how fortunate the Guild was to have in its ranks another clerical member of his famous family, and expressing the hope that his career, both as a parson and a ringer, would be long and distinguished.

The president, in a happy speech, then presented Mr. F. C. Smale, who relinquished the office of general secretary last Whitsun after ten years of hard and devoted work in that capacity, with a cheque which had been subscribed for by nearly 400 members. Mr. Smale, who was completely taken by surprise, said in reply how very grateful he was for this expression of goodwill and thanked the president for the help and support he had received from him during his term of office.

### MEMBERSHIP OF 585

The annual report showed that although numbers at 585 were down slightly, the certificates issued had increased from 14 in 1948 and 24 in 1949 to 42 in 1950. Congratulations were accorded to the Honiton Cylst band on ringing the first resident peal of Oxford Bob Triples and to the six members of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch who had scored their first peal of Cambridge Minor. The statement of accounts showed an increase of £9 in the balance in hand but, as the president pointed out, in these inflationary times, it is problematical whether this is indicative of any real improvement in the Guild's financial position.

The meeting next proceeded to decide where to hold the 1952 Festival. The committee's recommendation to visit Barnstaple was not followed up as it transpired that the bells were not in very good order, and Miss B. M. Boyle very persuasively proposed Combe Martin instead. A South Devon member pointed out the distance some would have to travel in order to attend, but this instantly brought forth a Combe Martin retort that they had not missed an annual meeting for 23 years and had probably covered more miles than any other band

## LINCOLNSHIRE RECORD BREAKERS



THE above photograph is of the band, in order of ringing, that established the new handbell record of 50 methods of Spliced Major at Burton-on-Stather, Lincolnshire, on March 11th. Brief biographical details are appended.

**Mrs. J. Bray, 1-2.** Age 48. Has rung 266 peals. Previous records include 100, 102, 104 methods of Spliced Minor on tower bells and 125, the last being 6,480 changes. On handbells, 50, 53, 69, 91 and 105 methods of Minor. Major records are 22, 26, 31, 36, 42, 46 and 50 also on handbells. Has also rung peals 'in hand' from Doubles to Maximus. Mrs. Bray has been ringing for 25 years.

**George E. Feirn, 3-4.** (Conductor.) Age 36. Has rung 296 peals of which he has conducted 153. In all he has conducted 49 Spliced peals. Previous records are 100, 102, 104 and 125

(6,480 changes) Minor on tower bells; 50, 53, 69, 91 and 105 Minor on handbells. Major records are 22, 26, 31, 36, 42, 46 and 50 also on handbells. All the above records were conducted by Mr. Feirn. The Major methods were also his own method arrangement. Has been ringing 19 years.

**Jack Bray, 5-6.** Age 50. Has rung 475 peals, conducting 229. Previous records 100, 102, 104 and 125 (6,480 changes) Minor on tower bells; 50, 53, 69, 91 and 105 Minor on handbells. Major records 22, 26, 31, 36, 42, 46 and 50 also on handbells. Mr. Bray has also conducted peals 'in hand' on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus. Has been ringing 30 years.

**Philip Barnes, 7-8.** Age 28. Has rung 91 peals. Previous records are Major on handbells, 22, 26, 31, 36, 42, 46 and 50 methods. Has been ringing 14 years.

in the Guild in order to do so. The meeting, feeling that the gallant struggle Combe Martin have for so long made in the cause of change ringing in their isolated corner of Devon was worthy of all praise and support, voted solidly in favour of Miss Boyle's motion.

The election of officers then took place and the following were unanimously re-elected for 1951:—President, Prebendary E. V. Cox; general secretary Mr. E. J. Taylor; general treasurer and peal secretary, Mr. A. L. Bennett; hon. auditor, Mr. J. C. Oke.

### FESTIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

The secretary then gave the meeting brief particulars of the arrangements made to celebrate the Festival of Britain. Every band of ringers in the Diocese was being asked to ring its bells on Friday, May 4th, at some time between the hours of 7—9 p.m. and a Festival of Britain Ringers' Rally was to be held in Exeter on the following day. The president pointed out that these decisions had been made at a very cordial meeting between representatives both of the Guild and of the Devon Association of (call change) Ringers and expressed the hope that this would lead to a closer fellowship between the two bodies in the future.

In his review of the past year, the president made an eloquent appeal in the cause of progress. He said that whilst the training of beginners was absolutely essential to the future of the Guild, practice nights should not be exclusively devoted to this. He was very con-

cerned at the fact that little or no progress was being made in learning new methods and urged bands not to be content to go on ringing the same old thing year in and year out. A casual glance at 'The Ringing Word' would show what tremendous advances were being made up and down the country, and he felt sure that if only Devon would try to break fresh ground, new interest would be awakened and far fewer recruits would drift away after learning to handle a rope. He specially welcomed to the meeting Mr. G. H. Myers, who had been a member of the Guild for 60 years, and who had been a tower of strength, not only to ringing in Plymouth, but throughout the whole county.

The usual and well-deserved votes of thanks having been duly passed the meeting terminated. Ringing subsequently took place in various towers in the locality before the homeward trek began. In the words of the old song:—

'Some walked and some did run,  
Some loitered by the way,  
And bound themselves by kisses twelve,  
To meet next holiday.'

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Steadman Triples: J. Bullock (cond.) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. Castle 3, Miss J. Freer 4, E. Beauchamp 5, C. M. Meyer 6, C. W. Otley 7, W. D. Grainger 8.  
**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, F. Turner 2, S. Smith 3, D. A. S. Symonds 4, F. Borcham 5, W. Jarvis 6, R. Clouston 7, L. G. Pryke 8. A birthday compliment to L. Offord.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ANCASTER, GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: W. Towns 1, Miss J. Brandon 2, F. G. Vickers 3, R. W. Chadburn (first quarter) 4, E. Towns (cond.) 5.

**BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—On March 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: P. Hollingdale (first quarter) 1, N. J. Smith 2, M. A. Causley 3, C. D. Linington 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, P. N. Bond 6.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Fenn (cond.) 1, A. W. Beard 2, H. Worboys 3, E. G. Moore (Oxford) 4, C. Wardell 5, D. W. Beard 6, G. Cottis 7, S. Holgate 8.

**BELGRAVE, LEICS.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: E. Bass (first away from tenor) 1, G. Castleman 2, C. Linch 3, R. Swann 4, P. Wells 5, J. Kesterton 6, A. Skinner (cond.) 7, M. Abell 8.—Also 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Wells 1, G. Castleman 2, C. Linch 3, R. Swann 4, J. Udale 5, J. Kesterton 6, A. Skinner 7, R. Barrow (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

**BRISTOL.**—At SS. Philip and Jacob's on March 29th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss A. Brown 1, A. E. Reeves 2, J. Thomas 3, L. C. C. Warren 4, E. J. Brown (cond.) 5, T. Harris 6, W. Parker 7, R. C. Seager (first of Yorkshire) 8.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On March 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: J. Hope 1, Rev. T. P. Hearn 2, F. J. Lewis, Jun. 3, A. Law 4, V. R. Williams 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of F. J. Lewis, sen., who owing to illness was unable to stand in.

**DANBURY, ESSEX.**—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Came 1, J. G. E. Roast 2, Miss K. Knight 3, J. West 4, D. Roast 5, P. Childs (first quarter in method as cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. First quarter on the bells.

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Mrs. Rowntree 1, Miss W. Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, H. Denman 4, W. Coates 5, H. Willows 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, J. Bartram 8.

**GAYTON, NORTHANTS.**—On March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of April Day, Old Doubles and Plain Bob and 180 Grandshire): A. Baker (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Roe 2, E. G. Bennett 3, K. Perkins (first 'inside') 4, I. Dickinson (first as cond.) 5, A. Cozens (first quarter) 6. A 15th birthday compliment to the conductor. Ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 6 are pupils of Towcester Grammar School.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Impey 1, Mrs. A. R. Turley 2, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 3, A. R. Turley 4, C. H. Chapman 5, W. H. Coles 6, A. R. G. Twinn 7, T. G. Bannister 8.—Also on April 1st, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: T. G. Bannister 1, W. N. Genna 2, F. Blondell 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, E. Thurlow 5, A. R. Turley 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, A. R. G. Twinn (first of Caters as cond.) 8, H. W. Impey 9, F. Corke 10. Rung on the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Turley.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: V. Evans 1, I. Biggs 2, D. Cox 3, R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall 5, E. Timponson 6, F. D. Boreham (cond.) 7, F. Cox 8.—Also 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: I. Biggs 1, A. Newton 2, R. Biggs 3, A. E. Cox 4, E. Timponson 5, D. Cox 6, R. Blaby 7, F. D. Boreham (cond.) 8.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: P. Elliott 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whiterod 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, R. Pye 5, C. Burton 6.

**KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.**—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: T. J. Cement (cond.) 1, L. D. Clement (first quarter) 2, K. Clement 3, T. Haslam 4, N. T. Nightingale (first quarter) 5, L. Pearson 6, K. Holmes 7, T. Knights 8. A birthday compliment to L. Pearson.

**NORTH MYMMS, Herts.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: P. L. Baycock (first quarter) 1, W. J. Arnold 2, G. Spencer 3, J. R. Loftly (first quarter) 4, W. J. Southam 5, F. J. Spicer 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, J. E. Loftly 8.

**OTTERTON, SURREY.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: R. Andrew 1, J. B. Hessey 2, G. Hunt (first quarter away from treble) 3, D. Sleet (cond.) 4, J. Ribbans 5, T. Warden (first quarter of Grandshire) 6.

**SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.**—On March 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (being April Day, Plain Bob and Grandshire): A. Alan 1, R. Partridge 2, A. Peake 3, E. Anger 4, B. Bladon 5, L. Woodwards 6, P. Anger (cond.) 7, W. Ayres 8. Rung half-muffled with 4.6.8 behind.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of St. Mary on March 25th, 1,331 Grandshire Caters: J. W. Faithfull 1, Miss J. Cox 2, R. Faithfull 3, D. C. Williams 4, Mrs. B. Faithfull 5, E. Brown (first quarter of Caters) 6, W. Glasspool 7, E. C. Smith 8, M. J. Butler (first of Caters as cond.) 9, R. Brown 10.

**WISBECH, CAMBS.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: H. Piggins 1, Miss M. Whitlock 2, F. Wigmores (cond.) 3, S. Haw 4, F. Moyes 5, W. Storey 6, W. Freeman 7, G. Duffield 8.

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### BIRTH

**CROFT.**—On Sunday, April 1st, 1951, at Southampton, to Kenneth and Madeline Croft, a son. 8695

### ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Raymond, elder son of the late Mr. and of Mrs. Ernest Parsons, of 4, Carshalton Place Terrace, Carshalton, and Gillian, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casswell Brittain, of 66, Wilmot Way, Banstead. 8688

### DEATH

**ROBERTS.**—Emily, beloved wife of Adolphus (Bob), of 30, Hamilton Road, Stoke Coventry, passed peacefully away after long illness on Saturday, April 7th, 1951, in her 81st year. 8724

### SITUATION VACANT

**SEXTON.**—Wanted for St. Saviour's Church, Arklow, Ireland. Sexton-Bellringer, 60s. per week and house.—Apply Secretary, 50, Main Street, Arklow. 8687

### HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

**BRIDLINGTON** for bracing holidays. The Priory Church welcomes visiting ringers. More the merrier the peal. For comfortable board or apartments write to Mrs. Holland, Rostrevor, Gypsy Bank, Midway Avenue, Bridlington. 8568

### PUBLICATIONS

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### MISCELLANEOUS

Will outing organisers wishing to include **WINDSOR** Parish Church address correspondence to—A. J. Glass, 237, St. Leonards Road, Windsor, Berks. 8701

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD.**—St. Michael's (10). Monthly practice the third Saturday in each month from 7 to 9. Everyone welcome.—H. White, Secretary. 8696

**PEAL CARDS** can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

### MEETINGS

**DERBYSHIRE and EAST DERBYSHIRE and NOTTS ASSOCIATIONS and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Bolsover, April 14th, 2.30. Names for tea to Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton. 8677

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, April 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: Clerkenwell, 3; Holiway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore (Worlesworth 51C9). 8607

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Chrishall on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. 8610

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, April 14th, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Mary's, Lambeth, 4.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8660

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—April 14th, Buxted (8). Names to E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted.—C. A. Bassett. 8669

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Saturday, April 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8651

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Bushey Heath (8), April 14th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 8655

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Aylesford, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by invitation. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Thatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8637

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 14th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Ringing 3. Tea 4.30. Business, in tower, 5.30. Ringing afterwards.—A. Bovack, Dis. Sec. 8658

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Martinstown, April 14th. Usual arrangements. 8662

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Look up your Doubles Methods and attend the practice meeting at Twineham (5) on Saturday, April 14th, 2.30.—B. W. White. 8650

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting, Upton-on-Severn, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business to follow. 8676

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. each) in the Institute, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Brough, 70, Lord Street, Macclesfield. Visitors most welcome. 8685

**GLOUCESTER and BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Berkeley (10), April 14th, at 3 Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 8710

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Practice at Burwarton (6), Saturday, April 14th. No business or service. Foxalls bus leaves Bridgnorth at 2.15 p.m. It is essential to catch this bus. Tea at the Boyne Arms.—E. J. Rowe (Ironbridge 3324). 8639

**BEVERLEY and DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Hedon, April 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for all who notify Mr. C. Hunter, 3, King's Place, Hedon. 8723

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 9d. per head. Names, with cash enclosed, to me not later than Wednesday, April 18th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8670

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Eltham, Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea (1s. 9d.) 4.30. Names for tea not later than Monday, 16th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 8671

**BATH and WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Dinder, April 21st. Bells 3. Service 4. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 17th.—Wm. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 8659



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, which is at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, of 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent, to whom names should be sent not later than Wednesday, April 18th. 8668

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 21st, at Warwick. Bells of St. Mary's (10) available 3 p.m. Tea 5, at Warwick Restaurant (1s. 6d.) only for those who notify me by first post on Wednesday, April 18th. Those failing to notify must make own arrangements. Business meeting in vestry 6. Bells of Sherbourne (6) and Leamington (8) may be available in evening, if required, in addition to St. Mary's.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21 Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 8656

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting at Eyam (6), Saturday, April 21st, 3. Tea at the Bull's Head. Names for tea by April 19th to D. Scott, Orchard House, Hillside, Darley Dale. 8679

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21st, at the Parish Hall, Church Street, Blackpool, commencing immediately after tea, at approximately 6 p.m. The service will be at the Parish Church, commencing 4 p.m. and the preacher will be the Rev. Canon Wm. Yates, M.A. Tea will follow at 4.45 p.m. at the Parish Hall, Church Street, 2s. 9d. per head. Names to Mr. J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool, before April 18th (numbers limited). The following churches will be open for ringing: The Parish Church, St. John's, 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.; after meeting until 9 p.m.; Sacred Heart (R.C.), Talbot Road, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Holy Trinity, South Shore, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.—F. Dunkerley, Ringing Secretary. 8643

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Loddon. Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, 18th, to H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—J. Harwood, Sec. 8646

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Doddington, Saturday, April 21st. Service 4.30. Names, please.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 8640

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Reading, April 21st. St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Laurence's (12) after meeting. Names for tea, please, by April 19th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 8680

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Long Ashton, April 21st. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8698

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Audlem (6), April 21st, 2.30. Names for tea must arrive by 17th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 8720

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Birkenhead, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 18th at latest.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8714

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Totnes and Little Hemston, Saturday, April 21st. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 8711

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at All Saints', Gosforth, Saturday, April 21st, at 2.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 18th to R. S. Dryden, 2, Harewood Road, North Gosforth, 3. 8692

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Frampton-on-Severn, April 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by April 17th, certain.—Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 8686

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**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting at Dunstable on April 21st. Bells (8) at 3. Tea at 5.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 8715

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, April 21st at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 8645

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, April 21st. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea reservations to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 8691

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tarrington, April 21st. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, April 17th, to J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, Hereford. 8704

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Condoover (8 bells), Saturday, April 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 8705

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Knebworth, April 21st, 3 p.m. Unable to arrange tea.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 8718

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Wheathampstead, April 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Names for tea, by April 18th, to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 8716

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Kirkby Mallory, April 21st. Bells (6) 3. Tea in schools. 5. Names, please, by Tuesday, April 17th, to Mr. E. Sowman, 68, Eskdale Road, Hinckley. 8700

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—Next meeting, Haxey (6, tenor 18 cwt.), on Saturday, April 21st. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 8717

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Rinstead, Saturday, April 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 8689

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting, Kineswood, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, April 19th to Mr. C. Munt 35, Hatchlands Road, Redhill. 8702

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—April 21st. Goodworth Clatford (6) 2.30–4.30. 6–9. Tea 5 at Abbots Ann (5) 6–9. Transport between. Names to J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover. 8697

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), April 21st, at 3. Names for tea to Canon White, Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon.—W. Hacker. 8703

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Everleigh, April 21st. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 8699

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Beaminster, April 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to C. H. Lathey, Bradpole. 8694

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Westbourne (8), April 21st, 3. Names for tea, please, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 8683

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, April 21st, Salehurst. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to reach G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, April 18th. 8684

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Meeting at Batcombe, April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting following.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 8709

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Meeting at Broxbourne, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 25th, to John Kemp, Dis. Sec., 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford. 8642

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Leicester on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing at Belgrave (8) 11–12; Cathedral (12), St. Margaret's (12) and All Saints' (6) from 2–4. Service at St. George's Church, 4.30. Tea in St. George's Hall at 5, followed by the business meeting and a social evening. Names, by 25th, to W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. 8713

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 28th. Bells of Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8), St. Peter at Gowts (6), available during afternoon and evening. Cathedral evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Wesley Schoolroom, Clasketgate, only to those who notify, by Tuesday, 24th, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 8721

**OXFORD GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Boyne Hill, Saturday, April 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (2s.). Names for tea by 23rd.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8712

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Castor, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than April 23rd, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8690

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Annual Festival, Wimborne, Saturday, April 28th. Annual meeting, Church House, 2.15 p.m. Guild service in Minster at 3.45. Tea 4.45. Tea tickets from F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge, 2s. each, before April 23rd. Bells available:—Poole, Wimborne Minster, St. Giles', Cranborne, Kingston, Swanage, Bournemouth (St. John's), Hampreston, Lytchett Matravers, Corfe Mullen, Sturminster Marshall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and after 5 p.m.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 8693

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 5th. Ringing:—St. Peter's, afternoon and evening; St. Nicholas' and Good Shepherd, evening. Hart Memorial unveiling, St. Peter's, 4.20. Service 4.30. Tea, price 2s. 9d. Individual names to me by April 30th. Usual allowances.—S. E. Armstrong, 21, Kenmore Avenue, Brighton. 8706

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Market Weighton on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6), recently recast, 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 3s. 6d. each, for those who notify, by Thursday, April 26th, Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 8722

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**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch — Special meeting, Preston, Saturday, May 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, not later than Monday previous, to Mr. F. Stevens, Preston, near Uppingham. Towers of Seaton, Glaston, Uppingham and Belton will also be open. Coach leaves Northampton 12.30 from Derigate (York Bros.) calling at Wellingborough and Kettering. Numbers wishing to travel must inform me by April 28th at latest.—Ronald C. Noon, Hon. Sec., Brafield, Northants. 8707

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Kettering, Whit Monday, May 14th. Committee will meet 2 p.m. in vestry of Parish Church. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea must reach me by May 5th. A grant towards cost of tea to members under 16. This must be stated when applying for tickets. Towers available:—Desborough, Isham and Geddington 11—1; Rothwell and Burton Latimer 1—2.30; Kettering 1.30 onwards. After meeting, Kettering, Barton Sea-grave, Warkton, Weekley, Rothwell and Burton Latimer. Please make every effort to attend.—Ronald C. Noon, Hon. Sec., Brafield, Northants. 8708

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual dinner, October 13th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. Ringing arrangements later. Tickets (12s. 6d.) available now from Frank J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 8681

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