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## RECOGNITION OF CENTRAL COUNCIL'S RULINGS.

The decision of the Hertford County Association upon the recognition of peals is, we think, a step in the right direction. The primary object of the motion at last week's meeting is to bring the Association's rule more in accord with present-day developments in Minor ringing, but it goes further than this. By accepting for its records only such peals as are recognised by the Central Council, it places in the hands of that body the responsibility for the definition of a peal instead of laying down its own rules upon the point. The old rule of the Association provided that no peal of less than 5000 changes on seven bells or upwards, or seven 720's rung in any one or more Minor methods on six bells, provided that each 720 is called differently, shall be entered in the Peal Book. The new rule is really much broader, and its value lies in the recognition of the Central Council as the final authority for deciding what shall and what shall not be deemed a 'peal.'

By accepting the resolution proposed by its new President, the Hertford County Association has set an example which we hope to see widely copied, and out of which we think might be developed the idea, so commendable in theory, but so difficult to put into practice, of giving the Central Council some kind of power to insist upon decisions being binding upon all affiliated societies. The subject has already been discussed by the Council, and some attempt made to ascertain the views of the associations and guilds upon the matter; but the response was only a feeble one, as very few of the organisations replied, or even considered the matter.

The Herts Association, however, has opened up a new line. Voluntarily they have agreed to abide by the Council's ruling with regard to what constitutes a peal. If every Association would do the same thing, the first step towards giving the Council some real power would be achieved, and, having got this stage, the Council could then well draw up a code of rules, relating to peals and other matters, which Associations could be asked to subscribe to as a condition of membership of the Council. Associations which had thus given allegiance, would be in honour bound to stand by their undertaking, and we believe that the influence which would thus be exercised would result in individual ringers giving the same adherence to the Council's rulings. The obstacle to making the Council's decisions binding has been the absence of power to enforce them, but if the initiative could come from affiliated bodies in the same way as the Hertford County Association has shown that it can do, the position of the Council would be quickly and effectively strengthened.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON,
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 53 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY | *Treble* | CHARLES W. ROBERTS | 7 |
| WILLIAM E. GARRARD | 2 | WILSON RUSHTON | 8 |
| HENRY G. MILES | 3 | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD | 9 |
| ALBERT V. SELBY | 4 | JAMES R. MACKMAN | 10 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE | 5 | THOMAS LANGDON | 11 |
| WILLIAM E. JUDD | 6 | PERCY E. CLARKE | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. G. MILES.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON SURREY.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRANCIS E. DAWE | *Treble* | THOMAS H. TAFFENDER | 6 |
| *GEORGE W. HARRIS | 2 | ALFRED J. TRAPPITT | 7 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE | 3 | JEFFERY R. GAMMON | 8 |
| †T. W. TAFFENDER, JUN. | 4 | AMOS W. CLARK | 9 |
| ‡REDVERS F. ELKINGTON | 5 | JAMES GEORGE | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method and of Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ALFRED BARNES | *Treble* | SAM GREENHALGH | 6 |
| SAM WOOD | 2 | HARRY CHAPMAN | 7 |
| EDWARD JENKINS | 3 | FRED PAGE | 8 |
| WILLIAM BIBBY | 4 | ALLEN F. BAILEY | 9 |
| HARRY SHUKER | 5 | JAMES W. WASHBROOK | *Tenor* |

Composed by S. WOOD. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Oxford Royal in the county and by the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Sam Wood and Mrs. H. Chapman.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, May. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-EAST, CITY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ARTHUR J. NEALE | *Treble* | JEFFERY R. GAMMON | 5 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER | 2 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN | 6 |
| *THOMAS W. TAFFENDER, JUN. | 3 | WILLIAM BERRY | 7 |
| JOSEPH S. HAWKINS | 4 | JAMES BULLOCK | *Tenor* |

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES E. LAWSON | *Treble* | GEORGE TINGLE | 5 |
| JAMES A. TEALE | 2 | FREDERICK W. DIXON | 6 |
| WILLIAM WOODHEAD | 3 | FRANCIS BARKER | 7 |
| WILLIAM E. H. ASH | 4 | GEORGE W. STEEL | *Tenor* |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to a daughter of W. Ash.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sunday, April 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 16 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *JOHN GOOCH ... ... | ...*Treble* | CHARLES WOODCOCK ... ... | 5 |
| ALBERT A. FLEMING... ... | 2 | GEORGE A. FLEMING ... ... | 6 |
| CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... | 3 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... ... | 7 |
| JAMES ROSE ... ... ... | 4 | GEORGE FARNISH ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by J. BARBER. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.
* First peal with working bell.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 22 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE W. STEEL ... | ...*Treble* | GEORGE TINGLE ... ... ... | 5 |
| CHARLES E. LAWSON ... ... | 2 | FREDERICK W. DIXON ... | 6 |
| JAMES A. TEALE ... ... ... | 3 | FRANCIS BARKER ... ... ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... ... | 4 | WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... | ...*Treble* | HENRY HUTTON ... ... ... | 5 |
| WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN | 2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... | 6 |
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... ... | 3 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... | 7 |
| FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... | 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method and first attempt. The company take this opportunity to thank Mr. Hutton for kindly obliging at the last moment.

MILNROW, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)
*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 20 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN FITTON ... ... | ...*Treble* | GEORGE STAFF ... ... ... | 5 |
| *JAMES HARROP ... ... | 2 | JAMES H. LEES ... ... ... | 6 |
| MISS ROSE A. BELL ... | 3 | JOHN H. MASSEY... ... ... | 7 |
| *WALTER STAFF ... ... | 4 | HERBERT DEVONPORT... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE STAFF.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, Mar. 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 18 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *HERBERT GREENHALGH | ...*Treble* | EDWARD JENKINS... ... ... | 5 |
| THOMAS WORSLEY ... ... | 2 | TITUS BARLOW ... ... ... | 6 |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... ... ... | 3 | HARRY CHAPMAN... ... ... | 7 |
| FRANCIS BIBBY ... ... ... | 4 | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
Rung in honour of Easter Eve. * First peal of Major.

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FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
PARKER'S REVERSE. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| EDWARD JENKINS... ... | ...*Treble* | JOHN E. BIBBY ... ... ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... ... ... | 2 | FRANCIS BIBBY ... ... ... | 6 |
| HENRY C. COLLYER ... ... | 3 | HARRY CHAPMAN... ... ... | 7 |
| HENRY W. WILDE ... ... | 4 | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE ORCHARD ... | ...*Treble* | WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... ... | 5 |
| GEORGE WALTERS ... ... | 2 | ARTHUR CAUDLE ... ... ... | 6 |
| ALBERT WRIGHT ... ... ... | 3 | ALFRED HUNT ... ... ... | 7 |
| JOHN BALLINGER... ... ... | 4 | FRANK COLE... ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**
Tenor 14 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WALTER THOMAS ... | ...*Treble* | JAMES SWINDLEY... ... ... | 5 |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... ... | 2 | JAMES H. RIDING ... ... | 6 |
| JOHN HAYES ... ... ... | 3 | WILLIAM CLARKE ... ... | 7 |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... ... | 4 | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
First peal in the method on the bells.

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM CLARKE ... | ...*Treble* | GEORGE R. JONES ... ... | 5 |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... ... | 2 | WALTER THOMAS... ... ... | 6 |
| JOHN HAYES... ... ... ... | 3 | SAMUEL JONES ... ... ... | 7 |
| REV. W. R. INGHAM ... ... | 4 | JAMES H. RIDING... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

ELVEDEN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK & ANDREW,
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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|---|---|---|---|
| *FREDERICK A. SALTER | ...*Treble* | WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... ... | 5 |
| ROBERT HARDY ... ... ... | 2 | GEORGE H. CROSS ... ... | 6 |
| FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... | 3 | BEN S. THOMPSON ... ... | 7 |
| GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... | 4 | GEORGE MAYERS ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal in the method.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *ARCHIBALD C. KAY ... | ...*Treble* | *ERNEST POWELL ... ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... | 2 | PHILIP HODGKIN ... ... | 6 |
| FRANK BENNETT ... ... | 3 | CHARLES W. PLAYER ... | 7 |
| LEONARD MANERING... ... | 4 | HARRY PARKES ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by FREDK. ROBINSON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells.

NEWHEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| HERBERT DEVONPORT | *Treble* | CHARLES BENNETT | 5 |
| *MISS ROSE A. BELL | 2 | JAMES H. LEES | 6 |
| JOHN FITTON | 3 | JOHN GRIFFITHS | 7 |
| JAMES H. KERSHAW | 4 | GEORGE STAFF | *Tenor* |

Conducted by JAMES H. LEES.

* First peal. First peal in the method.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BERTIE O. SODEN | *Treble* | FRED HOPPER | 5 |
| GEORGE BASFORD | 2 | THOMAS LAW | 6 |
| †FRANK ROLLINGS | 3 | TOM TEBBUTT | 7 |
| WILLIAM FAREY, SEN. | 4 | *HARRY MARLOW | *Tenor* |

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method on a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. H. Crane, sidesman of the above church, who was interred in the churchyard earlier in the day.

CHISWICK.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD AND ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.
*On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES W. DRIVER | *Treble* | GEORGE C. ILES | 5 |
| *FRANK C. NORRIS | 2 | HORACE BELCHER | 6 |
| WILLIAM H. WOOD | 3 | FRANK SKEVINGTON | 7 |
| WILLIAM H. HOLLIER | 4 | WILLIAM DALTON | *Tenor* |

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

* First peal and first attempt.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Three Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK ATWELL | *Treble* | JOHN PRICKETT | 5 |
| ROBERT THOMPSON | 2 | JOHN W. JONES | 6 |
| CLAUDE I. DAVIES | 3 | CHARLES GREEDY | 7 |
| FRED CHAMBERLAIN | 4 | *HAROLD SIMS | *Tenor* |

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

* First peal. Specially arranged and rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who for several years has been the leader and towerkeeper of this church, and who is now leaving for Durban, South Africa.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
*On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JESSE SCREEN | *Treble* | JOHN T. DAVIES | 5 |
| EDWARD H. REEVES | 2 | SAMUEL J. HUGHES | 6 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER | 3 | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD | 7 |
| REUBEN HALL | 4 | JOHN RAY | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

The ringer of the tenor was elected a member of the above Society previous to starting for the peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Lily Screen, eldest daughter of the ringer of the treble, to Mr. Thomas Millward, both of West Bromwich; also as a birthday compliment to Master Cyril Smith, grandson of the ringer of the 4th.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *MISS ROSE THOMAS | *Treble* | HARRY PARKES | 5 |
| HORACE WHITEHEAD | 2 | †ERNEST POWELL | 6 |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER | 3 | †HENRY C. CASTLE | 7 |
| FRANK BENNETT | 4 | †CHARLES J. HEAD | *Tenor* |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman. Miss Thomas is to be congratulated on her splendid performance as 504 was previously her longest touch.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Friday, April 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| EDWARD EASTWOOD | *Treble* | TOM CHAMBERS | 5 |
| TOM STANCLIFFE | 2 | RICHARD STANCLIFFE | 6 |
| JOHN BLACKSHAW | 3 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON | 7 |
| *FRED CHAMBERS | 4 | FRED BRADLEY | *Tenor* |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 8th. * First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. All are members of St. Michael's belfry and this was their first peal in a Surprise method.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Friday, April 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERNEST J. AYLIFFE | *Treble* | *WILLIAM E. CHEATER | 5 |
| D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. | 2 | OWEN H. GILES | 6 |
| GEORGE PULLINGER | 3 | WILLIAM T. TUCKER | 7 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS | 4 | JAMES GEORGE | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

* First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss E. Ayliffe.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
*On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22¼ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERNEST G. COTTIS | *Treble* | ERNEST A. KING | 5 |
| *ARTHUR K. HARRISON | 2 | GEORGE W. FAULKNER | 6 |
| CALEB FENN | 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE | 7 |
| EBENEZER ANDREWS | 4 | ALBERT C. HARDY | *Tenor* |

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal of Superlative. This peal was arranged for Mr. J. T. Dyke, who hails from Midsomer Norton, and was on a visit in the district. This composition is now rung for the first time.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *CECIL DRAKE | *Treble* | *ALBERT PICKLES | 5 |
| *THOMAS SENIOR | 2 | EDGAR WHITELEY | 6 |
| *FRED HUTTON | 3 | GEORGE SCOTT | 7 |
| HAROLD PEARCE | 4 | WILLIAM AMBLER | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band, who are all Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. F. W. Bardsley, M.A., late Vicar of Queensbury, whose remains were interred at Langcliffe Church, April 3rd, 1923.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
*On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN,
**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 28 cwt.

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| HARRY R. PASMORE ... | ...*Treble* | JAMES WILLSHIRE ... ... | 5 |
| HENRY R. NEWTON ... ... | 2 | WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... | 6 |
| HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... ... | 3 | HERBERT LANGDON ... ... | 7 |
| LOUIS ATTWATER... ... ... | 4 | ALFRED B. PECK ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb. in G.

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| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... | ...*Treble* | FRANK I. HAIRS ... ... ... | 5 |
| MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... ... | 2 | GEORGE W. STEERE ... ... | 6 |
| ERNEST WEATHERBY ... ... | 3 | GEORGE F. HOAD ... ... | 7 |
| ALFRED H. POLLING ... ... | 4 | WILLIAM T. BREESON ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.
Rung after an attempt for Superlative, time being limited.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

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| REV. H. B. WOOLLEY | ...*Treble* | ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... ... | 5 |
| ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... ... | 2 | BASIL D. BUTTRESS ... ... | 6 |
| FRED W. GOODFELLOW ... | 3 | T. REGINALD DENNIS ... | 7 |
| CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY | 4 | A. GEORGE RIVERS ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
This is the first peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except A. G. Rivers. Believed to be the first peal in the method rung in the district.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.
TRUMPINGTON SOCIETY.
*On Good Friday, Mar. 30, 1923, in Three Hours,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Consisting of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *REV. A. C. MOULE ... | ...*Treble* | MISS KITTY WILLERS ... | 3 |
| A. C. WILSON ... ... ... | 2 | *H. WILSON... ... ... ... | 4 |
| | | †W. H. RAYNER ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by W. H. RAYNER.
* First peal. † First peal away from the treble and as conductor. First peal by the local band. Rung with the bells fully muffled.

FINCHAM, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Good Friday, Mar. 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

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| *WALTER ASHBY ... ... | ...*Treble* | HARRY PORTER ... ... ... | 4 |
| ALFRED BACON ... ... ... | 2 | EDWARD BARKER ... ... ... | 5 |
| HARRY BOWEN ... ... ... | 3 | TONY PRICE ... ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by TONY PRICE.
* First peal away from a covering bell. Rung with clappers muffled, tenor only open at backstroke.

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SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION
*On Saturday, Mar. 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being one 720 of St. Clement's, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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| EDWARD BARKER... ... | ...*Treble* | CLAUDE COUSINS... ... ... | 4 |
| FRED WIGMORE ... ... ... | 2 | TONY PRICE ... ... ... | 5 |
| JOHN RODWELL, JUN. ... ... | 3 | JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

BEEDON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NEWBURY BRANCH.)
*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
42 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

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| *TOM CURTIS ... ... | ...*Treble* | *EDWARD CROCKER ... ... | 4 |
| SAMUEL QUINTIN ... ... | 2 | HENRY W. CURTIS ... ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM D. ADKINS... ... | 3 | EDWARD CHALLIS ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Lousley, who are leaving the parish. First peal on the bells. * First peal. First peal as conductor. W. H. Adkins hails from Thatcham, T. Curtis from Beedon, the rest are Newbury Parish Church ringers. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. and Mrs. Lousley after the peal.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
*On Monday, April 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK C. MITCHELL | ...*Treble* | TOM GREENACRE ... ... ... | 4 |
| WILLIAM R. MITCHELL ... | 2 | JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ... ... | 5 |
| ROBERT E. GREENACRE ... | 3 | GEORGE HAWES ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.
First peal in five methods on the bells and by all except the 5th ringer, and rung for morning service.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-GOWTS,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| STANFORD J. WOLFE ... | ...*Treble* | GEORGE CHESTER ... ... | 4 |
| HERBERT LOWMAN ... ... | 2 | WILLIAM BETTLES ... ... | 5 |
| ROBERT H. HURST ... ... | 3 | WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.
Mr. Chester has now rung a peal in each of the four ringing towers of Lincoln.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Minor.
Tenor 10 cwt.

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| FREDERICK C. LAMBERT | ...*Treble* | JAMES HOWARD ... ... ... | 4 |
| WALTER KERRISON ... ... | 2 | JOHN SPENCER ... ... ... | 5 |
| *JACK FORD ... ... ... ... | 3 | JOHN LARTEN ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.
* First peal of Minor.

KIMBLE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks & South Bucks Branch.)

*On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *Alfred Darvill | ...Treble | *Rupert Gomme | 4 |
| George Seymour | 2 | Gordon Strathdee | 5 |
| Arthur Poulton | 3 | *Tom Cummings | ...Tenor |

Conducted by G. Seymour.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringer of the treble is local, 2nd hails from Bledlow, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th from Monks Risborough.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH.

*On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Carlisle, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Edward Youngs | ...Treble | Alphæus Berry | 4 |
| William Clover | 2 | Ernest F. Poppy | 5 |
| George Brown | 3 | William Rose | ...Tenor |

Conducted by William Rose.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Leonard E. Last (formerly one of the band) and Miss Edith Brindley, of Hudson Rd., Plumstead.

SCOTHORNE, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

*On Thursday, April 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Germain,

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

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

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|---|---|---|---|
| Simon Cade | ...Treble | George Jackson | 4 |
| *Miss D. Barnes | 2 | Charles Cade | 5 |
| Miss D. Mottram | 3 | William Creasey | ...Tenor |

Conducted by William Creasey.

* First peal.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, April 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| T. Reginald Dennis | ...Treble | *Albert E. Austin | 4 |
| C. W. Woolley | 2 | W. H. J. Hooton | 5 |
| Ernest G. Hibbins | 3 | *F. W. Goodfellow | ...Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

* First peal in five methods.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,*
In Trinity College,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rev. A. H. F. Boughey | 1—2 | Wilfred Hooton | ...5—6 |
| John Woolley | ...3—4 | *Christopher Woolley | ...7—8 |

Composed by John Woolley. Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Association.

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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

*On Saturday, Mar. 31, 1923, in Three Hours,*
In St. Martin's Church Belfry,

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

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Frank E. Pervin | 1—2 | Thomas Russam | 7—8 |
| Albert E. Norman | 3—4 | James E. Groves | 9—10 |
| Albert Walker | 5—6 | Morris J. Morris | 11—12 |

Composed by Henry Johnson. Conducted by Albert Walker.
Referee: Mr. A. T. Scrivens.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Holy Trinity Society.)

*On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,*
At the Royal Grammar School,

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

Holt's Original. Tenor size 14 in D.

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| William R. Melville | 1—2 | George W. Steere | 5—6 |
| Alfred H. Pulling | 3—4 | Mrs. W. R. Melville | 7—8 |

Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Witness: Mrs. Pulling.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, April 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*
At Superlative Villa,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 16 in B.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Edward Jenkins | 1—2 | Francis Bibby | 5—6 |
| John E. Bibby | 3—4 | William Bibby | 7—8 |

Composed by A. Knights (No. 187). Conducted by E. Jenkins.
First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand' by the Guild and by all the band.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, April 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*
At 11, Queen Anne Terrace,

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Ernest G. Hibbins | 1—2 | W. H. J. Hooton | 5—6 |
| C. W. Woolley | 3—4 | F. W. Goodfellow | 7—8 |

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.
Arranged for F. W. Goodfellow, of London, the peal being his first touch in the method 'in hand.'

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,*
In the Belfry of SS. Peter and Paul's Church,

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

Tenor size 20 in E flat.

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| *Jack Pilgrim | 1—2 | Roy Pilgrim | 5—6 |
| Norman R. Bailey | 3—4 | Leonard W. Bale | 7—8 |

Composed by Henry J. Tucker. Conducted by N. R. Bailey.

* First peal away from 7—8. This is Master Roy Pilgrim's 10th peal 'in hand,' his age being 15 years. He has not yet rung a peal on tower bells.

## DEATH OF GILLINGHAM'S BLIND VICAR.

On Saturday, March 30th, the bells at Rochester Cathedral were rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Dr. W. H. Robins, hon. Canon of Rochester and Rural Dean and Vicar of Gillingham for 38 years. Although blind the deceased cleric had carried out his duties during life with the greatest energy.

The funeral took place on Saturday, March 30th, at Gillingham, attended by about 30 clergy, including the Bishop of Rochester, the Dean and Canons, the Mayor and Corporation of Gillingham, and a large congregation. At Gillingham the whole pull and stand was rung during the approach of the cortege to the church, and after the service a 504 Grandsire Triples. In the evening at the Cathedral 503 Grandsire Caters, and on Easter Sunday morning 639 Stedman Caters, 270 Grandsire Caters.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### INTERESTING SOCIAL PROGRAMME FOR SALISBURY GATHERING.

The committee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who have been busily engaged in making arrangements for the visit of the Central Council and ringing visitors and friends at Whitsun have provided an admirable programme of social events, and it is earnestly hoped that a large number will avail themselves of the facilities offered for spending a pleasant week-end.

Local headquarters will be established at the Cathedral Hotel, Milford Street, with Mr. T. Hervey Beams as the local officer in charge.

On Saturday evening, May 19th 5—8.30 p.m., there will be ringing at city churches, followed by a social hour at headquarters.

On Whit Sunday, ringing at city churches for morning and evening services. In the afternoon, visit to Wilton House and Park (by special permission of Earl of Pembroke). Leave headquarters 2.30 p.m. Return fare 1s. 6d.

Whit Monday.—Charabanc trip of 60 miles through the lovely New Forest and Cranborne Chase district; ringing at Fordingbridge (8), Ringwood (8), Christchurch (10), Wimborne (10), and Cranborne (8). Leave headquarters 10.30 a.m. Fare 8s. 6d., including lunch. Ringing at city churches, 7—9 p.m. Social hour at headquarters.

Whit Tuesday.—The Council will meet in the Chapter House of the Cathedral (by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter). 11 a.m. —1 p.m., morning session, preceded by official welcome to the Council by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; 1.15 p.m., luncheon at Cathedral Hotel, tickets 1s.; 2.30—4.30 p.m., afternoon session; 5.15, tea in the garden of the North Canonry (by kind invitation of Archdeacon Carpenter) After tea a conducted visit to the Cathedral; 7 p.m.—8.30 p.m., ringing at city churches; 8.30 p.m., reception at headquarters by the Earl of Shaftesbury and officers of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Seats should be booked for (a) visit to Wilton, (b) charabanc trip, (c) luncheon by 11th May, and all communications in respect to these three items should be made to Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth, Buckhorn Weston, Wincanton, Somerset.

The visit to Wilton, and the charabanc trip will only take place should a sufficient number book; while provision for luncheon and tea will only be made for those intimating they will be present.

Handbells, newspapers, and facilities for writing will be provided at headquarters, where further details as to ringing and other matters of interest will be notified.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Central Division was held at Uckfield on Easter Monday, when 29 ringers were present. Ringing commenced at 2.30. At 4.30 all attended service in church, the address by the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Sanderson) being much appreciated. Tea followed at the Holly Bush, the Rector presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman). Afterwards the business meeting was held, at which the following new members were elected. Frederick William Heather and William Henry Woollven (Burgess Hill), Fredk. Howell and Alfred Willie (Lindfield), Messrs. Brown and Morey (Henfield), D. Findley and Wm. Collison (Tunbridge Wells).

The divisional officers were then unanimously elected as follows: A. D. Stone (hon. secretary), R. J. Dawe, Oliver Sippetts and Wm. Watts, senr. (committee); Keith Hart, W. Palmer and C. Tyler (committee of advice). The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, his address, and for presiding at the meeting; also to the organist for his services at the organ.

The tower was then again visited until 8 o'clock, the methods rung varying from Grandsire to Surprise. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at St. Nicholas', Brighton, this to be followed by Henfield.

Secretaries of towers should send in, at once, copy for report to their Divisional Hon. Secs.

## AN INQUIRY.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I am one of a committee now very seriously pondering the necessity or otherwise of 'Simpson Tuning.' The peal of bells which cause the pondering are now in the hands of bell founders for sandblasting and simple tuning. The firm who have undertaken this work, now contend that nothing but Simpson tuning—which entails an expensive recasting job—will give good results. Perhaps you could help us to find out from those who have a chance of knowing, whether the old tuning methods, properly applied, cannot also be made to give good results.—Yours faithfully,

SEEKER AFTER FACTS.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: C. Roseveare 1, C. H. Walker 2, S. Goodwin 3, G. H. Simmonds 4, H. Warnett, senr., 5, H. Warnett 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.—On Sunday, March 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), conducted by H. Warnett.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

To avoid clashing with the Ladies' Guild (Southern District) at Bramley to-morrow, the meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, arranged for the same date at Chiddingfold has been postponed until the 28th.

Among the very long lengths rung at Painswick was a 12,006 of Grandsire Caters on April 18th, 1737, but it was not a record, for on the previous March 8th the men of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, had rung a peal of 12,603. News did not travel so fast in those days, and had the Painswick men known of the Norwich performance they would probably have added that other 600 changes.

The first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus was a record length of 7,200 rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on April 17th, 1820. The present record in the method, as most readers of this journal well know, is the 12,240 at Ashton-under-Lyne rung, curiously enough, also on April 17th, but in the year 1911.

On April 18th, 1894, the Royal Cumberland Youths rang their 13,440 Double Norwich Major at Romford.

The first peal of Cumberland Exercise Major was rung at Birstall on April 16th, 1838.

The peal of Bob Minor rung at Tydd St. Giles, on January 10th, and published in 'The Ringing World' on January 26th, should have been credited to the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association.

After nine months in Ashton Court Hospital, Bristol, Mr. C. H. Jennings, former secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild, is now sufficiently recovered to leave that institution.

Miss Rose A. Bell rang a peal of Bob Major at Milnrow, Lancs, and another of Grandsire Triples at Newhey on Easter Monday, and we believe this is the first time a lady has rung in two true peals in one day. We have a recollection of a Leicester lady taking part in a similar performance, only to find later that one of the peals was false.

Mr. John Prickett, who was for some years leader and tower keeper at Chepstow, Mon., is leaving for Durban, South Africa. He should be a useful acquisition to the company that is struggling with change ringing in that distant part of the Empire. He will find that 'The Ringing World' reaches there every week in numbers much greater than it gets into very many towers in this country!

Mr. H. R. Pasmore writes, with reference to the inquiry of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, that the handbell peal of Bob Royal rung at St. Albans does not appear in the College Youths' Peal Book.

## FRIENDSHIP IN THE BELFRY.

One of the many happy features of ringing is the friendships we make. If a man is a change ringer, in whatever strange belfry he enters, the hallmark of friendship is seldom absent. There is a remarkable band of brotherhood existing to-day.

Some friendships are tinged with the desire of self advantage, so that they become degraded and valueless. But friendship to Jesus Christ must spring from the purest motives.

Regular, punctual attendance at the appointed hour should be the ambition of every ringer, and the conductor on his part should foster the corporate life of true fellowship.

You should not think lightly of your duties and responsibilities. Your office in the church is no mean job.

The basis of true friendship must begin with Jesus Christ. I ask you to take that friendship into your belfries.

[Extracts from Mr. G. W. Carimel's address to the Herts County Association in St. Albans Cathedral on Easter Monday.]

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RINGERS MARRIED.

A wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church of St. Peter's, Isham, on Easter Tuesday afternoon, the bride being Miss Beatrice Maud Everest, who was one of the four ladies who volunteered to maintain the bell ringing for Sunday service during the war. The bridegroom, Mr. George Sidney Valentine is also a member of the Isham band, as is Miss Cecil Hepburn, the bridesmaid, and Mr. Albert Fourt, the best man; while the bride's father is one of the oldest Isham bell ringers. The bells were rung both before the service and when the happy pair were leaving the church, and Mr. Percy Everest, the bride's brother, himself a bell ringer, played appropriate organ selections.

During the afternoon a peal was rung, in which the bride's uncle, Mr. George A. Blaxley, rang the tenor. In the evening the whole of the local ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Everest.

On Easter Sunday evening a presentation had been made in the belfry prior to evensong, when Mr. W. T. Wilson, the senior ringer, handed to Miss Everest and Mr. Valentine, on behalf of the Isham ringers, a handsome silver-plated teapot and butter dish. The bride's fellow lady ringers gave her a very nice pillow-lace handkerchief.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### THE MEMORIAL BELLS FOR CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.

The annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held on Easter Monday, at Chatham, when about ninety members from different parts of the county attended. The delightful spring weather was an agreeable contrast to that experienced at Ashford last year, when a grievous northerly blast afflicted even the stoutest chest. True, the wind was in the east, but there was not much of it, and through the greater part of the day the sun shone brightly. The towers open for ringing were Chatham (8), St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), Gillingham (8), Rainham (8) and Cliffe-at-Hoo (8). By kind permission of the Dean, the Rochester Cathedral ten were available from 6 to 7 p.m.

At the committee meeting, held in vestry of St. Mary's, the report of the sub-committee appointed to examine the tenders for the two memorial bells at Canterbury was read and adopted. It was also decided that any inscriptions on the bells should be in English. The committee agreed that the shillings demanded of the members towards the cost of the dinner should be put to the war memorial fund; £3 3s. was voted towards the rehanging of the bells at Cliffe-at-Hoo.

Service followed at 12 noon. It is interesting to notice that the association service at the last meeting held at Chatham in 1901 was the very last held in the old church before its demolition. The fine old Norman arches in the west wall being part of the original church, much older than the building pulled down in 1901, are still retained in the new church.

The prayers and lessons were read by the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), and the Rector (the Rev. F. Wiltshire) gave the address from the text (Rom. xxi. 5), 'We, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another.' Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., assisted at the organ. Three hymns were sung, the same as those used last year, viz., the Easter hymn, a special ringers' hymn, and 'Light's abode, celestial Salem.' The collection for the memorial fund amounted to £1 4s. 7d.

At the dinner in the Working Men's Hall the association was honoured by the presence in the chair of the Mayor of Chatham, Mr. H. F. Whyman, who is also churchwarden of St. Mary's, and 'a bit of a ringer.' The Rector was also present. Besides sundry officials and prominent members of the association there were in the hall one or two celebrities of the ringing world, notably Mr. John Carter, and a gentleman came even all the way from Birmingham to attend the meeting!

The usual toasts were duly honoured, viz., 'The King,' proposed by the Mayor; and 'Archbishop and Clergy, with special thanks to the preacher,' proposed by Mr. F. White (Tunbridge Wells), to which the Rector responded.

The Secretary proposed 'the Health of the Mayor,' remarking that the presence of the chief civic authority at their gathering was most unusual, but for that reason all the more appreciated.—The Mayor, after returning thanks, remained for a part of the business meeting and signed the minutes.

The secretary then read the report and balance sheet, both of which went to show that the association continued to prosper.

The officers were re-elected, with the exception of the auditor, Mr. C. H. Drake being elected in place of the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke, who is resigning, on taking up the arduous post of Vicar of Faversham.

Five names having been sent up for representation in the Central Council in 1924, a contest became necessary, which resulted in the re-election of the present representatives, the hon. secretary receiving 64 votes, Mr. E. Barnett 63, Mr. J. H. Cheesman 61, Mr. Groombridge 48, and Mr. W. Haigh 44.

This concluded the business, and the company adjourned, some to the Chatham tower, and others, it is supposed, to the other towers open for ringing. A word of thanks is due to Mr. S. J. T. Shellock, secretary of the Chatham band, for making such excellent arrangements for the dinner.

## AN APPEAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—May I ask you to be good enough to insert an appeal in your columns on behalf of Mr. William Grimes, of Debenham, who has now been seriously ill for nearly two years. He was the pioneer of change ringing in Debenham some 40 years ago, and is well known to most of the craft in East Anglia. His long illness, however, has sadly depleted his financial resources, and he has only 11s. per week coming in at the present time. The Debenham company have subscribed £2 as the nucleus of a fund for helping him in his trouble, and Mr. Chas. Mee of Sproughton, collected the sum of £2 3s. at the meetings at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Any donations, however small, will be much appreciated, and will be acknowledged from time to time through the medium of your journal. Such donations may be addressed to—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Debenham, Stowmarket.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD,

### COMMITTEE GET TO WORK.

A committee meeting of the newly-formed Guild was held on April 7th, in Ipswich, and was attended by a very representative gathering. It was clear from those who were present, and from letters received, that the new move had met with general acceptance throughout the county, and that there would be no lack of enthusiasm to make the new society 'hum.'

In order to get over the difficulty of enrolling so many new members in time to record peals that are being rung, it was decided that all ringers who give their names and subscriptions to the diocesan secretary or to the district secretaries before the annual meeting on July 21st next, be considered as members of the Guild as from Easter Monday.

To our report of the Easter Monday meeting, we might add that in opening the meeting, Archdeacon Farmiloe struck the note which was evidently in everyone's mind, by saying that they were met as Suffolk men to form a Suffolk Society for Suffolk ringing.

In supporting the proposal to call the new society 'The Suffolk Guild,' the Rev. H. Drake pointed out that the ancient English Guilds were more like our ringers' societies than anything else at the present time. They were composed of men who were interested in one particular craft or art, irrespective of class or position, in order to further the interests of that craft or art; and the clergy were important members of every Guild, although they might not have any especial knowledge of the respective craft or art. Moreover, the word 'Guild' was a word which sounded more pleasantly than the sibilant 'society' or 'association,' while 'Suffolk Guild' had a workmanlike sound, which would endear it to members as years passed by.

## SHEFFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

### LARGE GATHERING AT WORKSOP.

A large number of ringers visited Worksop on Easter Monday for the meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association, which meets on alternate Easter Bank Holidays in the North Notts town. The rendezvous was the ancient Priory Church, and train, tram, motor-bus, bicycle and sturdy legs were all pressed into service to bring the ringers together. There were ringers present from Manchester, Wigan, Bolsover, Gainsborough, Laneham, Sutton-on-Trent, Sheffield Cathedral, Sheffield All Saints', Southwell Cathedral, Anston, Treeton, Handsworth, Tickhill, Staveley Town, Eckington, Warsop, Ordsall, Norton Woodseats, and the local company. During the early part of the day many of the visitors spent their time in looking round the ancient priory and the newly restored lady chapel, before taking their places at the ropes. The bells were ringing from 11 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., with two brief intervals for a wedding, and the tea and Divine service. The methods rung during the day were Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire Triples, Erin Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Little Bob, College Single, Double Norwich, Duffield and Superlative Surprise Major, many of the ladies present, with indomitable spirit and unbounded confidence, trying their skill. During the afternoon ringers' wives, lady ringers, Mesdames Haigh, Hardwick, Else, Taylor, Weaver and Winrow were working like Trojans in preparing an excellent tea, to which upwards of 60 sat down. Earlier in the day, while the writer of these lines was busy preparing the bells and ringing chamber, some 'Meddlesome Matildas' or 'Henrys' went into the Priory Gatehouse and reduced the seating accommodation from 60 to 40. Were we down-hearted? No. And they were forgiven. 'Where there's a will there's a way,' and we borrowed, and hired elsewhere, so that everything passed off as merrily as the proverbial marriage bell.

After tea the usual business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. J. Lewis, supported by Mr. F. Watkinson, acting secretary pro tem. Eight new members were duly elected, and the next meeting was fixed for Ranmore, Sheffield, on the first Saturday in May, when the annual address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, and four or five presentations will be made at the meeting following.

The Rev. S. Dennison, in the absence of the Vicar (Canon d'Arcy) gave the ringers a most hearty welcome to Worksop, and hoped everyone would enjoy their visit.

Mr. Chas. Baker (Gainsborough) moved, and Mr. Frank Willey (Sheffield) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for providing such an excellent spread and devoting their time to the task on such a beautiful day. Mr. Willey also alluded, in eloquent terms, to the beauties and antiquities of the ancient priory.—Mr. H. Haigh briefly replied for the ladies, and a further vote of thanks to the chairman and secretary and to the Vicar (Canon d'Arcy) for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

A short service in the lady chapel, conducted by the Vicar, followed, and the tower was then again visited, and the bells were lowered in peal at 9.30.

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## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### 'PASSIVE RESISTANCE' PROTEST.

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting on Easter Monday at Slough, ringing also taking place at Wooburn, Burnham and Old Windsor. The ringing at St. Mary's, Slough, included London, Cambridge, Bristol and Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire.

The Guild service was conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the Rev. W. S. Riddlesdale, Vicar of Bray, being the preacher. Miss D. M. Feltham presided at the organ. After service a large company sat down to tea in St. Mary's Institute, ringers being present from Staines, Bagshot, Warfield, Marlow, Wycombe, West Wycombe, Wooburn, Beaconsfield, Burnham, Boyne Hill, Cookham, Hitcham, Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, Chalfont Old Windsor, Windsor, Bray and Slough, Hillingdon, Hughenden, Egham, Reading, Winkfield, Penn, Caversham, etc.

The Rev. W. S. Riddlesdale presided over the business meeting, at which the Rector of Slough was accorded a vote of thanks for the use of the church and for arranging for the attendance of some of the choir.

The Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. Alfred J. Harman) presented the statement of accounts, which had been audited by Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, and which showed that the year commenced with a credit balance of £19 0s. 11d., and ended with one of £13 12s. 7d. In giving his report, Mr. Harman said that Mr. Fussell had assisted him on every possible occasion. The credit balance was less, but that was due to the fact that some of the members had withheld their subscriptions as a protest against the holding of the festival at Oxford every year.

The Chairman said he was sure they would like to say they were very grateful to Mr. Harman for having undertaken a very difficult job. He felt that it was very unfair to choose a man to be secretary and then not to assist him in every possible way. There was a great deal to be said for their wish that the festival should not always be held at Oxford, but for the members to withhold their subscriptions to the branch as a protest was not playing the game.

'Let us express our feelings in a fair way,' he said, 'but not in that way. I feel very strongly about it. I think no tower has any kind of justification for withholding subscriptions to the branch because it feels that the whole Guild ought to pay some attention to our feelings in that respect.'

The financial statement and the report were adopted, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Harman for his services.

### PRESENTATION TO MR. W. H. FUSSELL.

Mr. Harman acknowledged the compliment, and asked the chairman to present a gold watch to Mr. W. H. Fussell in recognition of the work he had done as secretary. Since he had retired from the secretaryship, he (Mr. Harman) had had to call upon him for assistance on all sorts of occasions, and he looked forward to receiving the same assistance in the ensuing year. He would have more time at his disposal, and he was sure that they were going to have a very successful year (applause).

The Chairman said he was very happy indeed to be their spokesman on the occasion and to hand Mr. Fussell the beautiful present as a token of regard from the Guild for all the work he had done (applause).

Mr. Fussell said he should like to thank all of them for the valuable present. It was a very nice keepsake to give him for the little bit of Church work he had done on behalf of the ringers during the six years he was secretary. Before he was elected, owing to the war, arrears had accumulated, and there was a loss of touch with the clergy, the foremen of the towers, and the ringers. But the committee backed him up and gradually they got together a very powerful branch. He must say that the work had been very interesting, and he had a love for it, but for the past two years he had been very unsettled, and when he was away for a month or six weeks there were about 30 letters to answer in connection with the Guild. He was still only too glad to help. The present they had given him was a very handsome one, and he should treasure it very much. When he wound up the watch he should think of his old friends and acquaintances, and he hoped to see them for many years to come (applause).

The Bishop of Buckingham was unanimously elected as president of the branch, and the Rector of Slough as vice-president. The chairman was re-elected a vice president.

The following were elected the committee: Messrs. Boreham, Buckland, Kirk, G. Martin, G. Trust, T. Smith, Welling, White and W. H. Fussell.

Mr. Harman was unanimously re-elected secretary and treasurer, and he acknowledged the compliment.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### THE QUESTION OF GRANTS FOR BELL RESTORATION.

The annual general meeting and luncheon of the Bedfordshire Association was held in St. Paul's Mission Room, Bedford, on Easter Monday. The meeting was preceded by a service in St. Paul's Church, at which the Rev. L. R. Levitt (curate of All Saints', Bedford) was the preacher, and gave a most interesting and original address.

The Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, president of the association, presided at the lunch, supported by the Rev. L. R. Levitt, Mr. E. Ransome and Miss E. Steel, vice-presidents, and members from most of the affiliated towers. A large number of Northamptonshire friends were also present including Mr. D. J. Nicholls (hon. secretary of the Central Northants Association).—At the business meeting, the President, before reading the 40th annual report, drew attention to the fact that the committee had departed from the usual custom of presenting the report and balance sheet in manuscript, and had had them printed.—The report, which was a satisfactory one, and recorded steady progress, was unanimously adopted.

The accounts, which had been audited, showed a balance in hand of £34 6s. 1½d., being an increase of nearly £1 over that of last year. —The balance sheet was considered very satisfactory, and unanimously passed.

Canon Baker was unanimously re-elected president.—In returning thanks, he said the association had been in existence over 40 years, and during that time he had only missed about three meetings.

The vice-presidents, Mr. Charles Herbert (Woburn), Mr. Edwin Ransom and Miss Evelyn Steel (Bedford), and Mr. A. King (Luton) were re-elected.—Mr. E. Ransom, in a moving little speech, in reply, said they had been worthily complimented that morning in St. Paul's. Though he had passed four-score years, he hoped to be with them a little longer, and then they might meet in another sphere which they knew nothing of but which faith most clearly pointed to.

The hon. secretary and hon. auditor were both re-elected, the President humorously remarking that they might seem greedy at Dunstable to have both president and secretary, but added, there was one thing, they didn't fall out much.

Miss Steel then moved: 'That a grant be made towards the restoration of Tempsford bells,' and pointed out that Tempsford was only a small village, which was trying to raise £450 for rehanging their peal. The band there was attached to the association, but at present had no bells to ring on.—Mr. Harlow seconded the resolution.

The President said that in the past they had always set their face against making grants, as they felt with no special fund, they ought not to use their ordinary funds in that way.—The Hon. Secretary pointed out that at the last Central Council meeting, at Lincoln, this question was discussed; and while being in hearty agreement with Miss Steel, he could not see how they could make grants out of a subscription of 1s. per year.

After considerable discussion, the President put the following resolution; 'That a sum of two guineas be given towards the Tempsford Restoration Fund,' and this was carried unanimously.

The formation of a belfry repair fund, as suggested by the Central Council, was ordered to be placed on the agenda for the next annual meeting.

Canon Baker then moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given the Rev. L. R. Levitt for his address at the service. He said he had himself given a good many, and had listened to a good many others in his time, but he certainly thought Mr. Levitt's was the most original he had ever heard.—The Rev. Rev. L. R. Levitt, in reply, said they had a funny trick at St. Paul's of turning to him for all sorts of occasions (laughter), to preach to extra special congregations, but that was a congregation of friends, as ringers were friends all the world over (applause). He would look forward to meeting the members another year.—After votes of thanks had been passed to the Vicars of St. Paul's and St. Peter's for the use of their bells, the ringers wended their way to the towers, and ringing took place until a late hour.

During the afternoon the members were very pleased to welcome the new Vicar of St. Paul's (the Rev. W. A. Robins) who has been seriously ill, and only allowed to get out of bed in the afternoon. The reverend gentleman visited the ringing chamber at St. Paul's, and gave a very hearty welcome to the members. He promised at all times to do all in his power to help the association.

A noteworthy feature of the day was the very high standard of the ringing; the second touch being a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Royal, the first in the county. Other methods rung were: Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Caters, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, and Treble Ten, at St. Paul's; and a number of Minor methods at St. Peter's. The gathering was very successful, and, in the words of an old member, 'one of the best meetings the Bedfordshire Association had ever held.'

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, April 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Ashenden 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, W. A. Penfold 3, J. Blake 4, H. Baker 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, F. Chapman 8. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are from Frittenden; the rest local.

LEE, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on April 8th, for evensong, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Pinnigar 1, J. Crowder 2, W. G. Pinnigar 3, H. James 4, J. Lawson 5, C. Moulton (longest touch as conductor) 6, J. Dafters 7, H. Brasher 8.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, April 8th, for morning service 608 Bob Major: J. C. G. Haggar 1, S. Hammond 2, W. J. Groom 3, E. G. Grindell 4, S. Rowe 5, T. H. Chappell 6, W. C. Rumsey 7, G. S. Rowe 8.

EXETER.—On Sunday, April 8th, when the Bishop of Exeter visited St. Sidwell's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Southwood 1, W. Howe 2, W. Drake 3, C. Carter 4, T. Bartlett 5, E. Shepherd (conductor) 6, J. Moss 7, F. Murphy 8, E. Sargent 9, A. Minkley 10.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (part of Carter's Odd and Even), in 50 mins.: W. E. Oakley 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, S. Hoare 3, E. M. Elliott 4, W. Norris 5, F. Edwards 6, C. H. Horton (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, for evening service, on Sunday, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the back eight, in 55 mins.: C. F. Winney (conductor) 1, E. J. Walsom 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, P. E Clark 4, H. Belcher 5, W. Rushton 6, A. A. Hughes 7, F. Palmer, senr., 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, April 8th, for evening service, 336 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, F. Whitehead 4, H. F. Morris 5, E. Marks 6, H. Scar (conductor) 7, F. Stanton 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. R. Fardon (conductor) 1, H. Wincote 2, Robt. Fardon 3, Miss P. Moss (first of Stedman) 4, C. Brown 5, Robt. Holloway 6, E. W. Coulson 7, S. D. Breeze 8.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Maries, for evening service, on Sunday, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 53 mins.: R. Lake 1, T. O'Hara 2, T. Sarel 3, J. Evinson 4, R. Harrison 5, G. Lewis (conductor) 6, J. A. Dixon 7, C. Harrison 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—For morning service, on April 8th, 720 Oxford Delight Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, G. H. Carter 2, S. Carter 3, E. A. Overall 4, A. Phillips 5 W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, E. A. Overall 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 8th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 24 mins., by the following: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2 R. Kynaston 3, J. Hughes 4, H. T. Hughes 5, R. Evans 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Conducted by R. Evans. Also for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 minutes: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, H. T. Hughes 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Evans (conductor) 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Evans.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on April 8th, 1,263 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: J. W. Driver (conductor) 1, W. H. Hollier 2, W. H. Wood 3, F. C. Norris 4, G. C. Iles 5, H. Cutmore 6 F. Crook 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skevington 9, H. Page 10.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Easter Day, for evensong, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Burnett (conductor) 1, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 2, Miss E. M. Burnett 3, P. Giles 4, W. Ayles 5, J. H. Blake 6, H. Aitken 7, W. Scaife 8. Arranged for J. H. Blake, of Chichester.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Bowers 1, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 2, H. Marlow (first quarter-peal of Triples) 3, J. Metherell 4, J. Mackay 5, B. Soden 6, T. Haynes 7, W. Gammage 8.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. J. Guttridge 1, F. Tindall 2, R. Wood (first quarter inside) 3, E. Gosling 4, R. Franklin 5, A. Cross (first as conductor) 6, W. Welling 7, F. Middleton 8.

ERITH.—On Easter Day, at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: L. Cullum 1, F. Cullum, senr., 2, J. S. Morton 3, D. Harvey 4, E. Illott 5, J. Pemberton 6, A. J. Morton (conductor) 7, O. Robinson 8. The ringer of the 6th was a welcome visitor from Birmingham.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Easter Day, the following 720's were rung: 720 Cambridge Surprise. 720 Oxford Treble Bob, for early Matins: Fred Wilkins 1, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 2, J. Jull 3, W. Nye 4, G. H. Spice 5, W. Spice 6.—Morning service at 11 a.m., 720 College Single, conducted by W. Nye, and 720 Plain Bob, conducted by W. Spice.—For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Holness 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, James Webb 3, W. E. Spice 4, W. Spice 5, G. H. Spice (conductor) 6. W. H. B. Wilkins and his son Fred hail from Oxford, and were on holiday in their old county.

## NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch of the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association was held at Great Yarmouth on Easter Monday, when, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken, M.A., Vicar of Great Yarmouth, the ring of twelve bells of the Parish Church of St. Nicholas was placed at the disposal of the members.

The general business meeting, by kind permission of the Vicar, was held in the Priory Hall at noon, the Dean of Norwich presiding, supported by the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman), and the following members of the committee: Messrs. G. P. Burton, Denison Hayward, F. W. Naunton, J. Souter, and representatives from Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Wrentham, Beccles, Knodishall, Diss, etc.

On the motion of the general secretary, the following were elected members of the association: Herbert H. Neale, Walter R. Farrow, Robert H. Johnson, William G. Baker, Fredk. W. Warren, Alfred R. Bye, James Nunn, Victor Read, R. J. Wells, S. J. Smith.—The Secretary also moved that the election of John Rodwell prior to a peal on February 1st, 1923, be ratified, the total being four Norfolk members and seven Suffolk members.

The officers were re-elected, viz., Mr. A. L. Coleman, branch secretary; Mr. G. P. Burton, Ringing Master; Messrs. W. L. Duffield, J. A. Godfrey and John Souter, as three elected members of the committee.

It was resolved that the Whit Monday meeting be held at Pulham Market, and the August Bank Holiday meeting at Swaffham.

Luncheon was served at Goode's Hotel, the president, the Dean of Norwich, being in the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken, the general secretary, Messrs. G. P. Burton, D. Hayward, F. W. Naunton, J. Souter, and other representatives.

The President proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was heartily drunk.

The President also moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken for his kind welcome to the association, and for the use of the fine ring of twelve bells of the Parish Church.—The motion was seconded by Mr. A. L. Coleman, and carried unanimously.—Canon R. A. Aitken suitably replied. The members then adjourned to the belfry, and were joined by late comers. The total attendance for the day was some 30 members.

## CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

### RINGING CONTEST AT CROSTHWAITE.

The annual ringing contest for the Rawnsley Shield was held at Crosthwaite Parish Church, Keswick, on Easter Monday. Six teams competed from Arlecdon, Bridekirk, Carlisle, Cleator Moor, Egremont and Keswick. As the appointed judge was unable to attend, Mr. W. T. Holmes, of Cockermouth, kindly consented to take his place. The contest resulted as follows: No. 1, Egremont, rang 576 Double Norwich in 21¼ minutes with 160 faults; No. 2, Bridekirk, Kent Minor for 10 minutes, when they broke down; No. 3, Cleator Moor, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 minutes, with 165 faults; No. 4, Arlecdon also rang 720 Bob Minor in 27 minutes, with 210 faults; No. 5, Keswick, rang 576 Bob Major in 24 minutes, with 205 faults; No. 6, Carlisle, rang Kent Minor for 4 minutes, when they broke down. Egremont were, therefore, awarded the shield for the second year in succession, and were congratulated upon their fine performance, as they only had a year in which all of them had to learn the method.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Room Keswick, Mr. F. Grisedale presiding. St. Bees was chosen for the next meeting, to be held in July.—Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar for the use of the bells and room, to Mr. F. Grisedale for presiding, and Mr. W. Holmes for adjudicating. More ringing completed the day.

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## NOTICES.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is to be held at Horbury, Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready early. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock, a short service at 4.30, tea at 5.15, business meeting after. St. Michael's Tower will be open for ringing in the evening.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting at St. George's, Bolton, April 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. — S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 6-bell contest and meeting will be held at Silsden, near Keighley, on Saturday, April 14th. Draw to take place at 2.45; commence ringing at 3 prompt. Nearest station, Steeton and Silsden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, April 14th, by permission of the Rev. W. A. G. Gray (Vicar). Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged and all are welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Sedgley on April 14th. Bells available at 3. Service with address by the Rev. Dr. Swindell at 4.45. Tea (1/-) in the schoolroom at 5.30. —H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby St., Wolverhampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Memorial Hall at 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. W. T. Reeder, R.D.). Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Prestwich Parish Church on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7.15 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions due; Reports at hand.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., Butterwick, near Boston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 6 p.m. Members intending being present please send word to Sec.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley, Surrey, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, 9th?—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, April 14th. Intending visitors should inform me that they will be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittle-le-Woodson Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Members and friends all welcome.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, St. Clement Danes, Monday, April 16th, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting 8.15 p.m., at the Edinburgh.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough,

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' SOCIAL will be held at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, Bristol, on Tuesday next, April 17th. Commence at 7.30 p.m. Songs, monologues, recitations and music by the band. Come and bring your friends. Rev. T. C. Fowler in the chair.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn (10 bells), on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —A meeting will be held at Whitby on Saturday, April 21st. The bells of the Parish Church (10) will be available for ringing from 12 o'clock. Service in the church at 4 o'clock. Tea at Botham's Cafe at 1/9 each, for all those who notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday, April 18th. Business meeting immediately following tea. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers, who are within easy distance from Whitby, to attend the meeting.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Secretary, Mayfield, Pickering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — The next monthly meeting will be held at New Hey Parish Church on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome. — T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Widford (6 bells) on April 21st. Short service in church. Tea at 1s. Station Widford (G.E.R.). Pretty country; quite worth a visit. All will be welcome. Bells ready any time.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingskerswell on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please inform me by the 18th inst. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Aylsham District. — A meeting will be held at Buxton Lamas on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—Wm. B. Duncan, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christleton on Saturday, April 21st. Ringing 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 17th? — J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., School House, Aldford, Chester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. (1s. per head), meeting to follow. Service at 5.30 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., "Dunkery," Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, April 21st. The bells will be available from 2.45 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at STRATFORD-ON-AVON on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will members kindly note all subscriptions for 1923 are now due?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Whatton-in-the-Vale on Saturday, April 21st. All requiring tea please advise Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston, Notts, not later than April 18th. I should like to hear from members with a view to forming a party of 12 or more to travel together from Nottingham at the reduced fares allowed by Railway Company.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Will hold their quarterly meeting at Lye, Worcestershire, on April 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m., service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Meeting afterwards. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names to be sent not later than Wednesday, April 18th, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21st, at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Further ringing before and after a short service at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 21st. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be available for ringing from 1 to 9 p.m., with brief intervals for tea and meeting. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. at Cooke's Café, Carolgate, at 1s. per head to members only who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, not later than Tuesday, 17th inst. 1s. 6d. will be charged to all others after this date. Short service in Parish Church 4.20 to 4.55 p.m. A hearty welcome will be given to members of kindred associations. — H. Haigh and D. A. Piercy, Hon. Secs.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Guilsborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Naseby on Saturday, April 21st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by April 18th? —W. Bott, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Hythe on Saturday, April 21st, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. D. Dale). Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me of their intention to be present on or before Tuesday, April 17th.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Orlingbury (5) on Saturday, April 21st. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 17th.—R. G. Black, Dis. Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore (6 bells) on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. — C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 3, Rutland Gate, North Promenade, Blackpool.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. — J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Cassington on Saturday, April 21st. 4 p.m.: Service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Scott). 4.45: Tea at the Chequers Inn. Meeting following. Bells available during afternoon. All ringing friends welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on April 24th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th: *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 17th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Trusting for a good attendance of members and friends. Reports to hand. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbotham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo, where the bells have just been overhauled and rehung, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3; the association form of service at 5, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. T. Wallis). Tea will be provided at the Six Bells at a charge per head for those who notify me by Wednesday, April 25th. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. Trains from Gravesend 2.28 and 5.44. Buses from Chatham, Rochester and Strood 2.15 and 4.15.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, April 28th (not 14th). Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at St. Luke's, Bromley. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. W. Hassard-Short (Vicar). Tea and meeting to follow in St. Luke's Institute. Will those who require tea, which will be at a moderate charge, please send their names to me not later than Tuesday, April 23rd, as I have to give a guarantee? Please come if you send.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 28th. Evensong at Cathedral at 4 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15 p.m., at 1/9 per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 24th. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln. Please note that failure to comply with this request causes considerable inconvenience to those responsible for the arrangements.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 5—9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. C. Mayne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, May 21st. Management Committee meeting at 11 a.m. Service Holy Trinity Church at 12 noon. Hot dinner 2s. 6d. per head at 1 p.m. General business meeting at 2 p.m. Followed by tea, 1s. 6d. per head. Meetings and meals at Viners' Restaurant, Castle Street. Kindly notify me before May 10th for dinner and tea.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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