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The band of Cheshire ringers who, conducted by Mr. John Worth, have now succeeded in ringing a peal of Minor with 42 methods arranged in seven true and complete 720's, have reached a high and steadily-growing pinnacle of achievement. They have been gradually building up their edifice until it now stands out like an Everest among the lesser performances; and there are still fresh heights to conquer. It is no mean thing to be able to ring out of hand any one of 42 six-bell methods. The man who can do so, under any conditions, must have his retentive faculties well developed; the man who can switch at literally a moment's notice from one to the other, not only from rounds, but from any lead-end, must be gifted also with a rapidly-working mind that must be the admiration of his less accomplished brethren. Having said this of the members of the band generally, a special tribute is due to the conductor who, in peals of this description, has not only to call the bobs, but the changes of method as well. With 71 switches among 42 methods, spread at irregular intervals over 210 leads, this task alone is a tax upon the memory that will test to the utmost the skill of any conductor, and Mr. John Worth will earn the congratulations of all those who can appreciate his fine achievement.

Having got thus far, it is unlikely that the Cheshire men will rest upon their laurels—unless something unforeseen happens. As we have already remarked, there are still greater heights to scale, and it was recently mentioned in our columns that it is possible to include no fewer than 86 methods in seven true 720's. There is thus still a vast scope left even to this accomplished band, but, here is the point, method splicing opens up a great field for many bands who have never yet contemplated venturing upon it. The Cheshire band had to begin from the beginning; they have only reached their present standard by steady application and, in a way, taking a step at a time. The path they have trodden is open to others, and their success should be an incentive to six-bell ringers everywhere to make a venture into this most interesting phase of ringing. There are signs that a number of bands are finding 'method splicing' well worth practising, and it is obvious that it must be more interesting, even if it be only in a single 720 for service, to ring three or four or more methods than to ring it in one method only. 'Splicing' in Minor ringing is a thing that 'grows' on the ringer who practises it; it has a fascination of its own, and we are quite sure that it only needs more general study and practical application, as well as an appreciation of its attractions, to put multi-method extents into the repertory of a vast number of six-bell ringers.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 38½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	JACK A. WAUGH ... .. 7
GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLBS ... .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 5	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 11
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6	ROBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. T. COLBS.  
G. R. Pye's 250th twelve-bell peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

STANLEY C. DAVIS ... .. Treble	HARRY W. SMITH ... .. 6
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 2	EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. 7
ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 3	HARRY G. FOXELL ... .. 8
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 9
REGINALD W. REX ... .. 5	WILLIAM RAMPTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by EDGAR HUMFREY.  
Rung, after meeting short for Stedman Cinques, to commemorate the birthday of four veterans of the Ancient Society of College Youths, viz., S. Andrews, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck and R. T. Hibbert; also of R. W. Rex, of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. HOULTON ... 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 2	LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 7
LIONEL H. PAGE ... .. 3	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 8
WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 9
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.  
\* First peal of Caters. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. G. Peile, M.A., who was inducted Rector of North Stoneham on January 10th by the Lord Bishop of Southampton.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

* FRED PRICE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 5
THOMAS HURD ... .. 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 6
WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... .. 3	WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 7
* REGINALD W. CHESTERS ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.  
\* First peal and first attempt.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
WILLIAM SHORT... .. Treble	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 5
CHARLES WILLIAM COOPER 2	REGINALD CHANCE ... 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY... .. 7
*FREDERICK V. NICHOLLS ... 4	JOHN GOODMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.	
*WALTER ELSEY... .. Treble	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... 5
FREDERICK ROPER ... .. 2	DAVID WHITING ... .. 6
GEORGE ARCHER ... .. 3	CLEMENT J. MORE ... 7
WILLIAM MUSK ... .. 4	ERIC BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.

\* First peal of Major.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.	
WALTER PAUL ... .. Treble	ARTHUR W. DIX ... .. 5
RICHARD G. BELL ... .. 2	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 6
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN... 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. L. Evan Hopkins, newly-appointed lecturer at this church.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.	
*ERNEST G. FLETCHER ... Treble	VICTOR G. H. HEMDS ... 5
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6
JOHN F. ATKINS... .. 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 7
JOHN MARSHALL... .. 4	KENNETH J. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal in the method.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.	
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. Treble	*JOHN W. EDSTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 2	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 6
ERNEST BRETT ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 4	CHARLES DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Triples.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 3088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
*BENJAMIN COPPING ... .. Treble	ISAAC CAVILL ... .. 5
FRED WHITBY ... .. 2	†EDWARD ROCHESTER... .. 6
STANLEY CLARK... .. 3	WILLIAM MORRIS ... .. 7
LEWIS CORDELL... .. 4	WILLIAM WHEELER ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. WHEELER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside'. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. Clark and Mr. G. Dent, both churchwardens at the above church. Mr. Dent is also the esteemed captain of the local ringers.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.	
MISS I. B. THOMPSON... .. Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
SAMUEL PINDER ... .. 3	JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER... .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. E. White, wife of the vice-president of the Midland Counties Association, and to Ronald Salter, a member of St. Peter's company.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, February 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method and rung at the first attempt.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.	
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	GEORGE M. RASBROOK ... 5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 2	RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 6
ALBERT CATTERWELL... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
BERNARD W. PETTIT ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

The ringer of the 3rd has now 'circled' this tower.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HORACE HINGLEY ... .. Treble	DAVID HINGLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE BUTLER ... .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 6
GEORGE MEATH ... .. 3	BERT HORTON ... .. 7
J. DENNIS HOLDING ... .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BERT HORTON.

First peal in the method for all except the ringer of the 4th. It was in this tower in March, 1891, that the first peal of Darlaston Bob ever rung was conducted by the composer.

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On Thursday, February 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BELVEDERE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 1	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 5
LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 2	GEORGE GILBERT... .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 3	FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method, which is the production of Mr. A. G. Driver, of Belvedere, and is a compound of Leatherhead Surprise and Superlative Surprise. The composition was also arranged by Mr. Driver, who, however, does not wish to claim it.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 8088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... .. 1	WALTER R. FARROW ... .. 5
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... .. 2	HENRY TOOKER ... .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by N. GOLDEN.

First 'touch' in the method by ringers of the treble, 2nd, 5th and 6th.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED WATKINSON ... .. 1	L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... .. 5
LUCY M. KELLY ... .. 2	REGINALD PAYNE ... .. 6
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... .. 3	*DORIC TURNER... .. 7
JAMES H. HAYWOOD ... .. 4	LESLIE HAYWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE HAYWOOD.

\* First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor.

CHURCH, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935 in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5046 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES GROUNDS ... .. 1	NORMAN BROWN... .. 5
FRED HINDLE ... .. 2	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
JOHN BROWN... .. 4	*ISAAC WHALLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method.

HADDENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 1	WILLIAM HEALEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 2	*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal of London Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 1	BERRAM HEAD... .. 5
BERRAM H. HEAD ... .. 2	WILFRED OVERTON ... .. 6
JOHN ELCOCK ... .. 3	HORACE W. OVERTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM HEAD ... .. 4	*WALTER FOWERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Overtton, foreman ringer of St. Leonard's, and Ringing Master of Bridgnorth District of Hereford Guild, who attained his 84th birthday on February 15th.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WALTER MARTIN ... .. 1	WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 5
FRANK RUFFLES... .. 2	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6
WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 3	ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. 7
*JOHN FORD ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. ROMSEY

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*S. R. S. DEARLE ... .. 1	NORMAN HOBDEN... .. 5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 6
*A. J. ADAMS ... .. 3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN... .. 7
JOHN HOBDEN ... .. 4	EDWIN T. WOOLLOFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal and only 14½ and 13½ years respectively.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

CLAUDE WOODWARD ... .. 1	ERNEST KIMM ... .. 4
HERBERT W. SHEMMING ... .. 2	HAROLD HARPER ... .. 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, February 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... .. 1	PERCY L. JOHNSON ... .. 4
*LEWIS J. BATLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE FILBY ... .. 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal in five methods.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Norwich, London and Cambridge, each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED ELBORN ... .. Treble	LESLIE J. BETTS ... .. 4
FREDERICK J. BOLTON ... .. 2	WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 5
EDWARD C. AYRES ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. REDRUP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. E. REDRUP.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by all and rung at the first attempt. All are members of the local band except the 2nd ringer, to whom great credit is due, as he had not previously rung two of the methods.

EXTON, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Oxford Single Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob differently called. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN R. NICHOLS ... .. Treble	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 4
PERCY AMOS ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
ALBERT L. WARD ... .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

Specially arranged for treble ringer, author of 'Bells through the Ages,' and fifth ringer, author of 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' The 200th tower in which Mr. Ernest Morris has rung peals of 5,000 and over.

GADDOXTON.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*ALBERT J. DAVIES ... .. Treble	JOHN E. BLOXHAM ... .. 4
*BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 5
ALBERT DEVONALD ... .. 3	EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

JAMES WATTS ... .. Treble	ALBERT J. CHUBB ... .. 4
SIDNEY WYBURN ... .. 2	ISAAC FARMER ... .. 5
HENRY W. LLOYD ... .. 3	ALBERT J. STEVENS ... .. Tenor

(Conducted by ISAAC FARMER,

First peal of Minor in three methods by all the band.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRANK H. HICKS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 4
JOSEPH HART, SEN. ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... .. 5
GEORGE WIGGINS ... .. 3	*ARTHUR J. HART, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. A. KITCHENSIDE.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all except the ringer of the 2nd. First peal as conductor and rung at the first attempt. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of this church (the Rev. A. C. D. Ryder), who is 87 years of age. F. H. Hicks is from Rotherfield.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On February 8th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: W. S. Smith 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, G. W. T. Briggs (first quarter-peal) 3, L. Greenhow 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, C. Potheary 6, W. H. Joiner 7, F. G. Cole 8.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN E. MERRIOTT ... .. Treble	†ARTHUR J. CALLOW ... .. 3
†H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD ... .. 4
	PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

\* First peal. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells. Specially arranged for the treble man.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. Treble	†GEORGE BURRELL ... .. 4
*MISS LOIS M. NEAL ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 5
CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 3	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS ALICE VARLEY ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM BARWELL ... .. 4
*CHARLES HUTCHINSON ... .. 2	*WILLIAM DAWSON ... .. 5
CHARLES GEARY ... .. 3	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

\* First peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1935, in Two Hours and One Minute,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

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

L. KATHLEEN BOWLING ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
JOHN AMBLER ... .. 3-4	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 7-8

† Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;**

Size 15 in C.

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 1-2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 3-4	JOHN B. WOOLLEY ... .. 7-8

\*FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Bob Royal.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

JOHN A. C. ABON ... .. 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3-4	*MISS M. REDPATH ... .. 7-8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire—E. Barnett.

\* First peal 'in hand' and first attempt. 100th peal as conductor.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 7-8
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 3-4	HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 9-10
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 11-12

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.  
Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except the conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT 18, GLISSON ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn) 1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 5-6
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 3-4	*R. D. ST. J. SMITS (Selwyn) 7-8

Composed by G. H. BEVOR. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.  
\* First peal 'in hand.'

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

RINGERS' SERVICES APPRECIATED.

AN EXETER EXAMPLE.

Exeter Cathedral authorities and ringers are fortunate in having friends like Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Thomas, of Coaver. The former augmented the famous ring from 10 to 12 bells about 10 years ago, and entertained the band, Cathedral dignitaries and leading citizens to dinner when the dedication and opening took place. On Saturday, February 2nd, the new Dean of Exeter (Dr. S. C. Carpenter) was installed with ancient ceremonial, and the ringers gave their services for the purpose of welcoming him on the bells. This brought appreciation from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas in the form of a dinner and whist drive at the chief cafe in the city, where a company of 17 had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Nothing was lacking in creature comforts, and the supplies of tobacco and cigarettes enabled the reputation of ringers for smoking capacity to be well and truly sustained. It goes without saying that as trenchermen the ringers upheld West Country traditions for heartiness.

There was a short toast list, headed by 'The King,' and followed by the health of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, which was proposed by Mr. T. Laver (hon. secretary of the Cathedral band and also of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers), who alluded to the generous hospitality shown on this occasion as well as previously; to the great satisfaction afforded by having the work of ringers recognised by leading citizens, and to the opportunity provided for social intercourse.

The toast was supported by Mr. C. Glass (chairman of Exeter District Branch of the Guild), who expressed a wish that there would be similar gatherings in the future. Musical honours and 'three times three' were accorded the toast.

Mr. A. W. Searle (past chairman of the district), who presided on behalf of the host and hostess, read the following letter from Mr. Thomas: 'Will you kindly convey to the ringers my thanks for ringing in the new Dean this afternoon. All parishes that have bells usually offer welcomes through them on corresponding occasions, and I am glad to think that the Mother Church of the Diocese has done so this afternoon. Will you excuse me this evening and express my hope that all will have a pleasant time.'

Mr. Searle referred to the keen interest that had been taken in bells and ringers by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas for many years; to their readiness and heartiness in promoting and recognising good work, whether for the church or for charity; and to the spontaneity with which they had come forward in this instance (applause). He could not commit Mr. and Mrs. Thomas to any prospective undertaking, but was sure suggestions about an annual gathering would receive favourable consideration. Such a gathering would be particularly acceptable in connection with the Cathedral band, which was built up by representatives from four different societies in the city; co-operation would be encouraged and the best means of ensuring progress be facilitated (renewed applause).

The health of the new Dean and of the Chapter was given from the chair and acknowledged by Mr. Cox, from the Chapter Clerk's Office. References were made to the happy relations existing between the ringers and the Cathedral authorities.

The choice of 'ladies' to partner gentlemen at whist resulted in some Falstaffian rather than angelic examples. A 'lady' (Mr. R. Wilmington, Heavitree band) carried off first prize (a dainty clock in wooden case); a representative of the sterner sex (Mr. Searle, St. David's), three points behind, secured second prize (a cake dish with silver-plated stand); while the mystery prizes (ash container shaped as a bell and a midget teddy bear) became the treasured possessions of Mr. T. G. Bartlett (St. Sidwell's). Gramophone records of bells, vocalists, musical comedy, etc., provided plenty of music.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A RINGER'S STRIKING SERMON.

'For the bells themselves are the best of preachers;  
Their brazen lips are learned teachers,  
From their pulpits of stone, in the upper air,  
Sounding aloft, without crack or flaw,  
Shriller than trumpets under the law,  
Now a sermon, and now a prayer.'

This extract from Longfellow's poem, 'The Golden Legend,' formed the text on which the Rev. C. Carew Cox, Vicar of Lyme Regis, based an exceptionally interesting address at St. Clement Danes Church, Strand, London, on Saturday, February 9th, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the London County Association and North South-west Diocesan Guild. Ringing commenced in the afternoon at 2.15 p.m. at the Church of St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, where Mr. H. Mance, the Master of the Southern District, took charge. At the same time Bow Bells were set going under the supervision of Mr. J. Waugh, Master of the Northern District. Unfortunately, in the former tower, after 45 minutes' ringing, the 7th bell rope broke. This resulted in a sudden rush for hats and coats and a dash down the stairs to St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Many had looked forward to this opportunity of a touch on the new peal, and were very well satisfied with the going of the bells. From 3.15 until 4.15 p.m. the bells of St. Clement Danes, Strand, rang unceasingly. Many were the methods, and, although the tower was packed with ringers, no better music, we are told, had ever before left the louvres of this famous church.

The service in the church was an inspiring one, a choir and organist being in attendance, and between 80 and 100 in the congregation.

Mr. A. H. Keighley read the first lesson and Mr. E. Alex Young the second.

THE PERFECT PEAL AND TRUE SERVICE.

The Rev. C. C. Cox, in a striking sermon, said if they had developed change ringing as a purely secular art, their progress would have been very small indeed. Their progress had always been through their relation with the Church. The highest use that could be made of their bells was to call Christians together to worship their God and Saviour. Their challenge must be clear and strong; their music must be beautiful and appealing. Alas! it was not always so, because somehow or other there were sometimes poor bells in a ring. There was no excuse to-day for founding a poor bell, and no parish should be satisfied until they had the best possible bells, and no ringer should be satisfied until every effort had been made by him and others to have the very best that was possible at the end of the ropes. It did seem a pity to keep one or two poor bells in a ring for mere sentimental reasons, or on account of their age. He would be the last to advocate the destruction of anything of antiquarian value. Let them keep their pre-Reformation and ancient bells by all means, but if they were not entirely in tune, if they were not so beautiful as others in the ring, let them keep them apart. The perfect bell was symbolical of the perfection of our Lord and Master, but a poor, weak-sounding bell was symbolical of a weak character, out of tune with Christian discipline. Would any man be content to leave such a character unhelped toward improvement? Let ringers, therefore, make every effort to see that their rings, as a whole, were beautiful. Moreover, they did not want a ringer who was out of true harmony in the belfry and church life in the parish, or one who was a hindrance to the progress of those who were anxious to press on.

The preacher went on to impress upon his hearers the importance of using their best gifts in the service of the church, by punctual attendance and striving for perfect striking. 'Are we,' he asked, 'using our gifts and privileges to please ourselves only, because if we are we do not preach service, but we preach selfishness, and our art is brought into disrepute?' Let them, he continued, rise above pettiness, remembering that the bells depended upon the ringers to move them into voice. It was not true to say that any work that came into the category of service could be substituted for personal worship in God's house and before His altar. If a ringer was devoted to his art, he should be devoted to his God, who had given him his gifts and privileges. In conclusion, the preacher urged the necessity of a submissive will which enabled one to accept correction in ringing without resentment. That submissive will, he said, was the basis of a spirit in tune with the spirit of perfect service.

YOUNG BANY WIN DAWE CUP.

The party afterwards adjourned to the nearby Perdy's Restaurant and thoroughly enjoyed an excellent tea, cigarettes, two or three touches of handbells and then another happy hour with 'the bells of St. Clement's.'

The annual meeting was held in the Parish House. After the ordinary business had been attended to, there took place one of those happy, if stormy, debates which seem to make association meetings most interesting, and this year it was the old die-hard 'Joe' who 'took the cake' for his humour.

The year's report was most satisfactory. There was, it stated, an increase of funds, 18 new members were elected and 11 peals rung.

The officers for 1935 were elected as follows: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; hon. general secretary, Mr. Charles O. Moore; first assistant secretary, Mr. Harding; second assistant secretary, Mr. F. Hawthorne; treasurer, Mr. E. A. Young; trustees, Messrs. F. E. Dawe

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****LARGE GATHERING AT EDENBRIDGE.**

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Edenbridge on Saturday, February 2nd. Fifty members from in and out of the district were present. The special service was conducted by the Rev. E. L. M. Allen (Vicar), the lesson being read by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, of Shipbourne. At the business meeting Tunbridge Wells was selected for the next meeting place in May. On the proposition of the chairman, a telegram of best wishes for a speedy recovery was sent to Mr. W. Latter, the late district secretary.

Four new practising members were elected, and one honorary member was added to the roll.

The district secretary had his usual quarterly 'grouse.' He said that it was high time the Tonbridge District rang a few more peals with members of the district, and, though he was an advocate of Sunday ringing being put first and foremost, he realised that peal ringing was good practice, and must tend to improve the standard of service ringing. He congratulated the Horsmonden band on their peal of seven Surprise methods in December last.

The Rev. E. M. Bickersteth, Rector of Chiddingstone, met the members for the first time, and intimated that they could be sure of a warm welcome when they came to Chiddingstone in July.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (the Rev. E. L. M. Allen), to the churchwarden (Mr. Chapman), who was responsible for the tea; to the ladies, who made it their business to see that the members enjoyed it, and to Edenbridge ringers in general for the welcome that had been given. Nobody thanked Alfred for blowing the organ, though it was thought he did it very well.

During the afternoon it looked as if the Ladies' Guild had mistaken their meeting place; six of the fairer sex were present, and four of them, Miss Oakshot, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Hazelden and Miss Avenall, took the front four ropes away from the men and showed them how to ring a touch of Triples. Mrs. Mayer and Mrs. Pankhurst thought it would be too much of a good thing to join them and make a majority of ladies. Mr. Jack Steddy was present, of course, and Alfred Batten came to liven up the meeting.

The evening concluded, as the afternoon had begun, with good, bad and indifferent ringing.

**A HALF-PEAL.**

At St. Helen's, Selston, Nottingham, on Monday, January 7th, a half-peal of Minor, consisting of 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 1,080 Oxford Treble Bob, was rung by the East Derbyshire and Notts Association: Thomas Hand 1, Frank Cooke (conductor) 2, Gerard Rawson 3, Charles Cottam 4, Leslie Rawson 5, Cyril Jaques 6. First half-peal by all the band.

**DEVON GUILD.****ACTIVITY OF THE PRESIDENT.**

Upwards of thirty members of the North-West Branch of the Devonshire Guild on February 2nd welcomed the Rev. E. V. Cox at Peters Marland, more famed for china clay than bellringing. This tower is the twenty-fifth Mr. Cox has visited during his year of office, and to his pleasure he found that in this remote area Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were practised.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Smale, Rector, and the Rural Dean of Torrington (the Rev. B. Hallows) preached to a congregation of 60 ringers and friends. After the service tea was served by the lady friends of the church, and altogether the party spent a happy time.

Messrs. Sanguine and W. Shears were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively, and the Rev. Ravenhill, of Sutcombe, was re-elected president of the branch.

Pleasure was expressed at the satisfactory balance in hand. The next annual meeting was fixed for Pyworthy, and it was decided that a summer meeting of the branch should be held at Derrington.

Members attended from Bridgerule, Pyworthy, Bradworthy, Sutcombe and Holworthy, while friends came from the Plymouth and Exeter branches.

During the afternoon touches in Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were brought round. Mr. Cox and his band visited other towers in the neighbourhood and supplemented their pioneer work by getting local round ringers to stand in for courses in Grandsire. In one instance the 'local' got through 120 on the treble.

**NORTH DEVON BRANCH.**

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the North Devon Branch, held at Ilfracombe Parish Church belfry on Tuesday, January 29th.

The Rev. R. Seymour (Combe Martin) presided, other members present including the Rev. Preb. H. M. Johnson (Ilfracombe), the Ilfracombe band and the Combe Martin band. Letters of inability to attend were read from the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild) and the Rev. Evelyn Jones (Archdeacon of Barnstaple).

The financial statement showed an increase on last year.

The Rev. R. Seymour was re-elected chairman and Mr. A. H. Hayward secretary. The following were elected to serve on the General Committee: Messrs. J. Sprague and E. Hall (Ilfracombe), with Mr. J. G. S. Sanders (Combe Martin).

The Rev. R. Seymour paid a high tribute to the secretary's work during the past year.

Mr. C. Filer having left the county, his name is to be included in the list of non-resident life members.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Braunton in January, 1936.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

It will interest many of our readers to know that Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, have been entrusted with the order to rehang the heavy ring of eight bells at South Molton Parish Church, North Devon.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Maresfield, Sussex, on February 9th, to celebrate the 87th birthday of the Rector, the Rev. A. C. D. Ryder, whom the ringers desire to thank for his kindness in providing tea for them after the peal.

The peal rung at Waltham Abbey on Saturday last was the 250th twelve-bell peal rung by Mr. G. R. Pye. No one, we believe, has rung peals in more twelve-bell towers than he has, and had he gone on the Australian tour he would have been 'one up' on all the rest.

Mr. Leonard H. Baybut, of Morden, Surrey, who is well known among London ringers, leaves for India next Wednesday, having been appointed to represent a London firm at Grinagar, Kashmir. He will travel by air to Marseilles, thence by boat to Bombay, and will complete his long journey by coach. His ringing friends in London and elsewhere will wish him every prosperity and success. He is going for an uncertain period.

There were two conductors in a peal of Treble Bob Minor at Neath last Saturday. Three 720's of Oxford were called by A. J. Pitman, and four of Kent by G. I. Lewis.

Darlston Bob Triples, a method by the late Mr. John Carter, in which the bob is made before the treble gets to lead, is seldom rung in these days, but a peal was scored last week at Darlaston, Staffs, in the tower where the first peal in the method was rung 44 years ago.

Old Len and Bill, with right good will,  
Have shared a hundred peals together;  
If 'Well in' health, and both 'Still well,'  
We hope they'll live to share another.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson rang their one hundredth peal together.

The K.C. has given notice to withdraw from the defence in the case of 'the Lady in Bow Belfry' incident, having learned that the Police are in direct opposition. The lady has now requested her husband to Deal with the matter.

The Dexter v. Police Guild boycott has been avoided, as a result of the response to the appeal. The following reply has been received to the question of 'Any further complaints?': 'No, no, a thousand times no. I'd sooner be dead than say yes.' The 'Post Bag' method is strongly recommended for dealing with any complaints of this sort.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Sharples, of Blackpool, who took part in the Australian tour and broke their homeward journey to visit their son in India, expect to reach England next Friday. They are travelling by the S.S. 'Naldera.'

## PORTSEA AND RIPON.

### A COINCIDENCE.

An interesting coincidence linking St. Mary's, Portsea, with Ripon Cathedral is pointed out by Mr. Edward Hudson, of the Ripon Cathedral Company and hon. secretary of the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association.

The new bells of St. Mary's, Portsea, he reminds us, were dedicated during the incumbency of Canon Lunt on the same day in April, 1933, as the dedication of the recast peal at Ripon Cathedral. No one at that time dreamt of Canon Lunt becoming the next Bishop of Ripon. In both cases the work of bell restoration was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Ripon Cathedral bells were rung to touches of Grandsire and Stedman on Wednesday, February 13th, by the local ringers in honour of the enthronement of the Bishop.

Mr. Hudson also points out an error in the note relating to the peal at Portsea, in which it was stated that the consecration of the Bishop of Ripon was performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of York.

## A COACHING RINGING TOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Bristol United Ringing Guilds, in response to numerous requests, propose to hold a charabanc tours week, August 12th to 17th inclusive, 1935.

The tours will be through Gloucester, Wiltshire, Somerset and Devonshire, also touching Oxfordshire. Many towers for ringing.

The programme will be entirely different to the 1932 tours. Mileage 400-500; cost of tours 36s. (inclusive of tips, etc.). A new super de luxe coach.

On one day during the week a visit will be made to inspect Messrs. Fry's chocolate factory at Somerdale and Messrs. Wills' tobacco factory at Bedminster. Will those interested please apply to me for detailed programme?

EDGAR GUISE, Hon. Sec.

46a, Tankards Close, Bristol, 2.



**BALLAARAT PEAL COMMEMORATED.**

TABLET ERECTED IN THE TOWN HALL.

Change Ringing Begun at Darling Point.

One of the best performances of the English ringers during their visit to Australia was the peal of Stedman Triples at Ballaarat Town Hall. The peal was specially memorable as being the first of Stedman Triples rung outside the British Isles. Great local interest was shown in the ringing and there were a number of spectators all the while it was proceeding. Some of the local ringers sat in the ringing room and other members of the public were accommodated with seats in the corridor, from which the chamber opens, and were able to watch the proceedings through the doorway.

His Worship the Mayor of the City (Councillor L. Lederman) and the town clerk (Col. G. P. Morton) were the first to offer congratulations to the successful band, and promised that the achievement should be suitably recorded.

This week's mail from Australia brings news that this has been done. Writing on January 10th, Mr. Harold R. Maddern, hon. secretary of the Ballaarat Ringers' Society, who gave the English visitors a remarkably warm welcome and made their brief stay in the city most interesting and enjoyable, says: 'It is now approxi-



**BALLAARAT TOWN HALL,** where the first peal of Stedman Triples outside the British Isles was rung, and a beard commemorating it has now been erected.

mately two months since your cheery party visited our city and treated us to something rare in the art of campanology. During these few weeks, time has passed very rapidly, for, with our local Centenary Celebrations, we have experienced an almost continuous round of gaiety, and this, as you know, will continue until April next. So rapidly has the time passed, in fact, that it seems difficult to fully realise that our newly-found and deeply respected friends can already be separated from us by half the world. However, despite space and time, the friendships established will continue, for, with the pealing of our bells each Sunday, memories of your visit will be preserved. (Continued at foot of next column.)

**STILL RINGING AT 83.**

Mr. Alfred Burgess, the veteran Basingstoke ringer, celebrated his 83rd birthday on February 16th by taking part in a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples rung in his honour at St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke: H Munday 1, E. Austin 2, F. A. Munday 3, R. Flew 4, C. W. Munday (conductor) 5, A. Burgess 6, J. Ballard 7, J. B. Woodley 8. Mr. Burgess has rung forty or fifty peals, all of Grand sire Triples, in different towers in the neighbourhood, and he hopes to further celebrate his 83rd birthday by ringing another peal in the near future.

**HANDBELL QUARTER-PEAL IN AMERICA.**

PROGRESS AT KENT SCHOOL.

The steady work being done at Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A., by the instructor, Mr. I. J. Attwater, is beginning to bear fruit, and he and three of his pupils have recently rung the first quarter-peal on handbells in the United States. This was a 1,260 of Grand sire Triples, and was rung in 38 minutes in the chapel belfry by H. Van Rensselaer 1-2, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 3-4, A. D. Bosson 5-6, S. M. Wheelock 7-8.

Mr. Attwater lost three of his last year's band, who graduated and left the school. The autumn term of this school year was therefore taken up in getting the reorganised band from plain courses to short touches of Grand sire Triples, the longest touch being 448.

The second band of second and third form pupils are now struggling with Grand sire Doubles, and both bands, of 16 ringers all told, are slowly advancing in change ringing. One course of Caters was rung at the end of the last school year, but Mr. Attwater feels it will be unwise to start it this year till the striking of Triples becomes more regular and consistent.

The handbell band have two short practices a week, but as A. D. Bosson graduates in June next, the visions of a peal on handbells may not be realised by then, although that is the ideal they are aiming at.

Dorothy Sayers' book, 'The Nine Tailors,' has been widely read at the school and also by numerous visitors, and it has aroused a good deal of interest in the mysteries of the art, while figures and diagrams that are in the belfry have been used to explain the cryptogram to the keen visitor.

**DEVON GUILD.**

MID-DEVON BRANCH MEETING AT WOLBOROUGH.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Christow, Buckfastleigh, Brixham, Paignton and Plymouth. The fine peal of bells were kept going during the afternoon, touches of Grand sire Doubles and Triples being rung. A service was later held in church, conducted by the Rector of Wolborough (the Rev. C. A. W. Russell), who gave a very delightful address. The visitors afterwards adjourned to Messrs. Thomas' Cafe for tea, and this was followed by the usual business meeting, presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton, of Torquay (chairman). The report on the past year, which was adopted, showed that three meetings had been held during 1934, and that the attendances had slightly improved. Two peals had been rung in the branch, and there was a balance in hand on the year's working.

Messrs. F. J. Laxton and H. J. Hole were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, and Cockington was chosen for the next meeting, which will take place on Saturday, May 4th.

Under revised Guild rules the branch was allowed to elect three representatives to serve on the General Committee, and Messrs. C. F. Austin (Paignton), R. Whiting (Collaton) and A. L. Bennett (Buckfastleigh) were appointed.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth) suitably replied.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for taking the service and for his address, to the organist, and to Mr. F. Robins, the local captain.

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Mr. Maddern states that the tablet 'to commemorate for all time the distinction with which the English ringers endowed the city' has now been placed in position in the belfry. It is of polished Australian Blackwood, with the following inscription in gold letters:—

CITY OF BALLAARAT.

This tablet commemorates the occasion on which the under-mentioned bellringers from England rang, for the first time outside the British Isles.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

Consisting of 5,040 changes, in 3 hours 17 minutes, as follows:

William Linter ... .. Treble	Charles Sharples ... .. 5
John S. Goldsmith ... .. 2	William Fussell ... .. 6
Mrs. R. Richardson ... .. 3	George Martin ... .. 7
Rev. E. B. James ... .. 4	Rupert Richardson ... Tenor

Conducted by George Martin.

Weight of Tenor, 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

13th November, 1934.

L. Lederman, Mayor  
George F. Morton, Town Clerk.

ACTIVITY AT DARLING POINT.

It is encouraging to hear, by the same mail, from St. Mark's, Darling Point, Sydney, that the visit there by the English ringers has resulted in a new activity. Mr. J. A. Kearns, who, it will be remembered, stepped into the breach and rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples, when the visitors were shorthanded, although he had never covered changes before, writes: 'Your visit to St. Mark's certainly created a great interest in the art of change ringing. The majority of our ringers have shown every inclination to carry on with the work you started. We are also getting our old members back again, so that by this time next year we should have an A1 team of what you might call "change ringers." Mr. Botting, who used to ring at All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey, about 23 years ago, and whom we met at St. Mary's Cathedral one night, has joined up with us. He will be a great asset to us.'

## 'HAPHAZARD' SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

### GUILDFORD GUILD CRITICISM. District Secretary's Suggestions.

At the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, a plea was made that a peal attempt should be made in every tower in the district in connection with the King's Silver Jubilee. The meeting was held at Guildford and followed service in St. Nicolas' Church. The Provost (the Very Rev. E. O. Kirwan) presided, supported by Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Mr. W. Melville (Ringing Master of the district), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary of the Guild) and Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary of the district).

The Provost extended a welcome to the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; to Mr. T. Greenbridge and Mr. A. Hughes (London).

The Ringing Master reported that there had been an improvement in attendance at the district meetings. A number who could ring the higher methods had been present, and they had had Surprise and other methods rung. He regretted having to resign on account of pressure of business, and appealed for the same loyalty towards his successor. Ten peals had been rung in the district during the year. There was only one ringer at Godalming who scored his first peal during the year.—The report was adopted.

Mr. R. Whittington proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Melville for his services. He came at a time when they were very hard up for a ringing master, and he had proved his worth (applause).

Mr. Goldsmith endorsed this view, and mentioned the trouble Mr. Melville had taken in training young ringers and the energy and enthusiasm he had displayed. Commenting on the report, Mr. Goldsmith said there were 23 towers in the district, and only four where a peal had been rung. There ought to be many more towers where peals were rung, and as that year was the year of the King's Silver Jubilee, he hoped that there would be a peal rung in every tower in the district.

Mr. C. E. Smith: I think the difficulty is getting the bells.

The Provost: The Jubilee year will give an occasion.

### GUILD GRATEFUL TO 'STEADY PLODDERS.'

The hon. secretary, in his report, said the district had a membership of 168 ringing members, an increase of two, and their honorary members totalled 18, against 21 who paid in 1933. He appealed to tower secretaries to do their best to increase the number of honorary members. The average attendance at district meetings showed an increase and there was an average per meeting of 61 per cent. of the members. Their accounts showed that their balance was growing steadily, but for the next few years at any rate they must be very careful with the district funds and try to keep each year's expenses below the income, thus gradually building up a balance, out of which, in course of time, they would be able to make more substantial grants towards improvements and restorations.

As they knew, there was a proposal coming before the Guild's annual meeting to start a benevolent fund, and he proposed that if the fund was started the district should vote two guineas. There seemed to be a little confusion as to the principle to be followed in regard to distributions from the proposed fund. It was never intended that it should be worked in the same way as a benefit scheme of a friendly society. The idea of the scheme was that assistance could be given to members in need of help through prolonged illness.

Last year he made an appeal for a greater endeavour to be made to help members to score their first peal. Only three attempts were made in that direction, at Shere (2) and Chiddingfold. He was disappointed in the interest in the scheme, not only by the rank and file, but also by the leading ringers. He mentioned the good work Mr. Pulling was doing in training a number of Albury boys. No boys could have a better start on their ringing career. Sunday service ringing had been well maintained, but there was still room for improvement.

It was evident that although they might not have many progressive bands in the district, they had throughout the area a number of steady plodders who were quietly keeping Sunday service ringing going, and the Guild was extremely grateful to them.

### MORE ORGANISATION WANTED.

The combined practice scheme had failed, continued the hon. secretary, not because the conveners made no effort to arrange them, but because members generally required too much driving and showed little desire to make progress. He felt there were in the district too many ringers who were content to be fairly regular in their attendance for service ringing and practice, but who were content also to ring the same old method, and that often indifferently, Sunday after Sunday, and who, on the top of this, were always ready to give any trifling thing priority over ringing. It had occurred to him that service ringing was often too haphazard, depending too much upon chance as to who was going to turn up and who was going to stay away. A little organisation would save a lot of wasted time and disappointment. Did they not think that in their Sunday service ringing during the coming year they could go just one better than last year. If they did not ring on Sunday mornings, make a determined effort to get a band together once a month or even once a quarter. Do not always leave fixing the method until they got to

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## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

### YOUTH IN FORCE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The large number of young ringers present was a very encouraging feature of the annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 9th. Shoreditch tower was opened at 2.30 p.m., and a company of about 40 kept the bells going until 4 p.m. at this church. The methods rung were Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, also rounds for the beginners, and special mention must be made of the way in which Mr. G. Gilbert's boys rang their first rounds on twelve bells. St. Martin's tower was opened at 4 o'clock and a large company assembled here and were later joined by the party from Shoreditch, which completely filled the belfry. Stedman Cinques and rounds for the beginners were rung and a move was then made to the canteen for tea, where a company of 78 sat down to a sumptuous repast, provided by the Vicar and Church Council, to which ample justice was done, and where the company were joined by the Vicar (the Rev. Pat McCormack) and the Vicar of Shoreditch (the Rev. H. L. Pelly).

Tea being over, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, Miss Magniac and her assistants for their work was accorded.

A move was then made to the Vestry Hall for the business meeting. The treasurer (Mr. G. W. Steere) read the balance sheet, which was adopted as very satisfactory, showing a balance on the right side.

The secretary (Mr. G. A. Card), in his report, said records had been made during the year, but the record that concerned the society more than anything was that a record number of new members had been admitted during the year. There had also been failures, chiefly that no twelve-bell peal had been rung, although there had been a number of attempts.

The next item was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The present Master (Mr. C. J. Masters) announced that owing to pressure of business he did not intend to stand for re-election. The following members were then proposed: Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. L. Baybutt, Mr. T. Bevan, and resulted in Mr. G. H. Cross being elected. The following are the other officers for the ensuing year: Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. A. Card; treasurer, Mr. G. W. Steere; trustees, Messrs. P. Smith and A. Hardy; stewards, Mr. L. Baybutt and Mr. F. Arnold; auditors, Mr. T. Newman and Mr. R. Bevan.

Quarterly meetings are to be held as follows, if possible, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World': Lewisham in March, Burnham in July, and Leyton in October.

Votes of thanks to the officers for their services during the year were carried unanimously.

The very large number of young members present augurs well for the future of the society. Nine new members were elected. The business being over, a move was then made to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 9 p.m. By special request, touches on handbells were rung in the canteen after the meeting.

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the ringing room and saw who had come, but on practice night, say at least once a month, pick the best band they could raise and attempt a quarter-peal or a longer length than they usually rang for Sunday services. And then on one practice night this year go as a band to a neighbouring tower, and, even if they did not teach them anything, they would at least have shown their neighbours that there were other ringers in the diocese besides themselves.

Major Hesse said he had had two or three letters from the Rev. P. Gray telling him of the trouble Mr. Pulling was taking in teaching the Albury boys. He hoped the boys would not get discouraged by early difficulties.

Mr. Pulling expressed his thanks to two other members of the Cathedral band for their services in training the Albury band, and also to Womersley for the use of their bells.

The balance sheet showed an expenditure of £42 13s., including a balance in hand at the end of the year of £24 9s. 9d. The year started with a balance in hand of £21 13s. 6d.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Major Hesse said as regards the bell restoration fund at Albury, he had a letter from the Rector stating that the subscription list was practically at a standstill. He proposed that, subject to the approval of the Guild annual meeting, the sum of two guineas be voted from district funds.—Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded, and this was agreed.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. C. E. Smith (Godalming); hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover (East Clandon); auditor, Mr. C. Hazelden (Guildford); hon. member on Executive Committee, Mr. S. Marshall (Puttenham); ringing members on Executive Committee, Messrs. W. Melville and S. Pether.

Merrow, Ewhurst, Worplesdon, Albury and Haslemere or Chiddingfold were chosen for district meetings during the year.

The retiring Guild officers were re-nominated, and 12 ringing members, one compounding member and two honorary members were elected.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. de G. Lucas for his address at the service held in St. Nicolas' Church previous to the meeting, and to the Rectors of St. Nicolas' and Holy Trinity for the use of the bells during the afternoon. The Provost was also thanked for presiding.

### BELLS OF ST. MARIE'S, SHEFFIELD. REOPENING AFTER RESTORATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 2nd, a ringers' day was held to commemorate the reopening of the fine peal of eight bells at the beautiful Church of St. Marie, the Cathedral Church of the Catholic community in Sheffield. The bells have been cleaned, retuned and rehung in ball bearings in a massive cast iron frame, built on a strong foundation of heavy steel girders. The work has been carried out in a first-class manner by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, who cast them in 1874, when the late Duke of Norfolk defrayed half their cost, and the other half was raised by public subscription.

The ceremony of handing over the bells took place in the ringing chamber, where Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, asked the Rector (the Very Rev. Canon Dolan) to receive the bells. The Canon accordingly received the bells in the name of the church, after which eight members of St. Marie's company rang a touch of Bob Major: Henry Hurst 1, Thomas O'Hara 2, Robert Harrison, jun 3, George Lewis (conductor) 4, R. Harrison, sen. 5, James A. Dixon 6, William Burgar 7, George Holmes 8.

The 'go' of the bells speaks for itself, six, seven and eight being rung in fine style by youngsters whose ages are 73, 74 and 75 respectively. The weight of the tenor is 25 cwt.

After the opening touch, Canon Dolan said that he was very pleased with the bells, and remarked that their beautiful tone had been improved by the bells having been cleaned and tuned. The bells seemed much easier to ring than they had done before. 'In fact,' said the Canon, 'I am very proud of such a fine peal of bells, and I am happy to know that they have not been out of the hands of their founders.'

Mr. A. A. Hughes suitably replied, after which Mr. G. Lewis, on behalf of St. Marie's company, congratulated the Whitechapel Foundry upon the splendid way in which the work had been carried out.

Canon Dolan said that he was pleased to know that everyone was satisfied, and added, 'We have reopened the bells of St. Marie's free from debt, the work having been paid for a few weeks ago.'

The fame of this grand peal being known for many miles around was no doubt responsible for the large number of ringers present on this occasion. It is a credit to St. Marie's people, ably led by their Rector, the Very Rev. Canon Dolan, that the whole of the work, which includes rehanging the bells and extensive alterations and repairs to tower and ringing chamber, are free from debt as a result of an appeal made about twelve months ago, and to those ringers and friends in the outlying districts who have helped this great cause. To them the Bells Committee at St. Marie's tender their hearty thanks.

The bells were kept going throughout the day until 9 p.m., everybody expressing their satisfaction at the way in which the whole of the work had been carried out. The day was one of the most memorable in the history of the Church of St. Marie and its glorious peal of bells.

The bells were originally solemnly blessed by the Right Rev. Dr. Cornthwaite, Bishop of Beverley, on the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16th, 1874. The inscriptions are as follows:—

- Treble.—*Salve nobilis Regina, Regis sponsa Catharina* (6 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.).  
 II.—*Purgatus Antea, Caeli nos jungito Paule* (6 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.).  
 III.—*Tu Petre pulsatus, perversos mitiga flatus* (7 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.).  
 IV.—*O custos matris Domini, Devotos, tuo nomini, Joseph Alme per aspera. Salva semper et prospera* (9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.).  
 V.—*Missi de caelis, Habeo nomen Gabrielis* (11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.).  
 VI.—*Musa Raphaelis, Sonet auribus Emanuelis* (12 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.).  
 VII.—*Adjuvat nos Sanctus Michael Diebus ac noctibus, Ut nos ponat in honorum Sanctorum consortibus* (17 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.).  
 Tenor.—*Est Mihi collatum, Cordis Jesu nomen, amatum.*  
*Orate pro bono statu Henricus Ducis, Norfolkiae, Presbyterorum et Fideium, de Sheffield, Qui has VIII. Campanas fieri fecerunt.*  
*Feliciter Regnante Papa Pio IX. Roberto Episcopo Beverlaciensi Samuel Walshaw, Rectori hujus ecclesiae.*  
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### AN ANCIENT OXFORD SOCIETY.

#### VOLUNTARY RINGING IN THE CITY.

The Oxford Society of Change Ringers, which has its roots two centuries deep in the history of the Exercise, held its annual dinner at the Wheatshaf, Oxford, on Saturday week. About 40 members and numerous visitors attended, the chair being taken by Alderman C. E. Brown.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. J. P. Pelloe, proposing 'The Church,' said that ringers were accustomed to hear one aspect only of their connection with the church—their obligation to attend. He did not deny that that was of real importance, but what he wished to bring out was the relation between ringers and clergy as human beings.

'We are apt to forget the multifarious duties our clergymen are expected to carry out,' he said. 'A clergyman is expected to be a general factotum. He cannot please everyone. We, as ringers, are servants of the Church. There is no reason why we should be looked after like people who really need it.'

Speaking of the suggestion that ringers should be paid, he commented: 'I hope members of this society will turn it down. Where there is paid ringing, ringing goes down. The bulk of ringing in Oxford is voluntary, and I hope it will remain so.'

The Dean of Christ Church, responding, thanked the society for their hospitality. He was glad to make his first public appearance at a dinner of the change ringers.

'In ringing, an important part of the art is that each person performs his function in succession, so that it chimes in with those of others,' he said. 'As long as we are all trying to work together, the fact that the noises are various does not matter.'

Dr. R. E. Harvard, proposing 'The Mayor and Corporation,' said the society was very much indebted for the encouragement given to it by the City.

'Of course, there are people who object to the art of bellringing,' he said. 'They complain that the art is not a grateful noise but a grating noise, but these, I believe, are in a minority.'

Councillor J. Somerton, the Sheriff of Oxford, who replied, said: 'Oxford is no mean city. It has been described as the home of lost causes and impossible creeds, but we have been the pioneers of several new movements. Believe me, that as a Council we shall try to do our duties better than we did last week.'

Mr. W. Simmonds, proposing the toast of 'The Oxford Society of Change Ringers,' referred to the University Society, and stressed the importance of University men taking part. 'It is particularly important for young men taking Holy Orders,' he said.

Mr. W. Collett, responding, paid a tribute to Oxford bellringers as a fine body of men, and spoke of the cordial relations existing between the University and the Oxford Society.

Councillor H. C. Ingle proposed 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies,' and spoke of the facilities existing in Oxford for bellringing.

'What would Oxford be without its bells?' he asked. 'Where there are bells there must be ringers.'

Mr. E. P. Duffield, responding, said that Oxford of all places had a distinct appeal for visitors. He expressed surprise at the small number present. He thought that an ancient society such as theirs should be more widely known and the annual dinners attended by increasing numbers year by year. He remarked that the society was very fortunate in having as a leader a man like Mr. W. F. Judge, whom he knew personally as an excellent ringer and very capable conductor. It was a privilege to him to be present on that occasion amongst such distinguished visitors, and he was pleased to see the University and civic authorities so interested in the ringing activities of Oxford.

He referred to the parent Society of College Youths, and thought it probable that its influence had been brought to bear on the early pioneers of the Oxford Society.

He said he would be most pleased to welcome the Oxford Society at the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths in London in November, when it would be his privilege to preside.

A programme of songs, music and handbell selections was given during the evening. Those taking part included Miss Allen, the Rev. P. G. Latham, Miss Ann Burrell, Mr. V. Bennett, Miss Barbara Sammon and Mr. Lloyd. Mr. J. Foreman was at the piano.

### IS THIS A RECORD?

#### BURNHAM RINGERS' REGULAR ATTENDANCE.

During 1934 the possible number of attendances for service ringing of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks (a voluntary band), was 1,177. Out of these, the attendance sheet shows a total of only 25 absences against members' names! Also, during the year, six additional members of the society rang their first peal—one at 12 years of age, present total four peals; one at 13 years, present total four peals; one at 14 years, present total five peals; one at 14, present total three peals; one at 14 years and one at 17 years 5 days. This society have also during the year rung their first local peal of Triples, and for 6 a.m. celebration on Christmas Day their first local quarter-peal of Major.

These facts were disclosed at the annual meeting of the society, which took place recently.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****ROSSENDALE AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES JOIN FORCES AT BURY.**

A joint meeting of the Rossendale and Manchester Branches was held at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, February 16th. Wild weather, no doubt, was the cause of many absentees, yet what was lacking in numbers was made up for in calibre. Very little ringing time was lost, for those present had evidently come to ring, and meant to do so. And such was the talent in the tower that methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise were rung. It was, in fact, just one of those meetings which make one feel—but for the fact that one has to go home sometime—like ringing indefinitely.

Those present included Mr. T. B. Worsley (vice-president of the association), Mr. W. H. Shuker (general secretary), Mr. C. Gudgeon (Manchester Branch president), and members and visitors from Bury, Bacup, Bolton, Helmshore, Todmorden, Haxby, York, Pendleton, West Didsbury, Stretford and Radcliffe.

The business meeting of the Manchester Branch was conducted in the tower, with the vice-president in the chair.

Next quarter's meeting places were chosen as follows: March 16th, practice meeting at Pendilton; April 27th, practice meeting at Pendlebury; and May 18th, quarterly meeting at Stretford.

The election of Mr. Joseph Littler, of Stockton Heath, was confirmed.

The secretary made mention of the forthcoming Silver Jubilee of their Majesties, and, taking his cue from the leading article of the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' requested all towers in the branch to do their utmost to see that their bells are rung for this occasion. He undertook, also, to do whatsoever could be done to provide ringers for those towers which were shorthanded if the leaders would let him know their circumstances.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Shuker proposed and Mr. J. H. Bankes seconded a vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Hornby) for the use of the bells; to the chairman for his attendance and services at the meeting, and to the Rossendale members for the arrangements made.

Ringing was afterwards continued, and the end of the ringing day started the secretary's great hunt. Thrown into the hunt from the moment the tower closed, he hunted up street and down street for some sign of his flock, but not one could be found. Eventually, however, he espied one threading his way across a busy thoroughfare, and soon afterwards had them all under his care once more. They had found a corner which protected them from the weather. But, alas, his troubles were not yet over, for, after keeping them together until the train steamed into the station, one ran amok at the last moment, and was last seen watching the train go by with lips parted in utterance. Unfortunately, or otherwise, the utterances were drowned to the rest of the flock by the noise of the train. News of the straggler is still anxiously awaited in the Manchester fold, but what a blessing, on such a night, it was not the last train home!

**MUFFLED BELLS AT CLAINES.**

After the funeral of the Rev. Moore at Claines, Worcestershire, where he was formerly Vicar for 22 years, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung on February 13th by the local band: E. Wilson 1, R. Elt 2, G. E. Large (conductor) 3, D. Sayers 4, R. Sayers 5, G. Checketts 6, R. Woodyatt 7, F. G. Yates 8.

With the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect for Douglas Clinch, R.A.F., son of the Vicar of the parish, who was killed in an aeroplane crash and was interred at Claines, on Saturday, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung after the funeral: E. Wilson 1, G. E. Large 2, R. Woodyatt 3, J. Woodyatt 4, R. Sayers 5, J. J. Jeffries 6, G. Checketts (conductor) 7, F. G. Yates 8.

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and T. W. Taffender; senior steward, Mr. T. Wyatt; and junior steward, Mr. P. Carter. The meeting regretted the absence through illness of the chaplain and Rector, the Rev. Pennington Bickford, and expressed their thanks to all who had kindly helped to make the day so very pleasant.

A most interesting item which brought the meeting to a close was the outstanding performance of a band from St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, young and newly-trained by Mr. Arthur D. Barker, which by a most excellent course of Grandsire Triples won the Dawe Silver Cup for handbell ringing. At 10 p.m., 'That's all' was called, and everyone arrived home 'without crack or flaw.'

**LATE NOTICE.**

**LONG SUTTON, LINCS.**—On Thursday, March 7th, at 7 p.m. the bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln. Peal restored and augmented to 8 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****DORCHESTER BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

There was a large gathering of members of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Dorchester for the annual meeting. The towers represented were St. Peter's, Dorchester, Fordington, Wool, Wyke Regis, Preston, Upwey, Charminster, Bradford Peverell, Sydling, Frampton, Bere Regis, Poole and Bournemouth, and members of the Wimborne Branch. Service was held in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby), who preached.

Following tea in St. Peter's Institute, served by ladies of the congregation, the annual meeting was held, the branch chairman (Rev. E. S. Tarrant) presiding, and briefly addressing the members on fellowship and brotherhood.

The Hon. Secretary, in his annual report, referred with satisfaction to the results of the past year's working. The outstanding event of the year was the great fellowship rally of ringers and friends at Milton Abbey, where a service of praise and thanksgiving, organised by the Guild, was held to celebrate the acquiring of Milton Abbey as a perpetual heritage for the Church, together with the magnificent grounds in which it stood. Over 600 ringers and friends took part. The membership showed a slight decline. They regretted they could not report restoration to some of their peals, although there was much that should be done in their towers. They regretted the passing of the Rev. A. C. B. Dobie (an old member who took great interest in the Guild and who, while Vicar of Wool, had the bells recast and two added), Mrs. Wynn Werninck and Mr. S. G. Dubben, Sydling.

The balance sheet for the past year showed total receipts of £34 11s. 11½d., and the expenditure was £19 7s. 9d., leaving a balance in hand of £15 4s. 2½d., as compared with £14 2s. 8d. at the beginning of the year.

The Hon. Secretary gave the financial details of the Milton Abbey festival. He thanked those members who had co-operated with him and gave such valuable assistance that enabled a great success to be achieved. It was one of the greatest events in the Guild's history. The expenses came to £13 10s. 3d., and these were equally balanced by the receipts.

It was decided that during the ensuing year the quarterly meetings should be held at Sydling, Upwey, and Bere Regis respectively, with a by-meeting at Preston, preferably in the summer.

The Rev. A. W. Markby extended a cordial invitation to the branch to hold their next annual meeting at St. Peter's, and this was unanimously accepted, with an expression of thanks by the chairman.

He also extended a hearty welcome to the Rev. C. A. Phillips and members of the Wimborne Branch, and to Captain and Mrs. Henderson.

The following new members were elected: Honorary members, Col. and Mrs. Power, Grove House, Bradford Peverell, and Capt. and Mrs. Henderson, Wyke Regis; Ringing members, Messrs. Arthur John Slade and William Thomas Legg (Preston), Benjamin Hare (Upwey), A. Duffall and J. Palmer (Buckland Newton); associate member, Mr. Walter Marshall, M.B.E., Upwey. Mr. D. F. Wheeler, of Bovington Camp, was elected as an unattached member of the branch.

At this point the chairman had to leave, and on the proposition of the Hon. Secretary he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services to the branch. For the remainder of the meeting the Rev. A. W. Markby presided.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, namely: Chairman, Rev. E. S. Tarrant; Ringing Master, Mr. G. T. White (Dorchester); Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. H. H. Runyard (Bradford Peverell); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis).

The Rev. A. S. Bryant proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Peter's and his loyal band of lady helpers for entertaining and making them very welcome, and also to Mr. Perham and members of the choir.

The Rev. A. W. Markby acknowledged the vote. On behalf of the branch he expressed thanks to the Rural Dean and Rev. R. G. Bartelot for allowing the use of the towers at Charminster and Fordington St. George respectively. He also said they were delighted to see the honorary members present in such good numbers.

Thanks were extended to Messrs. J. T. Godwin, J. W. Smith and J. Squires for their assistance.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips said it was always a great pleasure to come to Dorchester, and he congratulated the branch on having such a splendid number of honorary members and all that their support meant. He was sorry to learn that Mr. Jennings was laid up at Christmastide, but they were glad that he was much better and able to be with them that day. On behalf of the Wimborne Branch Mr. Phillips expressed thanks for the share they had in the great gathering at Milton Abbey; it was a great and memorable event.

After the meeting, several of the members availed themselves of the use of the bells of St. Peter's, St. George's and Charminster.



**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan and Bolton Branches.—A joint meeting of the Wigan and Bolton Branches will be held at St. James' Church, Poolstock, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in school at 6 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan. Beautiful bells and good company.—P. Crook and W. Farrimond, Branch Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A by-meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid as soon as possible.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea 1s., with business meeting afterwards at the Institute.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on February 23rd. Tea in the Temperance Hotel at 4.30, at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 23rd. City bells (6, 8 and 10) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.15 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, at Harlow Common. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (eight bells), on Saturday, February 23rd, at 3 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Subscriptions are now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Whitstable on Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. Members' subscriptions for 1935 are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Laxton on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (6) open from 2.30 p.m. Good attendance requested.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells available: St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4.45 p.m.; St. Laurence's (12), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 4 to 5 p.m. Service at St. Giles' 5 p.m. Tea (1s. each) at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church House, followed by business meeting.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Weston on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30, with unveiling of peal board. Tea to follow.—T. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Business meeting in Clergy House at 6 p.m. Will all members make own arrangements for tea? Plenty of cafes near the church.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Quorn Church on Saturday, February 23rd. The bells (8), which have recently been rehung, will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**THE LANGFORD-BEAMS MEMORIAL** meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (North-Western District).—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Wednesday, Feb. 27th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at the Swan and Sugar Loaf Hotel. Those requiring tea please notify D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Monday, February 25th.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 2nd (not on the 16th as previously arranged). Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, by February 28th, for same. Meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. Subscriptions for 1934-35 are now due. The annual report available. A good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—The 117th anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2nd. Tower open at 12 noon. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Maiseyhampton on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please notify for tea by February 26th.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Sec., Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Saintbury, on Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be arranged and provision will be made for those only who notify me not later than the Tuesday previous. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 47th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and Bishop Ryder's Church (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The monthly meeting of the district will be held at Bingham on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting of Lincoln and Grimsby Districts will be held at Walesby, near Market Rasen, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells recently restored and increased from three to eight, rehung in new frame, etc., available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. except during service. (Special bus from Lincoln will be chartered if sufficient names sent in to H. Marcon.) Names for tea prompt by Monday previous to H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln, and H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, Hon. Dis. Secretaries.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Wye on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due, and may be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at Llandilo. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those attending kindly let me know by Tuesday, February 26th certain?—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—An open ringing day will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, March 2nd, when all ringers are invited to try the recently restored 10 bells from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. During the afternoon a committee meeting will be held in the vestry. No branch meeting, but subscriptions welcomed; reports to hand.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, on Saturday, March 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Kemerton (6 bells), on March 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify me by Wednesday.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be at Potterne (six bells) on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Ledbury District will be held at Colwall on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than February 28th to me.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by February 26th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Shildon on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock, and South Church bells, in addition, after tea. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5, followed by a short service in St. John's Church. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than February 26th.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at St. Mary Magdalene 4.30 p.m. Tea at King's Head Hotel 5 p.m. (1s. each, members 6d.). Business meeting follows. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned before Wednesday, February 27th.—George Case, Dis. Hon. Sec., 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

**CLEVELAND & N. YORKS ASSOCIATION.**—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8, tenor 10 cwt.) will be available for ringing after 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall at 5, members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d., to those who notify secretary by Wednesday, February 27th.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint by-meeting of the districts will be held at All Hallows', Lombard Street, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (10) at 3 o'clock. Tea and jaw 5 o'clock. Handbells and further ringing till 8.30. Entrance in hoarding in Gracechurch Street. Postcards re tea by February 26th to J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

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**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Glen (Aylestone not being available) on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5, to those who notify me by Thursday previous. A good attendance requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Boughton on Saturday, March 2nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to secretary by February 25th.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Loughton (6 bells) on Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Shaw (one mile from Newbury) on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. F. J. Owen, 1, Love Lane, Donnington, Newbury, by Wednesday, February 27th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells from 3.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at 5. Tea, in the Schoolroom, at 5.30 p.m. Special business meeting after. Attention is drawn to Rule 9.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on March 2nd, the bells ready during afternoon and evening. Service in church, tea and meeting after. All heartily welcome. Come and spend a happy time.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton District at North Stoneham on March 2nd. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5. Names by February 27th, please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.

—Next meeting at Hornsey, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me by March 6th. All members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Eccleston, St. Helens, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 9d. each, 5.45 p.m. For tea notify Mr. Wm. Leach, 53, Eldon Street, St. Helens.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at West Tarring on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Thomas à Becket's Palace 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday previous to the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 30th. Further particulars later.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

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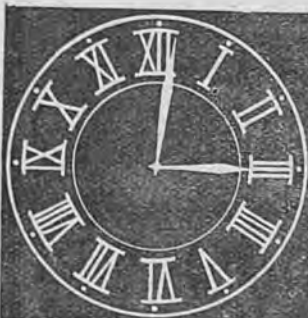
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