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**PLAY THE GAME.**

The report of the committee of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association reveals facts which are, we are afraid, common to many of the associations throughout the country. An analysis of the attendances at the district meetings for the past year indicates that their success has chiefly depended upon the consistent support given by a limited number of members. This is no new factor in the affairs of an association, and at least one secretary in an adjoining guild has in the past severely admonished his lukewarm members upon their failings in this direction. When, as in these two instances, a record of attendances is kept, there is no colouring of the truth, and it really is lamentable that so many ringers fail to do their part in supporting their associations by personal effort. They think they have done all that is necessary when they have paid their annual subscription; whereas that is only the first thing that is due from them. It ought to be equally a matter of honour to give personal support to the association by attending the meetings arranged for their benefit and in their interest. Only this week, among our notices, is an intimation that, failing better attendances, consideration will have to be given to the dissolution of one of the branches of the Ely Diocesan Association. Moreover, there is another strong reason why ringers should feel it a duty and a privilege to attend the meetings. They expect their officers to work for nothing; the officers in turn, are entitled to encouragement by having the support of the members; while it is an act of discourtesy to the clergy at the churches visited, to put them to the trouble of arranging a service unless the response is worthy.

Some secretaries also have cause for complaint, not only from the indifference with regard to the meetings themselves, but in the attitude of some members who, while being ready to criticise, do very little, if anything, by rendering help. The District Secretary is often handicapped by lack of local assistance when it is needed, and then, if things go wrong, has to shoulder the blame. One of the things which some ringers seem to forget is the voluntary nature of the secretary's services. It is due from every member that he should contribute his share to the work of his association in any capacity in which it can be given; and not overburden the willing horse, who doesn't even get his keep out of the job. We are quite well aware that there are plenty of district secretaries whose work is appreciated by their members, but the appreciation would be more practical if it were manifested in deeds. Secretaries work very hard and it is not too much to ask of the rank and file that they should 'play

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the game ' by supporting the meetings arranged for them and by giving their practical help in every direction where it is needed. It shows an extraordinary lack of interest when men do not attend a single district meeting from one year's end to another, and in every association there can be found many such. Yet, as a rule, it is these very people who complain that they get nothing out of their association. In any case they don't deserve to do so, but how can they expect to? As has so often been said before, unless you put something into your ringing you cannot hope to get anything out of it. It cannot be all taking and no giving.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5078 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 7
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 8
ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 9
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 5	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

NORTH SHIELDS.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT CHRIS CHURCH,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. &amp; qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. Treble	*KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 2	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
CHRIS. HEATHERINGTON ... .. 3	ERNEST WALLACE ... .. 8
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 4	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 9
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 5	JOHN HEALEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

\* First peal of Caters and in the method.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN Treble	FRANK E. MITCHELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM RAWLINGS ... .. 2	CHARLES S. POTHECARY ... .. 6
*MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 7
*GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 19, 1939, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 5
JOHN E. CLARKE ... .. 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 6
RONALD W. SWANN ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall, of South Wigston.

OSPRINGE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS JOAN NAYLOR ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. WOOD ... .. 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 7
MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 4	GEORGE WOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.  
First peal of Oxford Bob Triples by all the band.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT OSBORNE ... .. Treble	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM STORY ... .. 2	FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT ... .. 6
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... .. 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. 7
*FREDERICK EATON ... .. 4	HARRY J. GILLARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by F. FRANKLAND RIGBY.  
\* First peal. Bung as a compliment to William Story, J.P., of Newcastle Cathedral, who celebrated his 79th birthday on Jan. 15th.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. Treble	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 2	H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 6
FREDRICK J. LAMBERT ... .. 3	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.  
A birthday peal for Mr. J. G. Powell and Miss V. Lambert.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 2	BERNARD LAWTON ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	PERCY RICHARDS ... .. 7
*JOHN WALTON ... .. 4	BERNARD ASHFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.  
\* First peal of Major.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL ... .. Treble	RONALD SQUIRES ... .. 5
*PAUL BIREEY ... .. 2	ALBERT PICKLES ... .. 6
EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7
*VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*GEOFFREY J. DYER ... .. Treble	JOHN L. GLANVILLE ... .. 5
ERNEST RETTER ... .. 2	JOHN DEEM ... .. 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. HOLWAY ... .. 7
JOSEPH BREALEY ... .. 4	CHARLES SANDFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.  
\* First peal of Triples and first attempt.

GORTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES OLLIER ... .. Treble	FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. 5
ALFRED BARNES ... .. 2	JOHN HASSELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 7
HERBERT A. MCKINNELL ... .. 4	DAVID VINCENT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by A. J. BROWN.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*REGINALD A. WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	FREDRICK E. PITMAN ... .. 5
†BASIL GLAYSHER ... .. 2	ISAAC EMERY ... .. 6
WILLIAM G. GRACE ... .. 3	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 7
EDMUND MOONTER ... .. 4	GEORGE HUXLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

\* First peal. † First peal with a working bell. All are members of the local society, the Bromley Youths.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOB DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

FRANK DOBNEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... .. 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	CYRIL DOBNEY ... .. 6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3	NORMAN T. KING ... .. 7
JOHN W. CARTER ... .. 4	ERNEST T. KING ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ERNEST T. KING.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb.

*STANLEY H. WOOD ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. LAKER ... .. 5
ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... .. 2	ALBERT J. STEELE ... .. 6
*ALBERT E. T. GASSON ... .. 3	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.  
\* First peal of Major. This was the first peal on the bells since the trebles were added in 1936.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDELEY ... .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by T. G. BANNISTER.  
First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
MRS. FREDK. W. HOUSDEN ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1939, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF PINNER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY HODGETIS ... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.  
The first peal in the method.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED J. BATTIN ... .. Treble	BERNARD V. COLLISON ... 5
*ALFRED H. JAMES ... .. 2	ALEC E. RICHARDSON ... 6
†LEONARD P. TURLEY ... 3	ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 7
DORIS E. COLGATE ... .. 4	JOHN MEDHURST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal.

BRADNINCHE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Treble	EDWIN W. BIFFIN ... .. 5
*ERNEST ROWE ... .. 2	HORACE W. BUTT ... .. 6
REGINALD TRUMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. HOWE ... .. 7
TOM G. BARLETT ... .. 4	*MONTAGUE T. BUTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Triples.

THAME, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

WILLIAM C. PORTER ... .. Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
*WALTER HUNT ... .. 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 6
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 3	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... 7
HARRY W. BADGER ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal. Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of the church.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

THOMAS SIMMONS ... .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	CEDRIC CURSON ... .. 6
MISS G. E. M. TUNNADINE ... 3	GEORGE POYNTEZ ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 28, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... .. Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 6
JOSEPH SAXTON ... .. 3	BENJAMIN A. COOPER ... 7
*WALTER MOULT ... .. 4	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by AMBERN WILLSON. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, January 16, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOHN LUCK ... .. Treble	†HAROLD SMITH ... .. 4
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	†HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 5
†THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 3	†BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Minor and first attempt. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. ‡ First Surprise peal. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Reed.

WHIMPLE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Stedman Doubles, with 12 callings, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 10 callings.  
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Treble	JOHN SALWAY ... .. 4
CECIL BREALY ... .. 2	JOSEPH BRALY ... .. 5
ERNEST RETIER ... .. 3	EVAN MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

The first peal rung on the bells.

COLATON RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*G. WEST ... .. Treble	C. SAVAGE ... .. 4
L. G. BOLI ... .. 2	J. DEEM ... .. 5
B. PIDGEON ... .. 3	*S. ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. PIDGEON.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN W. CARTER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM DENVER ... .. 4
ERNEST GARDNER ... .. 2	CHARLES W. DENVER ... 5
†RONALD KENWARD ... .. 3	*THOMAS E. DENVER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. E. DENVER.

\* First peal in more than one method. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

MAISEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Plain Bob, eight of Old Doubles, eight of Canterbury, eight of Grandsire, six of Antelope and eight of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

EDWARD H. PEARE ... .. Treble	LESLIE W. CUSS ... .. 4
WILLIAM A. GODWIN ... .. 2	JOHN E. GODWIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. CUSS ... .. 3	NORMAN G. PEARE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. CUSS.

First peal by all except the conductor. Rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. Herbert Peach, M.A.).

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**TROWELL, NOTTINGHAM.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,*

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

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. Treble	*FRANK BRADLEY... .. 4
EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. 2	JACK BAILEY ... .. 5
*WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 3	*FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\* First peal in five methods. Rung on the 22nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Salter, Nottingham.

**NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,*

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

Being 720 each of Morning Star, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and 2,880 of Grandsire (Morris', Lindoff's and Pitman's arrangements). Tenor 8½ cwt.

THOMAS R. PAYNE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. PREECE ... .. 3
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 2	G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 4
LESLIE EVANS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal in four methods on the bells.

**STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,*

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

GEORGE GILBERT... .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 4
CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

**ACLE, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,*

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

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Double Oxford; (3) Childwall; (4) Double Court; (5) Oxford Bob; (6) St. Clement's; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

*MISS BRENDA BAYLES ... Treble	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 4
*JOHN R. WILKERSON ... .. 2	*STANLEY W. GALL ... .. 5
R. WILLIAM BARBER... .. 3	*DENIS A. BAYLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.

\* First peal in eight methods and first attempt. Rung for the 17th birthday of the conductor.

**COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

*On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

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

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, College Single, St. Clement's, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. Treble	ALGC M. GENERY ... .. 4
HARRY CARTER ... .. 2	*ROBERT C. LYON ... .. 5
RALPH BIRD ... .. 3	VICTOR MORLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

**LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,*

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

Being one extent each of Reverse Bob, College Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Court Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F sharp.

MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... Treble	JOHN C. VESSEY ... .. 4
KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 5
JOHN F. PEARSON... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

**SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

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

Being seven extents in 29 methods, viz.: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Marple and Taxel; (3) Braintree, Humber and Wragby Delight; (4) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans; (5) Ockley, Morning Star Treble Bob and Disley Delight; (6) Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HARRY FARRER ... .. Treble	THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 4
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 3	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in 29 methods. There were 76 changes of method.

**NORTON, EYESHAM.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)**

*On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ECGWIN,*

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

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED NEWMAN ... .. Treble	*CHARLES EDWIN ... .. 4
JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... .. 2	RALPH HARRIS ... .. 5
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

**BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, January 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Being 720 each of the following methods: (1) Stedman; (2) St. Simon's; (3) April Day; (4) Old; (5) Reverse Canterbury; (6) Bob; (7) Grandsire. Tenor 18 cwt. 12 lb.

HENRY BIRD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 3
ALFRED BALLARD... .. 2	CECIL CARR ... .. 4
	FRANK K. MEASURES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

First peal in seven methods of Doubles by all the band.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

**DARLINGTON, DURHAM.**

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Friday, January 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

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

Being one extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells Surprise. Tenor size 14 in D.

ROLAND PARK ... .. 1-2	W. NORMAN PARK... .. 3-4
GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

First handbell peal by all and in Darlington.

**KELHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, January 22, 1939, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID, KELHAM THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE,*

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

Seven 720's called differently.

*NORMAN TORRINGTON ... 1-2	PHILIP J. BOULSOVER ... 3-4
ALBERT F. SARGENT ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by A. F. SARGENT.

\* First peal. (Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

**A FALSE PEAL.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I very much regret to say that the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. John's, Leicester, on December 26th, 1938, was false. I offer my sincere apologies to those who rang in the peal.

W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Leicester.

## PEAL NOTES.

### ALL THE SUSSEX EIGHTS AND TENS.

Mr. Frank Bennett called a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Balcombe on January 26th. It was the first peal on the bells since the trebles were added in 1936, and completed for the conductor a peal on all the rings of eight and ten bells in Sussex. The county has three peals of ten bells and over fifty of eight, including a ring of steel bells at Hastings.

Mr. Rupert Richardson is reaping the fruits of patient work in building up a local band in the little village of Surfleet, and these young men are calling as well as ringing peals now. A peal of Bob Major rung there last week was conducted by one of the pupils.

It is not often that any really original composition of Double Norwich Major is rung nowadays, but the peal composed and called by Mr. Nolan Golden last Saturday at Saxlingham Nethergate has distinctly novel features. In 5.216 changes it has the course end extent of 4-5-6 in 5-6 with the 6th the extent at home in the minimum number of courses, and is the first to be rung in the method with these qualities in less than 48 full courses.

### TWO HUNDRED YEARS WITHOUT A PEAL.

The bells at Stanford-in-the-Vale, Berks, have been in the tower for 200 years, but it was not until January 21st in the present year of grace that a peal was rung on them. The bells are in the original frame, though with somewhat later headstocks. Originally they were a grand six, but the second and fourth are now cracked and the attentions of a bellfounder would definitely improve things.

We record also this week the first peal on the bells at Colaton Raleigh, Devon.

Mr. Alan Pink, who lately left Middlesex for Oxford, called a peal of Superlative on Saturday at Thame. It was the 100th tower in which he has rung a peal. Walter Hunt at the second scored his first peal in any method and rang very well. A fine performance.

The Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association lately decided to inaugurate a quarterly peal for the district, and the first (one of Grandsire Triples) was rung last Saturday at Tonbridge. On the same day and in the same method, a quarterly peal was rung for the Exeter Branch of the Devonshire Guild at Bradninch.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Gorton on January 24th was arranged as a compliment to Mr. William Brammer, the ringer of the third, on his 70th birthday, and by a happy coincidence it was his 100th peal. It was Mr. Frank Reynolds' 25th peal and Mr. D. Vincent's 75th peal. It was also a birthday compliment to Anne Brown, the four-year-old daughter of the conductor.

Last Armistice Day a peal was rung at King's Norton, Leicestershire, and touches at Gaulby on very hard going bells. This prompted Mr. Frank K. Measures to say that he could ring Broughton Astley tenor to a peal, and on January 21st he did so, to the great satisfaction of his companions. It was the first peal in seven methods of Doubles by all the hand and the 25th peal that Messrs. William A. Wood and Frank K. Measures have rung together.

### THE BROMLEY YOUTHS.

The Bromley Youths who rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on January 25th are an old and famous society dating from the 18th century. Their first peal, rung in 1773, was a 'half-quarter' peal of Bob Major which is 5,000 and 40. For many years William Chapman was their leader, and when he died in 1817 the first muffled five thousand on record was rung in his memory.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Rushall, Staffs, on January 18th, was rung in celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Reed. Called in at short notice to complete the band, John Luck rang the treble very creditably, for he had never before rung any Treble Bob, and it was his first attempt for a peal of Minor.

The report of another new Surprise Major method appears this week. It was rung by Mr. Cashmore and his friends, but for the Middlesex Association, as it was at Pinner within that county, on Jan. 28th. Last Christmas time the band met at Pinner for Pinner Surprise, but met short, and as the method then chosen was afterwards rung as Queensbury Surprise, Mr. Cashmore had to work out another method, which, incidentally, contains some rather unusual and awkward false course ends.

The Leicester Thursday band of peal 'snatchers' visited Market Harborough on January 19th to attempt a peal of Double Norwich in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall, of South Wigston. The seven members of the band who went by charabanc were treated to a nice surprise. Upon reaching the church they found Mr. 'Ted' Whitehead had defied the weather and cycled over an hour earlier to have everything in readiness. With the above named on the tenor, a hot pace was set at the commencement and another good peal was brought 'home' on this fine ring of eight in good time for refreshment afterwards.

The charabanc party, however, then got another surprise and not such a pleasant one. Upon reaching their conveyance it was discovered that some kind person had absolutely 'jammed' the gears, which necessitated seeking a skilled mechanic, who was occupied for an hour in putting matters right.

To the ringer with the 'big' wife waiting for him the remainder of the party tendered their sympathies and also offered to escort him to his doorstep, but no further, although they were willing, if he opened the door and threw in his hat, to wait and see if it was thrown out again.

The peal of Doubles at Whimble, Devon, on January 18th, was the first on the bells and the first in two methods by all the band except the conductor, Mr. C. R. Lolley, of Plymouth. The others belong to the Honiton Cyst band.

Denis Bayles celebrated his 17th birthday by calling a peal of Minor at Aco on Jan. 21st, the first in eight methods on the bells and by four of the band. Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung in the first 720. Another method was Childwall, the first extent of it by all the ringers. The peal, rung in 2 hours 36 minutes, was the quickest on the bells.

The peal of Minor at Seale, Surrey, on Jan. 21st, was rung in honour of the birth of a daughter (on the previous Wednesday) to Mrs. E. J. Bragg, wife of Sergt. E. J. Bragg (Grenadier Guards), stationed at Wellington Barracks, London. Sergt. Bragg is a member of the Aldershot company and his wife is elder daughter of Mr. W. Denyer and sister to Messrs. C. W. and T. E. Denyer, all of whom took part in the peal.

Another student at Kelham Theological College has scored his first peal. On Sunday week, Mr. Norman Torrington rang 1-2 to a handbell peal of Bob Minor. It was rung in St. Wilfrid's Church, which lies within the grounds of the college, about 80 yards from the House of the Sacred Mission.

The 22nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Salter, of Nottingham, was celebrated by a peal of Minor rung at Trowell on January 21st. Mr. Salter took part in the peal.

### OLD WOOLWICH PEAL RECALLED.

Apparently the claim that the peal at St. Mary's, Woolwich, rung on January 14th in 2 hours 52 minutes, was the quickest peal on the bells, cannot be sustained. On January 19th, 1936, a peal of Bob Major was rung there in 2 hours 51 minutes, conducted by Mr. B. W. Aldridge, captain of the local band, who rang the tenor.

But an even quicker peal than this has been rung on the bells—a peal of Grandsire Triples in 2 hours 50 minutes in 1887.

Two of those who took part in this peal were Mr. R. T. Woodley (now of Lowestoft, but formerly secretary of the College Youths) and Mr. W. W. Gifford, of Salisbury.

The peal had an amusing sequel. The band enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Gifford, and then he and Mr. Woodley walked to the Dockyard Station in time to see the last train departing. They had to walk back all the way to Pimlico, a distance of some 13 miles.

Mr. Leslie Wightman, of Helmingham, was the first to ring 50 different Surprise Major methods and extensions. He was two in front of Mr. Maurice Hibbert when the latter reached the half-century post. Mr. Hibbert added another method last Saturday at Tonbridge, so the race is on.

All, except the conductor, who took part in the peal of Doubles at Maisey Hampton, Gloucestershire, on Jan. 21st, scored their first peal and gave added merit to it by ringing it in six methods. Edward Peare, who rang the treble, is only 15½ years of age, and he and Norman Peare, who rang the tenor, had not attempted a peal before.

The recording of a peal as a birthday compliment is often an afterthought, but seldom is it mentioned as such. With perfect frankness, however, the record of the peal of Doubles in four methods at Norton Canon, Herefordshire, on January 21st, has been sent us with the note, 'After the peal it was agreed to record it as a birthday compliment to the conductor.' Most birthday peals are merely coincidences, but it is often made to appear as if the birthday celebration was the purpose of the peal, whereas it is not until afterwards that the fact comes out.

In this case the conductor was Mr. J. P. Hyett, and it was the 150th peal he had called.

At Fordingbridge on Saturday week, Mr. William Storey, J.P., of Newcastle Cathedral Guild, took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples—to celebrate his 79th birthday. Mr. Storey usually winters in Bournemouth, and while there takes an active part in local ringing.

Mr. J. W. Whittaker has now rung each bell at Sutton, Macclesfield, to a peal. He completed this on Saturday, January 21st, when a peal of Treble Bob Minor in 29 methods was rung.

Three Darlington ringers put up a specially fine performance on Jan. 20th, when, for their first peal on handbells, they rang seven Surprise Minor methods. It was the first handbell peal in Darlington and is believed to be the first peal of Surprise Minor on handbells by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

### ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The annual meeting of Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 21st. The attendance was much below the average. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Mayne. The Vicar also presided over the business meeting, at which the secretary's report and balance sheet were adopted.

The officers elected were: The Rev. A. S. Mayne, president; Mr. C. W. Everett, Master; Mr. P. Page, hon. secretary and treasurer.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for presiding and to the officers for their work during the past year.

Previous to the business a moment's silence was observed to the memory of Mr. Charles Slingsby, one of the originators of the Guild, who, as recorded in our last issue, has passed away at the age of 101 years.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.****PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Saturday, January 21st, members attending from Alverstoke, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Farham, Hambledon, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Ryde, Southampton, Soberton and Swanmore. The Guild service was held in the Lady Chapel, at which the Vicar of Portsea officiated. An excellent tea was served, after which the business meeting was held, the Vicar (Canon H. C. Robins) being voted to the chair.

The secretary (Mr. A. T. Greenwood) read the district report for the year and also the accounts, which showed a very successful year. Membership had increased from 113 to 127. The balance to the general treasurer amounted to £9 4s., while the balance in hand for the district was £13 15s. 8d. Restoration work had been carried out at Soberton, for which a grant of £5 5s. had been given from the district funds.

The district officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. W. Linter; hon. secretary, Mr. A. T. Greenwood; auditor, Mr. T. R. Taylor, representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. F. S. Bayley and R. J. Stone.

It was resolved that the annual meeting be held in Portsmouth every year, at alternate towers. The next annual meeting will be at the Cathedral on January 20th, 1940. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and officiating at the service and presiding at the business meeting, to the organist and to the caterers for the splendid tea.

Members then returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds to Surprise Major.

**ST. GEORGE'S-IN-THE-EAST.**

The first quarter-peal on the bells of St. George-in-the-East, London, since they were rehung was rung for evening service on Sunday, January 29th, as a farewell to the curate, the Rev. S. T. Andrews, who is leaving shortly for Portuguese East Africa.

The method was Bob Major, and the ringers were R. G. Cousins 1, H. Mackinder 2, A. J. W. Hughes 3, A. S. Richards 4, P. A. Corby (conductor) 5, G. W. Fogden 6, A. P. Cannon 7, J. G. A. Prior 8.

The 'go' of the bells is now excellent, although it is fortunate that the conductor has the natural endowment of a powerful voice, as there is a great deal of noise in the tower.

Good progress is being made in the training of the local band under the leadership of Mr. J. G. A. Prior.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.****WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Finedon on Saturday, January 21st. Towers represented were Wellingborough, Higham Ferras, Irchester, Mears Ashby, Ecton, Earls Barton, Irthlingborough, Stanwick, Easton Maudit, Warkton, Geddington, Barton Seagrave, Burton Latimer, Cranford, Addington, Raunds, Great Staughton, together with a good muster of local ringers.

The Guild service was held during the afternoon and was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting and challenging address. Fifty-five sat down to the tea, provided in the Star Hall by the wives and friends of the local band. Amongst those present were Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary), Mr. W. Whitmore (secretary, Thrapston Branch) and Miss S. Thursfield (secretary, South Midlands Branch of the Ladies' Guild).

At the business meeting the branch president, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, presided. The report and balance sheet for 1938 were received. There are now on the register four hon. life members, 15 hon. members and 144 ringing members. Excess of revenue over expenses was £3 2s. 9d., whilst the collections for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to £2 2s. 7d.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. J. R. Main; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Bigley, Irthlingborough; Central Committee, Messrs. A. Plowman and G. Eastford; Branch Committee, Messrs. A. Y. Tyler, A. Boddington, C. Payne and A. H. Martin; auditor, Mr. E. H. Johnson (Earls Barton).

Dr. J. H. McGibbon, of Irthlingborough, was elected an honorary member, and six new ringing members, Messrs. J. Le Marquand (Irthlingborough), F. Bond, J. Smith, S. Earl and S. Lawrence (Irchester) and J. Houghton (Earls Barton), were accepted.

Great Doddington was chosen for the April meeting. During the proceedings the gathering was asked to stand a moment in silence to express their sympathy upon the death of Mrs. Atkins, wife of the Vicar of Isham.

The usual vote of thanks was given to all concerned with the success of the meeting, and a letter of good wishes was read from Mr. F. Barber, former secretary.

At the conclusion a retiring collection was taken towards the restoration of the bells of Brenly, a village in Brecknockshire, which amounted to 14s. 6d. Good use was made of the privilege to ring Finedon bells during the afternoon and evening, the range being from rounds to London Surprise.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. J. H. Hunnisett, for many years leader at St. Mary's, Ealing, has retired from business and is going back to Eastbourne, where he was many years ago a member of the Christ Church band. He takes with him the good wishes of his Middlesex friends.

Last Wednesday was the anniversary of the death of Benjamin Annable, who died on February 1st, 1756.

One hundred and sixty-one years ago to-day the College Youths rang 5,040 changes of Double Bob Royal at St. Dionis Backchurch. The bells were afterwards removed to All Hallows', Lombard Street, and are now awaiting a new home.

A year later on the same date the Sherwood Youths rang their first peal, Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Nottingham.

It is almost 50 years ago that Mr. James George, of Birmingham, rang his first peal. On February 16th, 1889, he rang the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Triples, with members of St. James' Society, at St. George's, Camberwell. It was called by Dick French, and Mr. George is now the only survivor of that band.

It is unfortunate that Mr. George's health will prevent him organising or taking part in a commemorative peal, but some of his friends will probably like to make suitable recognition of the jubilee on or near the date.

Mr. George, who is now 85, was first taught to handle a bell by his father at Pinner, when he was only eight years of age, but it was not until he was 35 that Mr. George took up ringing seriously. In this last 50 years he has rung 1,277 peals in 399 different towers in the British Isles. We hope he will soon be back at the rope end again.

Councillor Arthur E. Sbarman, of Dunstable, hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association and a member of the Central Council, has been elevated to the aldermanic bench.

Mrs. Elsie Ingram, wife of Mr. Dick Ingram, of Perry Barr, Birmingham, has sustained serious head injuries through being knocked down by a Corporation bus and is now in hospital. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ingram are ringers and much sympathy is felt for them.

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT NUNEATON.

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 21st, and was well attended by members and friends from Allesley, Arley, Barwell, Birmingham (St. Martin's and St. Chad's), Chilvers Coton, Church Lawford, Keresley, Rugby, Stoke-in-Coventry and Wolvey, together with the local band.

A service was conducted by the Rev. Purves (curate), the Guild's form being used, and the hymns, 'Lead us, Heavenly Father' and 'Ye servants of God,' sung. Tea followed in the Parish Hall. Among those who attended were Mr. James George, recently out of hospital, and Mr. Albert Walker. They received a hearty welcome.

The Rev. W. H. Trickett (Rector of Church Lawford and a ringing member of the Guild) presided at the business meeting.

The following meeting places were fixed: Exhall for February and Brinklow for March; Coventry for the annual meeting in April (under Rule 7). The election of the following new members was confirmed: Messrs. W. H. Fussell (Slough), T. Belton (Barwell) and W. E. Box (Birmingham) as non-resident ringing members, and J. Lloyd, Chilvers Coton, a resident member.

A discussion arose regarding the reports to be prepared for the years 1937-38.

It was finally decided to retain the form of the previous report with the exception of the non-resident members' list. In the forthcoming report only the names of those joining and of those ringing peals during the period covered by the report are to be included. It was also decided to include the figures of new compositions.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the incumbent, the curate, the organist and the ladies who arranged the tea.

Handbell ringing followed, those taking part being Messrs. F. W. Ferrans, F. E. Pervin, W. H. Hooton, A. Walker, J. George and D. H. Argyle, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal and Stedman Caters being rung.

A return was then made to the tower, where ringing in various methods, also rounds, concluded a happy and successful gathering.

## A WEIRD SIGHT.

### STORM EFFECTS AT PARISH CHURCH.

On Wednesday evening, January 25th, eight ringers assembled at St. Martin's Church, Cheriton, to attempt a half-muffled peal in memory of Kent's oldest bellringer, Mr. Charles Slingsby, who, as already recorded, has died at the age of 101 years.

The tower was found to be in such a lamentable condition that all thoughts of a peal had to be abandoned. The gale had evidently seriously damaged the roof. Snow and rain were driving in, water was pouring down the walls inside and through two of the bellrope guides. The electric light showed signs of failure and candles had to be brought into use. The bells, however, were rung for a short while as a parting tribute, some having to ring with lists and coats on. A most weird sight, but one that will remain in memory. The following ringers took part: Messrs. F. Slingsby (Cheriton) 1, R. Birch (Hythe) 2, W. Kitchen (Folkestone) 3, F. Crooks (Folkestone) 4, T. Anderson (Folkestone) 5, W. J. Bidnell (Hythe) 6, C. Turner (Dover) (conductor) 7, C. Swan (Hythe) 8.



**LEADING CONDUCTORS—56.****JAMES HUNT.**

One of the best known ringers, not only of the West, but of all England, is James Hunt. Indeed, the Central Council meetings would hardly be themselves without his presence and his speeches. Not that everybody always agrees with all he says, but everybody recognises the sincerity of his opinions and the fact that they are based on real experience and knowledge. For Mr. Hunt has had a wide experience of ringing in many parts of the country, and is not only a first-class ringer himself, but has associated with some of the leading men of the last 40 years and more.

His outstanding performance was the record handbell peal of Stedman Caters rung at Guildford in 1912. There was at the time in that town a band who rang peals of Stedman Triples and Caters almost on every evening in the week, and it was only natural that they should think of ringing the record peal in hand. This they did by ringing 14,031 changes, but, not satisfied with that, they proposed to beat all records on handbells or in the tower, and started for a length of 22,220 changes. But they began rather late, and so when 11 o'clock came and they had passed all previous lengths, they not unnaturally thought they had done enough and let the bells come round at 19,738 changes. Mr. Hunt rang 7-8 to this peal, which, we imagine, will not be beaten for many years. It was his greatest performance, but he has taken part in many other good peals. They total 552, of which 158 have been on handbells and of which he has conducted 94. At one period he rang 61 handbell peals in succession without a tower bell peal intervening.

Mr. Hunt is a Devon man, born at Tiverton on May 29th, 1871. For many years he was one of the leading ringers in the Guildford district. He then removed to London, where he was employed by John Warner and Sons, the bell founders, who had among their staff a complete band of ringers. For the last 20 years Mr. Hunt has been associated with St. James' Church, Taunton.

Among the many interesting peals in which he has taken part are a 'grandfather's' peal of Stedman Caters by members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the first peal of Stedman Caters by a resident band for the old Winchester Diocesan Guild which he called, the first peals of Double Norwich Major and seven Surprise Minor methods for the Bath and Wells Association, the first peal of Cambridge Major by a resident band west of Bristol, and the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major by a band resident in Somerset.

He is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Bath and Wells Diocese, his subject being, of course, bells, and he is also a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council. He has represented the Bath and Wells Association on the Council since 1920 and has been Ringing Master of the Taunton Deanery for 20 years.

Mr. James Hunt is one of those men on whose exertions and work the very existence of the Exercise depends. Besides being a peal ringer and a conductor, he has done a great deal of teaching, has always made a point of ringing twice on a Sunday whenever possible, and has been a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council for many years.

**PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT EALING.**

On Sunday, January 29th, a peal board was erected in the church porch at St. Stephen's, Ealing, to record the ringing of four peals, one each of Superlative, Cambridge, Treble Bob and Plain Bob. The Vicar, who dedicated the board, said that when he first came to Ealing he inquired if there were any bells at his new church and was sorry to hear that there were. However, the ringers had agreeably disappointed his expectations. Owing to the church being in a residential neighbourhood, the Parochial Church Council had decided that there should be restricted Sunday ringing and no peals, and it was only the excuse of the annual summer fete which enabled these peals to be rung. The church paid for the writing on the board, which was supplied by the subscriptions of the ringers.

**MR. JAMES HUNT.****SURREY ASSOCIATION.****MORE INTEREST DESIRED.**

The North-Western District of the Surrey Association held their annual meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday last, when 50 members attended from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon (both churches), Epsom (Christ Church), Kingston-on-Thames, Leatherhead, London, Merton and Mitcham, with visitors from Balcombe, Sussex and Beckenham, Kent.

Ringling during the afternoon was followed by short evensong, conducted by the curate (the Rev. C. J. Hawksworth), who welcomed the association to St. Peter's on behalf of the Vicar.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. D. K. C. Birt (Master), supported by Mr. D. Cooper (District Master). Before the official business commenced the meeting stood in silence for a moment as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Jesse Beams, of Ewell, who passed away on January 15th. He had been a member of the association for nearly 40 years.

The following new members were elected: Mrs. Pagden (Croydon), Miss Harrington (Ewell) and Messrs. G. Howard (Christ Church, Mitcham), J. B. Hessey (Chertsey), G. W. Massey (Christ Church, Epsom), M. E. H. Pitstow (Banstead), G. Reed (Benhilton), and the elections of three new compounding members, made in Beckenham belfry on Boxing Day, were confirmed.

The District Committee's report was adopted.

**COMMITTEE'S REPORT.**

The committee stated that although they could not record any outstanding or spectacular performances in the district during the past year, some very good work has been put in by members in the securing of recruits, the instruction of beginners, and the building up and the maintenance of local bands. The results of this steady work could now be seen in most of the towers in the district, where attendances on practice nights and for Sunday service ringing had, generally speaking, been very good indeed. The custom which had grown up in the district of ringers visiting each others' towers on practice nights had not only helped to maintain a high standard of striking, but had also produced beneficial results in what might be termed the social side of ringing. By way of contrast there were towers where very little progress, if any, could be recorded. At these towers the committee found a general slackness and lack of interest amongst local members, who did not turn up regularly for practices, and failed to 'play the game' as members of a team. This kind of thing nullified the efforts made by keener men to build up a band, and inevitably led to stagnation. The committee hoped that, wherever such conditions existed, efforts would be made to improve matters during 1939.

Five district meetings, two combined meetings with three or more neighbouring associations and six joint meetings (five with the Ladies' Guild and one with the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild) had been held with average attendances of: District meetings 43, combined meetings 70, joint meetings 54.

A perusal of the signature book of members who had attended district meetings during 1938 disclosed some interesting facts. The same names as representing the same towers constantly recurred, whilst some towers were seldom represented at all, and when they were represented, then by only one or, perhaps, two members. Roughly, the ringers who attended district meetings regularly might be divided into two classes, i.e., the expert or peal ringers and the novices anxious to make progress. The committee would like to see more interest taken in the work of the association by members generally. After making all due allowance for the evils of overlapping, an average attendance at meetings of 43, in a district of over 200 resident members, could not be regarded as entirely satisfactory.

Eighteen peals were rung during the year, as against 17 recorded for 1937.

**MEMBERSHIP.**

The year 1938 began with a district membership of 185. During the year five honorary members and 22 ringing members were elected. On the other hand, they had lost one member by death, seven members had allowed their subscriptions to lapse, and the names of three members were being transferred to the compounding list, leaving a total district membership of 201, made up of: Honorary members 9, ringing members (representing 18 towers) 163, ringing members (unattached) 29, total 201, being a net increase of 16 members.

The treasurer's statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £12 6s 4d. (an increase of 18s. 8d. on the balance in hand at the beginning of the year), was approved.

The following places for meetings for 1939 were chosen: Easter Monday, Ewell, Epsom and Ashted (whole day); Saturday, June 3rd, East Molesey; July 29th, Ranmore; September 30th, Clapham Park or Kennington or Lambeth; November 25th, Benhilton; January 27th, Beddington or Streatham.

The district officers were elected as follows: Master, Mr. D. Cooper; treasurer, Mr. H. W. Simmons; secretary, Mr. F. G. Woodiss; auditor, Mr. R. A. Simmons; representatives on committee, Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Messrs. Charles Potbocary and H. V. Young.

All the retiring general officers, with the exception of the assistant general secretary, were nominated for re-election at the annual general meeting of the association. Mr. A. E. Cook, of Merton, was nominated to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. John Hobden from the office of assistant general secretary.

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### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD— OLD MEMBERS' POSITION.

Wokingham, as usual, was the venue of the annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held on January 21st. There was a large attendance, and ringing took place at both churches, St. Paul's and All Saints'. Service was held at St. Paul's, the Rector (the Rev. P. J. H. Scott) officiating, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow reading the lesson. The address was given by the Rev. J. J. O'Malley, the Rector of Sandhurst, whose subject was 'Our prayers.'

Tea was served in the Parish Room, having been prepared by members of the congregation, who were afterwards thanked for their kindness. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rector of the Wokingham churches, the preacher and the organist of St. Paul's.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, chairman of the branch, presided at the annual meeting, and the secretary welcomed visitors from Bagshot, Oxford, Padworth, Reading, Chieveley, Tilehurst and Stoke Poges.

The hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. J. Paice) presented the report and balance sheet, the latter showing a balance in hand of £7 0s. 9d. The branch restoration fund now stood at £14 8s. 2d., including the collection of £1 11s. that afternoon.

There were 29 honorary members and 150 ringing members, making a total of 179 in the branch.

He referred to the loss to the branch by the death of the Rev. L. R. Majendie, Miss Wedderburn and Mr. H. W. Boyles.

The secretary also reported that 13 meetings had been held, attended by 309 ringers in all, 238 from the branch and 71 visitors.

The report was adopted with hearty thanks to all those who had rendered assistance.

Canon Coleridge was enthusiastically re-elected chairman and Mr. W. J. Paice hon. secretary and treasurer. The following branch representatives on the Guild Committee were also re-elected: Messrs. F. Dentry, J. Moth, J. Rance and J. White. The chairman and officials were thanked for their past services.

On the recommendation of the Branch Committee, it was decided for one year to hold bi-monthly meetings and combined practices in the intervening months.

The position of old members who by force of circumstances were unable to continue their subscriptions was sympathetically discussed with a view to making them honorary members, and finally the secretary was instructed to bring the matter before the forthcoming meeting of the Guild.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary) and Mr. A. D. Barker (Guild treasurer) both addressed the meeting and expressed sympathy with the suggestion that old members should be relieved of their financial responsibilities to the Guild.

The Chairman expressed congratulations on the admirable way in which the meeting had been carried out.

### PROGRESS AT LICHFIELD COLLEGE.

#### STUDENTS' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

The first step towards a handbell peal at Lichfield Theological College was accomplished on Sunday, when three students rang a quarter-peal of Grand sire Doubles with five callings: Richard A. C. Brodrigg 1-2, Malcolm C. C. Melville 3-4, Michael M. K. Warren 5. This was the first quarter-peal for Messrs. Brodrigg and Warren, and Malcolm Melville's first quarter-peal as conductor on a pair of working bells. It was also their first attempt for a quarter-peal and was rung only nine days after ringing their first 120 double-handed. Richard Brodrigg had not rung handbells until he came up to the college last August; Michael Warren is the present ringing master at the college.

There are about 15 members learning or who have learnt to handle a bell, but tower bell ringing is very restricted and the members have progressed no further than good rounds.

They have an excellent library of books about ringing, presented by readers of 'The Ringing World' through the energies of Mr. S. H. Wood and Mr. E. H. Lewis, and the handbells were the generous gift of the Rev. W. C. Pearson, of Henley, Ipswich.

'It is practical help such as this that is so encouraging to us,' writes Mr. Melville (who before going to college was hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild), 'and urges us to become as proficient as we can during our short stay at the college; so that, when we go out into our parishes, we may know at least something of a very important aid to our work, namely, the voice of the Church to the world at large.'

### SURREY ASSOCIATION—Continued from previous page.

Mr. H. V. Young called attention to the very low state to which ringing had dropped in the Southern District, as evidenced by the last meeting held in that district. He suggested that, while present conditions continued to exist, they should omit the printing of useless matter in the yearly reports, and spend the money thus saved on the training of bands in the Southern District.

After some discussion, the matter was referred to the General Committee for decision.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar of St. Peter's for the use of the bells; to the Rev. C. J. Hawksworth for conducting the service and giving the address; to Mr. H. W. Simmons for making arrangements for the meeting; also to Mr. H. Wills for having everything in readiness for the comfort of the members and for the conduct of the ringing during the afternoon.

### ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD ASSOCIATION.

#### FIRST MEETING AT BILSTON FOR 51 YEARS.

A quarterly meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at St. Leonard's Church, Bilston, on Saturday, January 14th. Affiliated towers of the society were well represented. It was just 51 years since a meeting was held there, the reason given in answer to inquiries being that local tradespeople objected to Saturday ringing. However, this objection seems to have been removed, for the Vicar, the Rev. S. Garrett, M.A., not only gave the members a warm welcome but said he hoped they would pay another visit in the near future. He also said he was pleased to say that his son had taken part in the ringing during the afternoon, and that his father had been a ringer before him, he (the Vicar) having broken the chain. The foregoing remarks prefaced a very interesting address. 'Perfection' was the theme which the Vicar stressed—in ringing as well as in daily life. He mentioned that he had purchased a copy of 'Bells Through the Ages' to take his discourse from, and paid a compliment to the author of the book.

The Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., clerical secretary and treasurer, read the lesson, and Mrs. Garrett kindly presided at the organ.

On arriving at the Parish Room, members found a substantial tea in readiness, and it was much appreciated by the company of 40. An apology for absence was received from Mr. Tom Hughes, of Wednesbury, in which he expressed his thanks to the members for their kindly help in making it possible to erect a tablet in Wednesbury tower to the memory of his father, the late Mr. George Hughes.

Moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker, a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, the use of the bells, etc., to Mrs. Garrett for presiding at the organ, and to all who helped to make a such a happy gathering, was received with applause.

### BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

#### CHANGE IN HON. MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The annual general meeting of Barnsley and District Society was held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 14th, when members were present from Cawthorne, Darton, Doncaster, Eastwood, Felkirk, Hylandswaine, Bolsterstone, Sandal, Shelley, Wath and the local company.

A short service was held in church, conducted by the hon. president and Rector (Canon W. E. Wilkinson), whose interesting and inspiring address was much appreciated.

Tea was served in the Rectory Rooms, 21 being present. The president (Mr. C. D. Potter) presided at the business meeting. The auditors' report on the accounts showed that 1938 had been a very successful year, and a good profit had been made on the year's working. The balance sheet for the annual shield contest was also read and both were passed as very pleasing and satisfactory.

The officials for 1939 were re-elected en bloc, on the motion of Mr. Gill, seconded by Mr. Carbutt, viz.: President, Mr. C. D. Potter; treasurer, Mr. H. Chant; secretary, Mr. D. Smith; auditors, Mr. E. Brooker and Mr. J. T. White.

Four new members were elected, Messrs. R. Bailey and R. Broadhead, of Darton, P. Carbutt, of Barnsley, and W. Lloyd, of Doncaster.

An alteration to the rule regarding honorary members' subscriptions was passed. It was decided that they be elected on payment of 5s., instead of 2s. 6d. and 2s. 6d. per annum under the old rule.

After the usual vote of thanks for the use of the bells and to those who had assisted at the tea, etc., a vote of thanks was passed to the president (who is in his 81st year) for presiding at the meeting. Further ringing followed, some touches of Minor and Triples on handbells and a variety of Minor methods and Grand sire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major on the tower bells being enjoyed.

### DEATH OF A LIVERSEGE RINGER.

#### MR. WILLIE THOMAS' PART IN CONTESTS.

The death occurred, in sudden circumstances, on January 13th, of Mr. Willie Thomas, at the age of 57. Mr. Thomas was for many years attached to the belfry at Liversedge Parish Church. He had not enjoyed the best of health for a few years, but had not been confined to his house. He had been out during the evening, and when he arrived about 10.30 p.m. he went to bed as usual and died almost immediately.

The funeral took place at Heckmondwike Cemetery on Tuesday, January 17th, the chief mourners being the widow and only son, with other relatives and friends. Ringers were present from Earlsheaton, Birstall and Liversedge.

Mr. Thomas never aspired to peal ringing and his total was only eight, but he was always interested in contest ringing and had taken part in a great number of competitions. About 1922 ringers were scarce at Liversedge, and Mr. Thomas rallied together six youths to teach them the art of change ringing. Three nights a week were put in for practice, and how Mr. Thomas made those six learners stand in a ring with a handbell each, ringing Plain Bob, only those who were taking part can realise.

As time and ability progressed and the handbells were discarded for the tower bells, Mr. Thomas saw to it that those learners were taught the art of listening to the bells and striking them. He was respected by all who knew him. Although Mr. Thomas had not taken part in ringing for some years, he still maintained interest in the bells, and it is hard to realise that never again shall we meet to discuss this subject of ringing which was ever in his mind. F. H.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****SUCCESS OF SALISBURY BRANCH.****Practice Meetings to be Organised.**

Ringers from the city churches of St. Thomas, St. Martin and St. Paul, and from the neighbouring parishes of Britford, Wilton, Wylye, Berwick St. John, Fovant, Dinton, Coombe Bissett, Martin, Damerham, etc., attended the annual general meeting of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at St. Thomas' Church, Salisbury.

Ringling took place during the afternoon at St. Thomas' and St. Paul's, and the bells at St. Martin's were also available during the evening.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. P. J. Hayes (Vicar), who gave a brief address, the lesson being read by the Rev. N. E. W. Bradyll-Johnson, Rural Dean of Wilton and Vicar of St. Paul's. Other diocesan clergy in the congregation included the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards (general secretary), the Rev. H. W. Moule (Damerham) and the Rev. T. W. Page Phillips (Coombe Bissett).

Tea followed at Osmond's Cafe, and the branch chairman (Mr. E. G. Caple) presided over the subsequent business meeting, supported by the district secretary (Mr. F. W. Romaine), the general secretary, the Rev. N. E. W. Bradyll-Johnson and Mrs. Hibberd.

The Rev. Bradyll-Johnson assured the members of his sincere sympathy with ringers. He felt they were not getting the recognition they deserved, and there should be more social and spiritual fellowship and mutual support among the various phases of church life.

The balance sheet was presented by Mr. Romaine and showed an income of £14 8s. 6d., an expenditure of £11 6s. 9d. and a balance in hand of £3 1s. 9d., as against £2 0s. 6d. for the previous year.—The accounts were adopted on the proposition of Mr. Figgures, seconded by Mr. Chalk.

There were two nominations for the branch chairmanship, Mr. F. Wright proposing the re-election of Mr. E. G. Caple. This was seconded by Mr. M. J. Thompson, and Mr. R. Jewel proposed Mr. Figgures. Mr. Figgures, however, declined to stand, and Mr. Caple was unanimously re-elected.

**ONCE DEAD, NOW MUCH ALIVE.**

Mr. F. W. Romaine was re-elected branch secretary and treasurer, and, in thanking the members for re-electing him, mentioned that he had held office since 1923. At that time the branch was completely dead, no meetings having been held for many years. The branch was very much alive to-day, and with the active support of the members would continue so.

Two of the three retiring Ringing Masters, Messrs. L. Harris and W. Roberts, were re-elected. Mr. F. C. Smith did not seek re-election, and Mr. J. Figgures was selected in his place.

The committee as now constituted comprises Messrs. Norton, Figgures, F. Wright and the Rev. R. S. Smith and Mrs. Hibberd.

The Rev. T. W. Page-Phillips was elected an hon. life member, and Mr. B. Churchill (shortly leaving for Egypt) a life ringing member. Mr. John J. Bailey was elected a performing member, attached to Damerham tower.

Quarterly meetings for 1939 will be at St. Martin's, Donhead and Hindon, on dates to be arranged by the secretary. St. Martin's meeting is to be held when the treble bell, shortly to be provided, has been installed, and Mrs. Hibberd very kindly announced that she would invite the branch to tea for that meeting.

There was considerable discussion on the subject of practice meetings, Mr. J. Figgures remarking that the quarterly meetings afforded little opportunity for young learners to receive instruction. He, therefore, suggested that monthly practice meetings be held throughout the branch, each tower being taken in turn, provided the ringers required assistance in learning change ringing.

Eventually a resolution was carried that the secretary should write the correspondents of the various towers, stating that practice meetings would be held on Saturday afternoons and evenings and that those bands requiring assistance and instruction should inform the secretary and the towers would be visited in rotation.

The Rev. H. W. Moule (Damerham) stated that the secretary need not trouble to write to him, as he promptly accepted there and then, and his ringers would welcome instruction at any time.

Mr. F. Wright (Dinton) said his ringers also would be pleased to have instruction, provided they could be given a date in the winter, as practice was difficult to arrange during the summer months, owing to agricultural activities.

**'THE PEACE BELL.'**

The general secretary (the Rev. F. L. Edwards) expressed his great pleasure at seeing so much young blood among the members, and congratulated the branch on its healthy position, its energetic secretary and the 50 per cent. increase in the balance in hand. He wished the general funds of the Guild could boast of a similar increase. He went on to say, 'In the course of his address, the Vicar of St. Thomas' referred to the observance, warmly commended by the Bishop of this diocese, of the ringing of the "Peace Bell" at noon each day, as a daily call to prayer for peace in these troubled and anxious times. I may say this custom has been observed in my parish since the days of the Great War; I realise, of course, that this duty would fall upon few of you ringers, unless you happen to be sexton in your parish, but I feel the ringing of a bell at noon each day to be a valuable witness as a call to prayer for peace and as a reminder to all who hear it to stand still for a moment and pray for the peace of the

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL.**

The annual supper of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 14th, and was, as usual, entirely successful. About 70 members and friends, including a large proportion of ladies, were present.

The supper was preceded by ringing at Heston Parish Church, the methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

The supper, excellently arranged by the local caterer, was presided over by the Vicar of Heston (the Rev. G. Craggs), supported by the Rev. Preb. Cole Sheane, M.A., B.D. (Vicar of Twickenham and president of the association), Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president), the Rev. A. W. Slade (curate at Heston), and the officers of the association.

Following the toast of 'The King,' Preb. Cole Sheane proposed 'The Middlesex Association,' which he described as a model to all associations, and stressed its advantages to ringers, having its headquarters in London, the ringing centre of the world.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, in replying for the association, emphasised that its strength lay not so much in itself as in the strength of the local bands, and he made several suggestions as to keeping this strength up, based upon his experience. He mentioned how at Hillingdon they had, at one time, inserted a notice in the local paper stating that they were giving an exhibition of change ringing and inviting the public to attend. Some did attend, and this resulted in nine or ten recruits, for whom they arranged a special practice night, and in the end obtained about three ringers from these, which he supposed was about the average. Mr. Goodfellow also stressed the advantages of annual outings in keeping a band together, and appealed for better support of the association meetings by individual members.

Mr. J. Herbert proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Supper Committee, which was carried by acclamation, and to this Mr. H. C. Chandler, of Heston, replied.

At the social which followed, Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow and W. H. Coles proved energetic and enterprising M.C.'s. The programme opened to the tunes of the 'Lambeth Walk' and 'Chestnut Tree,' by gramophone and amplifier, kindly provided by Mr. Norman. The first item was a 'surprise' and turned out to be a performance by Toni and his dogs, whose clever acting brought great applause. Party games were much enjoyed, and these were interspersed with dancing. A darts competition was won by Mr. H. Cooper (Heston) for gentleman with a score of 92, and by Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne (Thames Ditton) for the ladies, with a score of 77.

The handball competition between Ealing and Hillingdon was won by the latter, who were presented with the 'cup' by the Vicar. They have now won it three times in succession. The blindfold dressing competition was won by Miss E. Bedford, and an item, 'Selling the gee-gee,' with a touching commentary by Mr. W. H. Coles, caused much entertainment. A tongue twister bee, on the lines of the recent B.C. effort, was very successful and entertaining, the Misses Bedford and Lidbetter scoring 11 points each, Mr. E. C. S. Turner acted as 'announcer,' and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and J. E. L. Cockey as judges. A tombola resulted in a large basket of fruit being won by one of the lady helpers and a large cake by Mr. R. W. Darvill.

Tea and coffee were served during the evening, and at 11.15 the proceedings closed with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.' The association is greatly indebted to Mr. H. C. Chandler, the Heston company, and the M.C.'s for their untiring efforts to make the gathering the success it was.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

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world. I may add, some years ago there was a resolution by the Guild that this practice should be encouraged throughout the diocese: in our parish we raise and toll a bell, and then ring the Angelus. I remember some years ago when I was in Egypt, as I was standing on the quay at Port Said, the bell of the Franciscan Church there rang for the Angelus, and I could not help feeling impressed with this witness to the Christian religion in a country of Arabs and Moslems.'

The Rev. L. Edwards also referred to the passing away of the first Master of the Salisbury Guild, the Rev. A. Du B. Hill. The Guild was formed in 1884 and the Rev. Hill lived until a few weeks ago, when he passed away, at the age of 87. To within three years of his death he was still teaching change ringing in Hertfordshire; his was a grand record. 'And we have here to-day,' said the Rev. L. Edwards, 'another link with the past in the person of Mr. W. Foot, the oldest performing member of the Salisbury Guild. Mr. Foot was present at that first meeting on September 14th, 1882, when the Guild was formed, and was still a ringing member at Berwick St. John. A quarter-peal was rung on October 8th last, Mr. Foot's 80th birthday, and he himself took part in that quarter-peal—truly another grand record.' Finally, Mr. Edwards proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Hayes for conducting the Guild service that day and for the use of St. Thomas' bells, and to the lady who so kindly presided at the organ and to the caterers.—This was seconded by the Rev. Page-Phillips and unanimously carried.

Before the meeting commenced, at the invitation of the chairman, the members stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute to the memory of two ringers who have died recently, Mr. W. Wright, of St. Thomas', and Mr. S. Kite, of St. Paul's.

## NOTICES.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 4th, at the Church of All Saints (10 bells, tenor 16 cwt.). Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing after. Business: Financial statement, annual report, election of officers, etc. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Walthamstow (St. Mary's) on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.—J. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, address by the Rector, Rev. Canon J. A. Lumb. Tea at Tiger's Head at 1s. 3d. per head. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting. Important business requires that every tower should be adequately represented on this occasion.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Annual meeting at Guildford on Saturday, February 4th. Cathedral bells (8) available 3 to 4 p.m. S. Nicolas' (10) from 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Ayers' Hall (next church).—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guildford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Sevenoaks (not Speldhurst, as previously arranged) is the place, and Saturday, February 4th the date of the first meeting of year. Please come and start the district on another successful year. Tower open at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Will those interested please look up Erin Triples and Duffield Major? Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North Midland Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—(Mrs.) A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Balderstone, on Saturday, February 4th. All ringers and friends welcome.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in St. Peter's Hall 5.15.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Ginton on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**COLESHILL, NEAR FARINGDON, BERKS.**—The re-dedication of the bells, rehung and augmented to six by R. White, of Appleton, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 3.30.—V. Jones, Colehill, Swindon, Wilts.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) ready from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and try your methods.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury, near Birmingham, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea, price 1s. Note: Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—Norman J. Goodman, Hon. Branch Secretary, 52, Lottie Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham 29.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hempstead.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Amport District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Amport on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. A. R. Wiltshire, The Lodge, Amport.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Theale, Berks, on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (gd.) 5 p.m.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec. and Treas., 128, Halls Road, Tilehurst.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ulverston, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall at 4.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Saxlingham on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea (free) at the kind invitation of the branch chairman, Mr. W. L. Duffield, in the Church Hall. Meeting follows. Special business: Election of officers for 1939. Special method, 'Checkenham Major.'—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

**LANCS ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church at 5.30.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Penistone Church (bells 8) on Saturday, Feb. 4th. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. each) at a local café, for which please notify.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—First meeting of year (Feb. 4th). Royston. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All members and friends welcome.—R. T. Newman, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lafayette, Salisbury Road, Baldock.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Service ringing, Feb. 5th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10 a.m. Practices, St. Clement Danes, Feb. 13th and 27th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary, Lambeth, Feb. 28th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings—February: Southwark Cathedral, 7th; St. Clement Danes, 9th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 14th; St. Magnus', 16th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 21st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 23rd; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 28th. \*Business meeting afterwards. All at 7.30, except St. Andrew's, 8 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Special practice at Cripplegate (12 bells) on Wednesday, February 8th, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, tea and business meeting following at the Duke's Head. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, as early as possible and not later than February 9th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District.—Meeting at Leyton Parish Church, Saturday, February 11th. (Leyton station, L.N.E.R., from Liverpool Street.) Nice

light peal of eight in a beautiful and historic church. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. R. Bren), for all those who notify Mr. C. A. Hughes, 92, Stanley Road, E.18, without fail by Saturday, February 4th.—I. R. Housden, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampton on Saturday, February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ebbw Vale on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, 94, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at East Grinstead (8) on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15 p.m., by kind invitation of the President of the Guild (the Rev. Dr. G. Golding-Bird). Business meeting to follow. All are very welcome, but please notify not later than first post Wednesday, Feb. 8th, if tea is required.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—The annual meeting will be held (n.v.) at Chatteris on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., and please advise Mr. A. J. Abrams if you ARE coming. Bells available 2.30 p.m., methods up to London Minor. If attendance at this meeting is not better than of late the amalgamation with Wisbech and Ely branches will be advised. Suggestions, advice, members all welcomed.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring teas please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 8th. Buses: Barnsley to Fitzwilliam (Pioneer) 10 minutes past even hour direct. Barnsley to Ryhill via *White House* 10 minutes' walk from the church. A hearty welcome to all.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Coleshill, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Boston, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea in the Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 7th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The Burton District will hold its first meeting of the year at Newhall on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tea and meeting in Church Room at 4.45 p.m. Any visitors will be welcomed, and it is hoped all members will make a special effort to be present. Please notify me re tea by Wednesday, Feb. 8th.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock. Please send number requiring tea to me by Wednesday, Feb. 8th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Davenham on Saturday, Feb. 11th. All ringers are welcome. Will those requiring tea, kindly provided by the Rector, please notify me on or before Feb. 9th?—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Harworth (6), near Bawtry, on Feb. 11th. Rounds to Surprise. All ringers welcome. Please send me a card for tea. — R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The monthly meeting of this branch will be held at St. Francis Xavier's, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. The tower will be open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting to follow. There will be further ringing in the evening. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amphill Road, Liverpool 17.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Walmer on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., tea following (1s. per head). Please send your names for tea to Mr. F. A. Rye, 6, Castle Road, Walmer, near Deal, not later than Thursday, February 9th. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due, and may be paid to me at this meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting Feb. 11th. Ringing, St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30 to 3.30; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 2.30 to 3.30; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. (New Service Book). Tea, Perdy's Restaurant, 5 p.m. Business meeting, Parish Room, 7.30 p.m., followed by handbell competition. Names for this and tea as soon as possible to T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W. 20.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—South Midland District.—A meeting will be held at Staverton (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Service 4.15. Names for tea should be sent to Mrs. Powell, Staverton Vicarage, Daventry, by previous Wednesday.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The adjourned annual meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, Feb. 11th, not on Feb. 4th, as first arranged. Service at 4.30. Tea, 1s. each, at Messrs. Lane's Café at 5 o'clock.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton (8 bells) on Saturday, February 11th. Tower open 3 o'clock. A good attendance will be much appreciated.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Stoke Goldington, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ring up 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Blunsdon on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Light six. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, Feb. 11th. By kind permission of the Provost, the bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 4.30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Business meeting, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business, will be held in the belfry at 4 o'clock, and for the convenience of those who care to attend earlier, handbells will be provided. All ringers welcome.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available all the afternoon. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please notify for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Service, 5 p.m., at St. Mary's Church. Tea, 1s. per head, at St. Mary's Church House, Chain Street, followed by meeting. Ringing at St. Peter's, Caversham, St. Mary's and St. Laurence's during afternoon, 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please let me know by Wednesday, Feb. 8th, how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come and let us have a good company.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Stinchcombe, near Dursley, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. The peal of 10 bells will be available from 3 till 5, and after tea. A special business meeting will take place following the tea at the Old Palace. Members who do not send their notifications to me by Wednesday, Feb. 15th, must be prepared to make their own arrangements for tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

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**LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Benhilton on Wednesday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea, 5.30, at the Rendezvous Café, Sutton Green. Ringing again in the evening. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. H. Randall, 7 Bushey Road, Sutton, by Monday, Feb. 13th.—I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting of this district will be held at Colwall on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service in St. Crispen's Chapel 4.45 p.m. Tea in Parish Room 5.15 p.m., to be followed by annual business meeting. All ringers welcome. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, 15th?—A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Exminster on Feb. 18th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Visiting Kenton after tea. Motor coach leaves Paul St. Park, Exeter, at 2.45. Seats 1s. 6d. each. Bands and visitors kindly notify me by Feb. 11th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Bentley (bells 8) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Service in Church at 4.30, followed by the meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible? — J. R. Sparling, Dis. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Ruardean on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. in Church Room. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Feb. 15th. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

**SIGN OF APPROACHING SPRING,** meeting at Bushey, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open from 3.30 till 8.30. Herts Association.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

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