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HANDBELL RINGING.

A notable result of the late war was a great development in handbell ringing. During several years there had been a marked tendency in that direction, and it is pretty certain that, had there been no war at all, handbell ringing would ultimately have reached the stage it is in now; but it would have taken a longer time. When the war came with its restrictions on tower bell ringing, and especially when total silence was imposed on church steeples, the active and enthusiastic members of the Exercise were almost compelled to turn their attention to handbell ringing, and so the progress which would have been made in the belfry was made on handbells. During the years of the ban handbell ringing, both in the number of peals rung and in the quantity and variety of the methods practised, reached a much higher level than ever before and probably it will be a long time before it will reach it again.

Although it has never had so wide or so strong an appeal as tower bell ringing, handbell ringing has always had a fascination for an important section of the Exercise and is never likely to lose its charm for those who have once experienced it. The story of its development is an interesting and instructive one. From the early days of the nineteenth century when the Sheffield men rang peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, until near the close of the same century, when the Cambridge University Guild rang Double Norwich Major, the only methods practised were Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Grandsire, and Stedman, and the last was almost entirely confined to a handful of clever London men. Many peals were rung in London and other parts of the country (some of them as far back as the seventeenth century), but they were lapped. That was a form of ringing at one time very popular, but now almost obsolete, in which the bells themselves were passed from hand to hand. By this means peals in various methods up to Stedman Cinques and Double Norwich Maximus were accomplished, but in those days ringing on bells 'retained in hand' other than in the four standard methods would have been thought impossible, and indeed was so. To-day peals have been

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ring, not only in a surprisingly large number of Minor methods and in Surprise Major methods both singly and spliced, but also in a large number of Major methods with which the ringers had previously had no practical acquaintance whatever.

The difference is a striking one. If a hundred years ago men like John Cox and Henry Haley had been told that bands would be found in the future who could not only ring peals of Superlative and London Surprise double handed, but could also ring peals in methods they had never practised and had hardly looked at until just before the peal, they would have answered with a flat and contemptuous denial probably expressed in forcible language. These men knew quite well that such things were beyond their capacity, and they could not imagine any others being able to do them. Yet they have been done.

What then? Are we to conclude that our present day ringers are all that much the cleverer than the men of olden times? That would be flattery which defeated itself by its own extravagance. There is no doubt that the average ringer of to-day is superior to the average ringer of the past, but it is by no means certain that the best of modern ringers are any better than the best of bygone times. What has happened is that a great deal more is known now about the theoretical side of change ringing, especially of the construction and structure of methods, and at the same time modern education has enabled men to apply this knowledge (often unconsciously) to their practical ringing.

The first handbell peals of Superlative and London and Bristol Surprise Major were only achieved after long practice and patient endeavour by men who added to their experience on handbells of the simpler methods, the knowledge they had gained in the belfry of the general structure of the more complex. The later tendency has been to rely much more on the construction of the method (as expressed in the position of the places) and much less on the work which the individual bells have to do. This tendency has naturally been most marked in the handbell ringing at the two universities and finds its logical outcome in the system of handbell ringing described in our columns a fortnight ago by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, in which the need for any knowledge of the work of the individual bells is entirely eliminated.

How far such a system in its stark nakedness has been put into operation we do not know. The best of the handbell ringers use a system based on the traditional style modified and extended to a greater or less extent by knowledge of the position of places. The tendency is certainly in the direction indicated by Mr. Woodhouse, and it is completely changing the essential nature of handbell ringing. This development is inevitable, but whether it is all good is a question to be asked. Much good there is, but it may be that a heavy price will have to be paid for it in other things.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 8000 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLWAY 1	Treble	JAMES F. HARVEY 7
THOMAS H. REEVES 2		GEORGE E. FEARN 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3		HENRY H. FEARN 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 4		JOHN S. MASON 10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5		FRANK E. HAYNES 11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6		JOHN PINFOLD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 11, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	† ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	* FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 7
LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 8
* WALTER C. ROSE ... 4	REGINALD A. REED ... 9
REGINALD W. REX ... 5	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARRY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON 1	Treble	RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 2		WILLIAM LEWIS 7
ALLEN MORGAN 3		RALPH W. SAYERS 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4		THOMAS W. LEWIS 9
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5		GEORGE AMBLER Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
Half-muffled for Mrs. E. P. Thomas.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. GEORGE TURNER 1	Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY 5
* EILEFN H. BASTOW ... 2		FRANK RHODES 6
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 3		WILLIAM AMBLER 7
CLIFFORD ELLISON ... 4		SAM LONGBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.
* First peal in the method.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 1	Treble	* MISS LUCY MOTTISHAW ... 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2		HARRY BARNES 6
* MISS LAURA MOTTISHAW 3		HAROLD DENMAN 7
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 4		ERNEST SHORT Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by W. E. CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Major.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF DEXTER'S.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*MISS FREDA M. POOLE <i>Treble</i>	ALEC. A. WALKER 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	*WILLIAM E. TURNER 6
*HERBERT W. PEARCE 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG 7
WALTER H. POOLE 4	WALTER E. PRIDDLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

* First peal in the method.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT J. ELDRID 5
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 2	WILLIAM J. LEE 6
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY 4	ARTHUR W. BIRD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HESKETH <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. HESKETH 5
MISS JULIA M. PRESTON 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
FREDK. S. ALMOND 4	ARTHUR LINTOTT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDK. S. SUTTON <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 6
*THOMAS PRICE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
GEORGE A. PACKER 4	FREDERICK PRICE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. MORGAN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* 50th peal.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD <i>Treble</i>	F. BERNARD DITCHER 5
J. EDWARD CAWSEY 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 3	*HERBERT E. TAYLOR 7
JOHN R. BREARLEY 4	JOHN E. TURLEY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS HEMMING 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by Wm. B. CARTWRIGHT.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES <i>Treble</i>	ERIC B. HARTLEY 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW 6
HENRY HODGETTS 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 4
GEORGE DAVIS 2	JOHN D. WORSEY 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON 3	LESLIE EVANS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE DAVIS.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent Treble Bob.
 Tenor 12½ cwt.

EVEREST FORD <i>Treble</i>	JAMES W. GROUNDS 4
JOHN R. LUNHAM 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 5
JOHN BOOTH 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE GARDNER <i>Treble</i>	HUBERT G. SUMMER 4
JOHN W. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE 5
*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD 3	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor. First on the bells.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*ARTHUR SNAPE <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD HOLDSWORTH 4
MISS MARY ELKINS 2	JOCELYN B. GARDINER 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	ALAN J. BROWN <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
 AT 3, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	*CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ... 5-6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3-4	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal in the method.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

On Sun., Apr. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
 AT SWAN STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*A. C. RIPPINGALE 1-2	R. CATERWELL 5-6
R. SUCKLING 3-4	R. RIPPINGALE 7-8

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

* First peal of Major in hand.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
 AT 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

*PETER J. STANFORTH 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	FRANK MEASURES 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Caters in hand.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 15, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Three Minutes,
 AT 15, PRIORY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.	
MISS MARY ELKINS 1-2	ALAN J. BROWN 3-4
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5-6	

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The official journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

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All communications for this journal should be addressed to:—The Editor,
 'The Ringing World,'
 c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd.,
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Members of the Middlesex County Association should note that the meeting to-morrow is at Feltham, not at Hounslow as previously advertised.

The Guild of Clerical Ringers will hold its annual gathering next week in the neighbourhood of Kettering. Peals will be attempted at Burton Latimer and Market Harborough on Tuesday and Wednesday, and visits will be paid to several other towers.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

April 21st, 1821. James R. Haworth born. He died in 1912 at the age of 91.

April 22nd, 1889. At Cheltenham, 15,227 Grandsire Caters. 1922. At Appleton, 21,363 Stedman Caters, the record length for any number of bells.

April 25th, 1834. James Pettit born. He died in the same year as Haworth.

April 26th, 1864. Mr. E. Denison Taylor born. 1894. At Norwich, 11,200 Bob Major on handbells.

April 27th, 1861. At St. Michael's, Cornhill, the College Youths rang 8,580 Stedman Cinques.

1868. At Bethnal Green, the College Youths rang 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major.

1901. At Old Windsor, Wraysbury and Staines, a peal of each Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major by the same band.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT AMESBURY.

A meeting of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Amesbury on March 30th, was attended by fifty ringers from Wilton, Hindon, Shrewton, Wylde, Codford, Britford, Salisbury, Breamore, Damerham, Amesbury, Warminster, Urchfont, Devizes, Steeple Ashton, Longbridge Deverill, Bristol and Bath.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Beckingham, and at the meeting the secretary welcomed the ringers from Codford, which tower was entering the Guild for the first time. In an outline of future policy it was mentioned that monthly practice meetings were to be held to assist less fortunate towers, and the first will be at East Knoyle on April 27th.

The methods rung were rounds, Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SUTTON-IN-THE-ISLE.

A meeting of the Ely Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Sutton on April 6th, when some 25 members and friends attended from Chatteris, Ely, Chippenham, Exning, Newmarket, Terrington St. John and Sutton. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

The Vicar took the chair at the business meeting, at which Mr. Claud Gimbert was appointed district secretary in place of Mr. Bullen, and the Rev. — Pelloe and Mr. A. J. Abrams were elected to the general committee. Long Stanton was selected as the place of the next meeting.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT NEWTON.

A meeting of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Newton St. Loe on April 13th. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. B. Russell, vice-chairman of the branch, assisted by Prebendary H. A. Barnett, chairman. The lesson was read by Mr. S. S. Woodburn.

Fifty-two persons sat down to tea, provided by Mrs Russell and helpers. Among them were visitors from Bristol, Clevedon, Dundry, Keynsham, Monkton Combe, Steeple Ashton and Pensford. In the evening there was ringing at Corston. The methods ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

RINGING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am writing to tell you that the response to my suggestion re ringers from England coming to Durban has been very good. I have had 14 replies so far.

In case there are others who are thinking of coming to South Africa, it may be of interest to state that the S.A. Government requires a repatriation deposit from everyone coming into the country, so that it is necessary to have sufficient capital to cover the fare out, repatriation deposit, and living expenses while employment is sought. There is an organisation, the 1820 Memorial Settlers' Association, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2, whose objects are to advise intending settlers in South Africa of living conditions and prospects of employment. The association is approved by the S.A. Government, and is run on a voluntary basis by means of subscriptions—chiefly raised in South Africa, I believe. On request they will furnish a brochure which gives details of conditions, sport, climate, etc.

Durban has a healthy climate. As in all South Africa, there is so much sunshine that people tend to get out into the open air more than in England. Perhaps this accounts for poor attendances in the belfry, as swimming, tennis, etc., and other sports are great attractions.

I hope there will be some who will come to Durban and make the acquaintance of a new country. The influence of some English ringers would make all the difference in the progress of the art here. To obtain employment with any department of the S.A. Government it is necessary to have reached a certain standard in Afrikaans (not a very high one), and a three years residence in South Africa is also required.

The main difficulty in connection with ringing in this country is to get a band which will turn up regularly for practice. People are very keen at first, but the interest is not maintained. At St. Paul's it has not been possible to do more than a plain course of Grandsire Minor and a plain course of Grandsire Doubles—and this after twelve months.

P.O. Box 1496, Durban.

C. CHAMBERS.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MR. W. DAVIES.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, held at Aston on April 6th, included a memorial service for Mr. William Davies, late the local ringing master. After the service in church, which was attended by Mrs. Davies and about 80 members and friends, a casket containing Mr. Davies' ashes was interred in the churchyard at the foot of the belfry stairs, and a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by practically the same band as took part in the half-muffled peal on April 2nd.

The business meeting was presided over by the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, who paid tribute to the excellent qualities of Mr. Davies. The following new members were elected: Messrs. John Freeman, of Lincoln; R. G. Edwards, of Birkenhead; J. E. Cawser, of Braithwell, near Rotherham; A. V. Davis, Miss M. Davis and Mrs. F. John Marshalsay, of Bournemouth; Messrs. W. F. Judge, R. A. Post, W. C. Porter and F. A. Wilkins, of Oxford; S. Taylor and C. W. Martin, of Cheltenham; T. W. Sheppard, of Coventry; G. H. Garrett, of Handsworth; W. H. Hayes, E. Hewlett, T. Chambers, J. W. Smith and D. E. Smith, of Knowle; H. V. Cooper, of Amblecote; S. G. Thompson and S. Thompson, of Wollaston; E. H. Hill, of Colehill; H. Yardley and W. Allen, of Aston. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Solihull and the bi-quarterly at Colehill.

HANDBELL RINGING IN BERLIN

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is with regret I read in your issue of April 5th that a set of handbells was to be presented to two German boys in Berlin for tune ringing. Many ringers like myself must feel that at this stage handbells so valuable in teaching change ringing would be far better kept in England. The knowledge of how the Germans treated church bells of many nations in the two wars is poor recommendation. Kent suffered heavily with the destruction of churches and church buildings, and many of our talented ringers were wiped out with bombs and shells from the Germans. Sacrifice has been made and will have to be made for years to come.

I belong to the Canterbury District and it is very pleasing to see the youth of Kent coming forward to fill up the gaps caused by the war, many of them quite boys and girls, but showing a talent worthy of England. Some bellries have handbells. Some for want of the necessary money for repair are in a state of decay which makes them unattractive. But here is the channel for ringers to support before sending a present of handbells to Berlin for entertainment.

CHARLES TURNER, Captain, St. Mary's Ringers, Dover.

INSCRIPTIONS WITH A SMILE

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Apropos of Mr. Fidler's instances of local sayings about church bells, there is an example of genuine Dorset in this neighbourhood. Fifehead bells ask, 'Who'll help use?' Todber bells reply, 'We two.'

Kington Magna Rectory.

F. LI. EDWARDS.

BALL BEARINGS VERSUS PLAIN.*To the Editor*

Dear Sir,—Ball bearings, like electric organ blowers, will surely grow in favour. One thing they do, and that is test the ability of any ringer. Many may be good and experienced tenor ringers—often their reputation grows because they are in the happy position to be able to select good ringers for the little bells in their peal ringing efforts, and we judge much from such weekly records—but can those same men go straight from a big bell to a little one and control it from the start? Some can, and those I know who can do so I count as good ringers. Frequently I have seen cases of gymnastics or heard bad ringing when this has been done, and the blame generally put upon the ball bearings.

There is something else. The clergy are exhorted to take more interest in ringing, and are often expected to ring for service. Also, ringers attend service, sing in the choir and serve at the altar. One should want to come from the tower not unduly warm, for it is uncomfortable to 'cool off' during a service. If the bells are on ball bearings they will go well all the year round, and the grease will not be frozen in cold weather, and there can be no complaints (genuine or otherwise) against the steeplekeeper.

The type of boy and girl coming into our belfries to-day, and there is much able and excellent material about, must not be put off by heavy going bells (as Mr. Poole says there are still plenty about), for they are eager to go on to the more captivating things in ringing. For light or heavy bells, and for service or peal ringing I prefer ball bearings, and I believe most do. A. S. ROBERTS.

The Parsonage, Carbis Bay.

Dear Sir,—It is evident that with an oscillating tower and frame, plain bearings cannot retain their alignment. Now we have self-aligning ball bearings, so why not self-aligning plain ones? This could easily be done by allowing the bushes to move inside the plumber blocks like a ball joint, at the same time not allowing them to turn by a groove and pin method. This idea may not be new in bell-hanging, although I have never seen it put into practice; perhaps it will be considered by our bellfounders. To conclude, I would like to say how much I appreciate 'The Ringing World' here in Burma. It certainly brings me a little nearer home. J. G. GIPSON, Sgt.
100 Indian Mobile W/S Company, S.E.A.C.

Dear Sir,—Surely the argument of plain versus ball bearings can be summed up in the fact that variety is the spice of life—and ringing. One of the greatest delights of the Exercise seems to be the amount of variety that can be obtained. Everyone has his own opinion, that is only natural, but it would be a very poor world indeed if everyone thought the same.

Surely Laughton realised this when he wrote the lines that seem to answer this question and many others besides:—

'I think it is a foolish thing,
In men that take delight to ring,
To rail at all variety.'

PETER D. WENHAM.

Parsons Barracks, Aldershot.

ALL SAINTS', LEICESTER.

The old ring of five bells at All Saints', Leicester, has been restored and rehung in an iron and steel frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who have added a treble. Repairs and improvements have been made to the tower and belfry.

On Sunday, April 14th, the bells were dedicated by Bishop J. J. Willis, Assistant Bishop of Leicester, and after the dedication a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260) was rung by Mavis Whitehead treble, Ernest Morris (conductor) 2, Charles Cattell 3, Alan Cattell 4, Edward R. Whitehead 5, Arthur Cattell tenor.

BY ERNEST MORRIS, F.H.Hist.S., F.R.G.S.

The bells of All Saints' are very ancient. The tenor was originally cast by Johannes de Stafford, who was thrice Mayor of Leicester (1366, 1370 and 1381). The second bell is mediæval, while the other three are from the Newcombe foundry which was situated in All Saints' parish. They are dated 1586, 1595, 1611. Here dwelt the Newcombes, whose bells are still to be found in churches all over the Midlands.

Beneath the tower is the slab (now stripped of its brasses) of the first of this illustrious line, dating from 1506. For this reason All Saints' is referred to as 'The Bellfounders' Church' and it is significant that the first John William Taylor of the world-famed foundry at Loughborough was here married in 1852.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The first peal of Double Norwich Caters in London was called at St. Clement Danes' by Mr. Garrard, not at St. Mary Abbot's. It was the Rev. Bankes James' 5,093. Garrard called quite a number of peals in the early years of the century, sometimes 5,093 by Bankes James and sometimes 5,004 by F. Dench. I believe the handstroke is safe if the 6th is kept in fifths, and only the 5th or 6th is in fifths in the titmums. HENRY G. MILES.
31, Aldersley Road, W.6.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE HINTON.

The death is announced of Mr. George Hinton, a member of the Worcester Cathedral band, which occurred on April 7th at the age of 52. He was the fourth generation of a family of ringers and had taken part in about 70 peals, ringing from Minor to Cinques.

The funeral service on April 11th at Worcester Cathedral was conducted by the Ringers' Warden, the Rev. Peter Taylor, the Dean reading the lesson. The members of the Cathedral Guild present were Messrs. D. R. Morris (Master), T. W. Lewis (Deputy Master), G. Ambler, H. Bentley, D. R. Sayers, P. Blissett, W. Lewis and I. Hill. Also present were Messrs. S. T. Holt (Ringing Master of Worcester-shire and Districts Association), A. Morgan (Claines), F. Giles (St. John's) and F. A. Rea (Kempsey). At the graveside a course of Grandire Triples was rung on handbells by D. R. Morris, J. J. Jeffries, T. W. Lewis and S. T. Holt. The bells of the Cathedral were rung half-muffled on Friday evening.

BROADCAST RINGING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have thought recently that some of your correspondents have been rather foolish, when they demanded 10 minutes or so when their ringing is broadcast by the B.B.C.

Mr. T. Groombridge deals with the real 'bone of contention.' What is important is that we get uninterrupted ringing; the announcer holding forth during the ringing is an insult in my opinion.

The bells are consecrated as part of the church, and when they are ringing the service has started. Let us make no mistake about that. Announcing should be done before the service commences, and this point should be stressed to the B.B.C. by someone for the Central Council. W. A. COLLES.

61, Hayes End Drive, Hayes, Middlesex.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MEETING AT THORNE.

A meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at Thorne on March 30th, at which about thirty members were present. At the business meeting the arrangements for the outing to the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on August 17th, were discussed. The methods rung included Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandire, Oxford Bob, Stedman and Erin Triples and Plain Bob, Kent, Little Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MEETING AT EASTWOOD.

At a meeting of the Barnsley and District Society, held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on April 13th, about 30 members were present from Barnby Don, Bawtry, Cawthorne, Felkirk, Handsworth, Rawmarsh, Rotherham Parish, Wentworth and the local tower. Four new members were elected, Messrs. R. Bailey, E. Beachall, P. Broadhead, of Darton, and Mr. Measures, of Eastwood.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at East Ardsley, near Wakefield, on May 18th.

QUARTER PEALS.

EXETER.—On Sunday, March 30th, at St. David's, 1,260 Grandire Triples: David Gill 1, A. W. Searle 2, A. Gording 3, H. Spicer 4, W. S. Lethbridge (conductor) 5, W. Howe 6, H. Butt 7, W. G. Burrows 8.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Miss O. Landon 1, Miss H. Landon 2, Miss E. Mance 3, A. Meadowcroft 4, W. J. Barrett (conductor) 5, H. Glynn 6.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss M. Monk 1, F. J. Cress 2, R. W. E. Dawe 3, H. S. James 4, B. Heasman 5, R. C. Hide 6, W. J. Coppard (conductor) 7, T. W. Woolston 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. John the Divine on April 2nd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: H. Norman 1, S. Harrison 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, F. E. Wilson 4, C. R. Hill 5, J. Bramley 6, G. A. O'Hife (conductor) 7, J. Deacon 8.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandire): R. W. Lawrence 1, J. Shatford 2, B. F. Lumbers 3, Miss M. J. Lawrence 4, G. W. Clarke (conductor) 5, H. Cooper 6. Half-muffled for W. Law.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: B. T. Lister 1, F. H. Hicks 2, F. V. Sinkins 3, Miss M. Pemberton 4, Miss J. M. Broomfield 5, W. Birmingham 6, R. C. Noon (conductor) 7, E. H. Preston 8. Half-muffled for Bishop Elliot.

BATH.—At St. Michael's on April 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Hahlett 1, S. J. T. Shellock 2, Miss N. Williams 3, W. J. Prescott 4, W. Brown 5, T. K. King 6, G. J. Hawkins (conductor) 7, H. Andrews 8.

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NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Eltham, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service, 4.30. Sideup (6) in evening.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Annual, St. Albans, Saturday, April 27th. Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. Michael's bells 2.30 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea at Waterend Barn 5.30 p.m., 2s., followed by business.—G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Stafford, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service with address by the Archdeacon of Stafford at 4.45. Tea at 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern District.—Great Bardfield (8), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—H. A. Pratt.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual, Guildford, April 27th. Service, S. Nicolas', 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting S. Nicolas' Hall, Millmead Terrace, 5.15.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual, Warwick, April 27th, St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m. Committee, 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business in vestry 6 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual, Boyne Hill, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—A. D. Baxter, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Feltham (not Hounslow), April 27th, 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tea can be obtained at nearby cafes.—J. E. L. Cockey.

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Evershot with Rampisham (6), Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. H. Lathey.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Cary Branch.—Queen Camel (6), April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Upchurch (6), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock, followed by business in Schoolroom. Cups of tea provided.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

SCOTTISH ASSN.—Annual, St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, April 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Hall.—E. A. Stafford.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Weekley (6), Saturday, April 27th.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Annual, Lincoln, Saturday, April 27th. Cathedral bells 2 p.m. and after tea, St. Giles' 3.45 p.m., St. Peter-at-Gowts from 2 p.m. Service, Morning Chapel, 3.15 p.m. Tea at St. Giles' Parish Hall 5 p.m., followed by business.—F. W. Stokes.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Shedfield and Wickham, Saturday, April 27th, both towers, 2.30. Service, Shedfield Parish Church, 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at Shedfield.—R. J. Stone, 16, Penhale Road, Portsmouth.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Fishlake (6), April 27th. Names for tea (1s.) to W. E. Critchley, 61, Church Road, Stainforth, nr. Doncaster. Buses direct to Fishlake from Christ Church, Doncaster, 2.15 and 4.15 p.m. Committee 3.30.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Rotherwick (6), April 27th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, in Village Hall.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Yattendon (6), Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Cullompton (10), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Heathfield (8), Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District.—Limpsfield Chart, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—Alfred Gear.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.—Weekly practices recommence on Tuesday, April 30th, now that seventh has been recast and rehung.—G. E. Symonds, 57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, May 1st, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, May 4th, 2 p.m. Tea at the Tudor Restaurant at 5 p.m. (1s. 6d.) to all who send names in before May 1st to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport.—W. H. Shuker, T. Wilson.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Penistone (8), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Cards to Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, for tea (1s. 9d.) 4.30 p.m., at Fieldsend's Cafe, by May 1st.—H. O. Chaddock.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, May 4th, 2.30. Business in belfry 5.30 p.m. No tea, Cafes nearby.—T. Groombridge, jun.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Clive (6), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—E. D. Poole.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Annual general, Leeds, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (12) at the Parish Church 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names to G. Robinson, 32, Heathfield, Adel, Leeds 6, by May 1st. Business afterwards. Reports available.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Watford District.—Bushey Heath (8), May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by May 1st.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Wollaston, Saturday, May 4th. Service 4.15. Names for tea wanted early.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthingborough, near Wellingborough.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Silk Willoughby (6), Saturday, May 4th, 2 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business in School. Names by April 30th to Mr. J. H. Musson, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford.—C. T. H. Bradley.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Ilchester Branch.—South Petherton (8), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice, Finchampstead (6 bells), Saturday, May 4th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

ESSEX ASSN.—North-Eastern Division.—Wivenhoe (6), Saturday, May 4th. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea in Church Hall. Names for tea must reach me by April 29th.—L. Wright, Park Farm Cottages, Shimpling, Bury St. Edmunds.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring (8), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Tea, 2s., for those notifying Mr. J. H. Masters, 27, Burns Avenue West, Houghton-le-Spring, by May 2nd.—Frank Ainsley.

HEREFORD GUILD. — Bromyard District. — Practice, Bromyard, Saturday, May 4th, 5.30 to 8.30. — A. S. Tomkins.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division. — Practice, Ardingly, Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Practice, Fordingbridge (8), 2.30 to 4.30, and Ringwood (8), evening, Saturday, May 4th. Tea at Ringwood, 5.30 p.m. Names to W. E. Cheater, 43, Addison Square, Ringwood, by Thursday, May 2nd.—Arthur V. Davis.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Longstanton (8), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Athol, Sutton, Ely.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch. — St. Peter's, Scorton, Saturday, May 4th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Notify Mr. R. Davis, The Square, Scorton.—H. Parkinson.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Fairfield, Buxton, Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde.

OXFORD GUILD. — Bicester Branch.—Annual, Launton (6), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—Holy Nativity, Knowle (8), May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 6.30 p.m., Green Lantern, Wells Road. Names by May 1st.—C. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2.

CHESTER GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Upton Wirral (5), Saturday, May 4th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Harry S. Brocklebank, 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Sydling, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.30. Names to M. M. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Marham (6), Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (provided).—W. Buckenham, Marham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot (8), Saturday, May 4th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 30th. — A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. (Phone 3121.)

LEICESTER GUILD. — Annual general, Leicester, May 4th. St. Margaret's (12) noon to 4 p.m. Cathedral (12) 2 to 4 p.m. St. John's (10), St. Saviour's (8), Belgrave (8), All Saints' (6) 2 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 4.15 p.m. Tea, meeting and social, Lancaster Hall, 5 p.m. Tickets for tea to be obtained by April 30th. — H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch. — Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, May 4th, 2.30. Tea (1s. 6d.) at Tudor Cafe. Names to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, before May 1st. Emmanuel bells also available.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

WORCESTERSHIRE. — Northern. — Bewdley, Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Leek (10), Saturday, May 4th. For tea, notify Mr. E. Sharratt, Fairholme, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs, by April 30th.

CHESTER GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Hoole (6), Chester, Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by May 2nd.—J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Annual, St. Augustine's, Kilburn (Kilburn Park Station), May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Other ringing arrangements later.—E. C. S. Turner.

DEVON GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — Brampford Speke, May 11th. Service 4.30. Arrangements for tea at meeting. Numbers for tea by May 6th. — W. H. Howe, 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District. — Writtle, May 11th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Numbers for tea by May 8th.—H. W. Shadrack, 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual, Wootton (6), near Woodstock, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30. Service 3.15 p.m. Names for tea by May 4th. — H. C. Farmer, Standlake, near Witney, Oxon.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District. — Wickham-breaux, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. For tea, notify Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickham-breaux, Canterbury, by May 8th.—B. J. Luck.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Annual general, Brighton, May 11th. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', afternoon and evening. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30. Names for tea by May 8th to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill. Allowances: Tea 1s. 3d., rail fare 2s. 6d., resident members.—S. E. Armstrong.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Guildford District.—Pirbright, Saturday, May 11th. Service 4.30. Tea for those who send notice to Major H. J. Cann, The Ridgeway, Sheets Heath, Brookwood, by May 7th.—A. C. Hazelden.

NORWICH ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Somerton, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 7th to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—All Saints', Poplar (10), Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Further ringing: Poplar 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and Christ Church, Manchester Road, Isle of Dogs, 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

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