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CHANGE RINGING AND THE PUBLIC

It is difficult for ringers to understand it, but it is a fact that ordinary persons, however sympathetic, cannot listen with pleasure to change ringing for more than two or three minutes whether it be on the wireless or on handbells in church or concert room. When the changes come from the church steeple the passer-by has no need to listen and usually does not do so except casually. It follows therefore that any exhibition ringing which is intended to be listened to ought to be as short as possible if it is to have the greatest effect on the hearers and not to cause boredom instead of pleasure. This is a point which needs careful attention, but there is the further fact that the vast majority of ringing is not intended to be listened to. It is intended to be heard, but men can hear and take pleasure in hearing many sounds that they do not listen to, and of nothing is this truer than of bell ringing. That the sound of church bells can cause pleasure to most unlikely persons and can stimulate their emotions and express their deepest feelings is a truth which has been proved during many years and indeed centuries. It is not so, of course, with all men, nor in its highest form with any men except on rare occasions. But that it does happen is one of the principal reasons why there are church bells at all.

There is nothing more characteristic of English life as it has come down through the ages than the sound of village bells heard across the fields in the quiet of the evening, and the same charm can be produced by the bells among crowded and even sordid streets. Here, from the point of view of the general public, is the excuse and justification of long ringing and peal ringing. Ringers ring peals and quarter peals because they enjoy ringing them. They are entitled to do so and we should be the last to blame them for it. They value the ringing according to the method, but the public knows little and cares less about anything except the general impression the sound of the bells makes.

How shall we best describe that impression? Perhaps the best way would be to say that the sound makes a pleasant and fitting background to other things, to thoughts, and acts, and emotions, which have nothing to do with bells or bell ringing. It may not be very flattering to ringers' vanity to admit it, but it is quite true to say that at its highest their art fulfils the role that a good wallpaper does in a well furnished room—it forms a suitable background for the display of pictures and

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furniture, and is all the more effective when it is unobtrusive and practically unnoticed.

The qualities in bell music which produce the best effect on the outside public are regularity, rhythm, and what would be monotony if the hearers had to listen at all attentively. Much that the ringer values has no outside effect at all and some of it is actually harmful. Ringers naturally will always prefer what suits their own interests, but there is really no reason why they should not take delight in those methods which best give what suits the outside public. Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royal give a better outside effect than Cambridge Royal, and if it is objected that Cambridge Royal is more interesting to ring, the answer is that there are methods for ten bells almost as effective outside as Grandsire and Treble Bob, and more interesting to ring than Cambridge Royal.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... 10
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MISS M. L. LYON ... Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 7
JOHN FREEMAN ... 2	JOHN WALDEN ... 8
*KENNETH S. B. CROFT 3	HERBERT LOWMAN ... 9
RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 4	H. LESLIE PASK ... 10
JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 11
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 6	*ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 9
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 4	RICHARD A. POST ... 10
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLEBOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

JOHN THORPE Treble	*J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 7
*NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 2	*JACK F. HODSON ... 8
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 3	*JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 9
*LEONARD TREVOR ... 4	*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 10
*HARRY MORGAN ... 5	*ERNEST A. THORPE ... 11
*ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Little Bob Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*THOMAS T. YEOMANS ... Treble	*ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 2	*FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ... 7
*THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 3	*LEONARD DERRICK ... 8
EDWIN J. RIDLER ... 4	*NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 9
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 5	*EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Royal.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY F. HOLDING ... Treble	*THOMAS LAMB ... 6
*THOMAS PRICE ... 2	†WILLIAM TYLER ... 7
*E. DENNIS POOLE ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 8
*FREDERICK PRICE ... 4	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 9
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble	*R. GORDON CROSS ... 6
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 8
OLIVER SIPPETS ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 9
FREDERICK PAGE ... 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HAROLD A. NOBLES ... Treble	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 6
*ROBERT E. TURNER ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
JOHN H. HUNT ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Cambridge.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.	TOM WILDE ... 5
ALFRED BARNES ... Treble	FREDK. R. WILLIAMS ... 6
WILLIAM PYE ... 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 7
THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 3	RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor
PETER LAFLIN ... 4	

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

STANLEY EVANS ... Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	STANLEY A. DOBBIE ... 6
BETTY SPICE ... 3	JOHN E. SPICE ... 7
GEORGE KENWARD ... 4	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

C. ERNEST SMITHTreble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 5
C. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	WILLIAM T. BFESON ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

LESLIE TREMEERTreble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
FREDERICK PRECEY ... 2	*FREDERICK C. SMITH ... 6
FRANK HARRIS ... 3	WILLIAM T. THEOBALD... 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... 4	REGINALD A. REED ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

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

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. A. RIDDINGTON ...Treble	*DENNIS H. DALBY ... 5
*GEORGE B. DEACON ... 2	LESLIE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7
*ARTHUR PATRICK ... 4	ERNEST J. JELLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by CHAS. MARSHALL.

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

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

VERNON J. BENNING ...Treble	*DENIS N. LAYTON ... 5
*MONICA J. RICHARDSON ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON... 6
*RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 3	ERIC A. DENCH ... 7
*FRANCES EDGAR ... 4	ALAN F. THIRST ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal in the method.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REGINALD S. COOK ...Treble	ANGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 2	EDWIN J. UPTON ... 6
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 3	HERBERT GATES ... 7
DR. J. STEDMAN POOLE... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WASHBROOK'S No. 1.		
BETTY SPICETreble	*E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... 5	
GEORGE H. SPICE ... 2	GEORGE KENWARD ... 6	
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 3	JOHN E. SPICE ... 7	
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 4	GEORGE WOOD ... Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

LONDON.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,880 changes of London, 768 Bristol, 736 Superlative and 704 Cambridge, with 111 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ...Treble	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	JOHN E. SPICE ... 6
*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 7
BETTY SPICE ... 4	*FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8280 CHANGES;

*REV. J. E. TREDENNICK Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN... 5
ROBERT W. BARBER ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 7
*CEDRIC CURSON ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

GEORGE M. KILBY ...Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
*ALAN F. THIRST ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,944 London, 640 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative, with 112 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
MRS. CECIL W. PIPE ... 2	CECIL W. PIPE ... 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal of Spliced by all.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY LIMBERTTreble	BERNARD C. ASHFORD ... 5
JOSEPH H. COX ... 2	CYRIL TABERNER ... 6
THOMAS GREENHALL ... 3	JOHN GOODMAN ... 7
THOMAS TOWNSEND ... 4	HARRY HUBBLE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LINGOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ALLEN MORGANTreble	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 5
*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 2	*DENIS R. MORRIS ... 6
*GEORGE F. LARGE ... 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4	*WM. B. CARTWRIGHT... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal in the method.

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ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED <i>Treble</i> ...	2	GEOFFREY DODDS ...	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	6
*F. STEDMAN POOLE ...	3	FRANK A. G. THURLOW ...	7
STANLEY E. DARMON ...	4	REV. E. HAYNES ...	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. R. GODDARD ...	<i>Treble</i>	T. A. GOODEY ...	3
H. G. GODDARD ...	2	E. J. BAXTER ...	4
D. G. MAYELL ...	Tenor		

Conducted by T. A. GOODEY.

First peal by all.

BRITFORD, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

LESLIE A. PAGE ...	<i>Treble</i>	*FREDERICK C. SMITH ...	4
FREDERICK PRECEY ...	2	FRANK HARRIS ...	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ...	3	LEONARD HARRIS ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HARRIS.

* First peal of Minor.

SEFTON, LANCs

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores each of Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ...	<i>Treble</i>	ROBERT GUY ...	3
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ...	2	GEORGE SKELLAND ...	4

WILLIAM H. DEACON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. DEACON.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one of Oxford Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 13 cwt.

PHILIP J. COWARD ...	<i>Treble</i>	ERIC A. DENCH ...	4
JOHN THOMAS ...	2	NATHAN PATMORE ...	5
MRS. J. THOMAS ...	3	BARNARD PATMORE ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*THOMAS J. HILL ...	<i>Treble</i>	*REGINALD WELCH ...	4
REGINALD BEALE ...	2	*FREDERICK WELCH ...	5
*ALBERT H. DRAYTON ...	3	*THOMAS R. VICKERY ...	Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

SELIM GOODSWEN ...	<i>Treble</i>	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ...	4
HERBERT C. BOGGIS ...	2	REGINALD H. DRANE ...	5
LIONEL A. LESTER ...	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	Tenor

Conducted by H. C. BOGGIS.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

LESLIE RIPPINGALE ...	<i>Treble</i>	ERNEST BROWN ...	4
RONALD SUCKLING ...	2	SIMON DACE ...	5
A. CHARLES RIPPINGALE ...	3	REGINALD A. RIPPINGALE	Tenor

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Canterbury, eight six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALLAN F. KIRKMAN ...	<i>Treble</i>	MISS M. J. LAWRENCE ...	3
JOHN SHATFORD ...	2	*BERTRAM F. LUMBERS ...	4

BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal 'inside.'

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

J. EDWARD CAWSEY ...	<i>Treble</i>	*NORMAN CHADDOCK ...	4
ARTHUR FIRTH ...	2	F. BERNARD DITCHER ...	5
*JOHN R. BREARLEY ...	3	JOHN E. TURLEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT 'TREWOOD,'

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, College, Childwall, Wavertree and Plain Bob.

MRS. J. BRAY ...	1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ...	3-4
JACK BRAY ...	5-6		

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT 2, FLINT COTTAGES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BETTY SPICE ...	1-2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	5-6
JOHN E. SPICE ...	3-4	WILLIAM SPICE ...	7-8

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS ...	1-2	ERIC A. DENCH ...	5-6
JOHN THOMAS ...	3-4	*M. WILLIAM H. GRAY ...	7-8

Composed by T. J. ATTWATER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. H. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS ...	1-2	ERIC A. DENCH ...	5-6
JOHN THOMAS ...	3-4	PHILIP J. COWARD ...	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

Witness: Mr. W. H. Lawrence.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT PORTERS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RONALD SUCKLING ...	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	5-6
ERNEST PYE ...	3-4	REGINALD A. RIPPINGALE ...	7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH 1-2	MRS J. THOMAS 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	JOHN THOMAS 7-8

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
In St. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 5-6
MARY E. DAVIS 3-4	BRUCE B. ROGERS 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At 12, PARK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
FRANK E. HAYNES 3-4	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7-8

*RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal of Royal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The following handbell peals were rung at 26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford:—

On Thurs., Apr. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 1-2	*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4	†CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8

Composed by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method on handbells. † 450th peal.

On Sat., Apr. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*MRS. E. A. BARNETT ... 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method.

On Sun., Apr. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	EDWIN BARNETT 7-8

Composed and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

On Sun., Apr. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 7-8

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First handbell peal of Oxford.

On Tues., Apr. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDWIN BARNETT 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	*JAMES E. BAILEY 7-8

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First handbell peal of Triples.

On Wed., Apr. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

In THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF St. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
BETTY SPICE 3-4	EDWIN BARNETT 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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Yarmouth, and not to the Editor.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild meeting arranged for Hornchurch on
May 11th has been postponed until May 18th.

On Sunday evening, April 14th, at Luton Parish Church, Mr. L. A.
Goodenough, on behalf of the local band, presented Mr. Alfred King
with an umbrella in recognition of his services during 45 years as
secretary to the company.

The bells of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, will be broadcast in the
West of England service on Sunday next, May 5th, at approximately
7.45 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

April 28th, 1800. The Cumberlands rang 10,112 Oxford Treble Bob
Major at Edmonton.

1890. First peal by the Cambridge University Guild.

1923. Mr. Harold Poole called 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major at
Stoney Stanton. The record length.

April 30th, 1927. At Ipswich, the first peal of Superlative Surprise
Maximus.

May 2nd, 1715. At St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, 'That most in-
comparable peal called Grandsir Bob Triples, being the third whole
peal that they have rung, but the first whole peal that ever was rung
to the truth by any ringers whatsoever.'

May 5th. At Painswick, 12,312 Grandsire Caters.

MR. ALBERT WALKER.

To-day Mr. Albert Walker reaches his seventieth birthday. He
was born in Birmingham on May 3rd, 1876, but he learnt to ring
when living at Taunton, and there at St. Mary's he rang his first
peal, one of Grandsire Triples, on February 1st, 1896. He afterwards
returned to Birmingham, and, except for a short time when he was
in London, he has ever since been associated with St. Martin's belfry.
He was Deputy Ringing Master of the Guild from 1904 to 1909 and
again from 1921 to 1935. In 1936 he was appointed vice-president,
and he now holds the office of Master. In 1910 he was Junior Steward
of the Society of College Youths. Since 1932 he has been a honorary
member of the Central Council.

Mr. Walker has had a distinguished ringing career and has taken
part in no fewer than 363 peals on twelve bells. Some of them were
notable performances. They included the first peal at Exeter (Sted-
man Cinques, which he called) and the first peal of Maximus thero.
He rang 34 and called on handbells the only peal of Stedman Sex-
tuples ever rung.

RAIN AND PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is a belief at Guildford that peal ringing at Holy
Trinity Cathedral Church is more enjoyable if there is a heavy fall
of rain the night before. It is argued that rain consolidates the
tower and makes the 'go' of the bells run smoother.

Is this a general experience in the Exercise? I once heard a ringer
remark that the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields would 'go' better
if a fire engine played on the tower the night before!

Guildford.

T. W. WHITE.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOLDSMITH COMMEMORATION DINNER SUGGESTED

A company of 120 ringers and friends attended the Guildford Guild annual meeting on Saturday, when the Rev. F. A. Woodard presided. The annual report, prepared by Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary), opened with the following quotation (the author of which is unknown):—

The bells of earth go sounding on
From many an ancient steeple,
Telling their tale of joy and woe
To all our waiting people.

The tale of the bells of 1945, stated the report, was truthfully one of triumph, jubilation and thanksgiving. Never before have they told for a greater number of people such a tale of intense joy as they did in the month of May, 1945. . . . The officers were glad to note from the ringing at district meetings that there had been a marked improvement in the standard of striking since the last report, although this does not mean that there is any room for instructors and tower captains to allow any slackness.

Fifty-two peals were rung during 1945, seven of them in connection with peace celebrations. These peals were rung in 17 towers and 12 ringers scored their first peal and one his first as conductor. The bulk of the peal ringing was done by a comparatively small circle of ringers, and the list of conductors was very limited indeed. They hoped that many of the younger generation who were now being welcomed as recruits would receive the necessary encouragement from all concerned to ensure that they become really accomplished additions to the ranks of peal ringers.

Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) reported a balance of £47 on the Guild Fund, £73 on the Benevolent Fund, £45 on the Cathedral Bells Fund and £40 on the Goldsmith Memorial Fund.

Regarding the proposal of the Guild to give a sanctus bell to the new Guildford Cathedral as a memorial to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. G. L. Grover said the original cost of the bell delivered at Guildford was £41 10s., but the bell founders would now require £61 15s. The Executive Committee thought that a tablet should be provided recording the services of Mr. Goldsmith as founder of 'The Ringing World' and first secretary of the Guildford Guild. This would increase the cost to £75. He appealed to individuals and towers to contribute towards the outstanding balance. The diocesan authorities were prepared to store the bell in the crypt of the Cathedral until the bell turret was ready.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden said the bell would probably be erected in a little turret in the Lady Chapel. It was felt that there should be a tablet in the chapel. The meeting authorised the Executive Committee placing the order.

'RINGING WORLD' AND J. S. GOLDSMITH.

Arising from the appointment of Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Grover and A. Harman as Central Council representatives, Mr. R. Whittington expressed the hope that they would see that incorporated in the front page heading of 'The Ringing World' should be the words, 'Founded by J. S. Goldsmith.'

Mr. A. H. Pulling said he believed a suggestion to that effect was made by Mr. Walker at the last meeting of the Central Council and most of them were expecting to see it introduced.

Mr. Hazelden said he had received a letter from Mr. Fletcher stating that it had been decided to insert a note on the centre page of the paper that 'This paper was founded by J. S. Goldsmith.'

A number of members thought that the appropriate place was the front page heading, and the delegates were accordingly instructed to press for this alteration.

GOLDSMITH COMMEMORATION DINNER?

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne moved that the annual dinner of the Guild when revived should be known as the Goldsmith Commemoration Dinner. His name should be perpetuated in the same way as Jasper Snowden's, argued Mr. Hawthorne. 'This Guild was started mainly by the hard work of John Goldsmith, and a commemorative dinner would be attended by ringers from far and near.'

The Secretary said the Executive had come to the conclusion that it was not a practical proposition to hold a dinner at Guildford in these days. A ringers' dinner would not be a success with tickets at 15s. or £1 each.

Mr. W. A. Dollimore thought that instead of a Goldsmith Commemoration Dinner they should, when rationing permitted, hold the Guild dinner and have a toast to the immortal memory of John S. Goldsmith.

Mr. Hawthorne moved that a special committee should be appointed to see if such a commemoration dinner was possible.

Mr. T. W. White urged that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee. At the Norwich Central Council meeting their representatives would be able to ascertain whether there was a desire on the part of the Exercise to hold a commemoration dinner.

An amendment by Mr. Dollimore that the matter be reconsidered when food rationing permitted was carried.

GUILD FORM OF SERVICE.

Upon the suggestion of the Master (Mr. A. Harman), the Vicar of Leatherhead had prepared a new form of service for use at Guild services. This had been submitted to the Bishop of Guildford and also to the Rural Deans Conference, who had approved of the arrangement. It was suggested printing four or five alternative psalms, a

number of hymns and the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Sir Sydney Nicholson had also been consulted by the Bishop and he had suggested that the psalms should be printed with the pointing of the Parish Psalter. If ringers went to village churches and sang the psalms to such pointing, it would become better known and eventually adopted in many more churches.

Mr. T. W. White thought that the present time was inopportune to print new service papers or papers with such a choice of hymns and psalms. It was doubtful whether the suggested hymns would meet with the approval of incumbents generally. Most of them preferred to have their own hymns and books were invariably available. It was quite possible that the cost of the suggested Service papers would be £15 to £20.

Mr. C. W. Denyer also took the view that the printing of such a form would be costly and said there was still a shortage of paper.

It was decided to leave the matter to the Executive Committee and they were empowered to spend up to £15 or £20.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected. A visit to the grave of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith has been arranged for June 1st, and the summer festival was fixed for July 6th at Ewell.

HANDBELL RINGING IN GERMANY.

MR. HARRISON REPLIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The war has finished and, thank God, all its horrors, and while we must not forget the bitter things of the past, every one of us has a task to perform to help to wipe out for all time those things that make for war. Above all comes the re-education of Germany. I had this in mind when first taking the bells over there last October. It provided something new to occupy their minds and to take away military thinking. During my stay there I kept them in close contact with the church, the boys attending the English services with me regularly.

Unfortunately my stay was not long enough to do justice to change ringing instruction. However, those things that I first set out to accomplish were achieved. During my travels up and down this country I have come across dozens of sets of handbells in usable condition lying idle, and I think that many will agree that sooner than have a peal of bells lying in the dust doing nothing through lack of interest, it would be putting them to a useful purpose in sending them to Berlin. As regards ringing for entertainment, that is a weak argument. Whilst at Berlin we entertained the sick and also added our contribution to the carol service at Christmas.

The powers that were in Germany during the destruction of church bells, as Mr. Turner speaks of, were responsible for that outrage, not the individual.

Let Mr. Turner read the Bible and give the Germans a chance to seek God and let the earth be filled with the knowledge of His love. Jesus said, 'Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.'

S. HARRISON.

73, Hopefield Road, Leicester.

CATERS WITHOUT A COVERING BELL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I wonder whether any of your readers recollect the controversy of 1901, for no one has made mention of it in the recent correspondence.

On July 18th of that year a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Witney, Oxon., during which the intense heat overcame the tenorman. He revived after taking some fresh air, and 600 changes later resumed his task and completed the peal. A similar incident occurred on August 5th during a peal of Grandsire Caters at Appleton, when the tenorman was absent for one hour and twenty minutes before being able to take his rope again.

Both the above peals were published, and drew some criticism, with the result that they were both withdrawn by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. Charles R. Lilley respectively. If two men of such high standing in the Exercise, before the Central Council had even formulated rules in regard to covering bells, deemed their performances unworthy of permanent record, should we, nearly fifty years later, accept the peal recently rung at Basingstoke? The latter was intentionally rung without a covering bell, whilst the earlier performances in each case accidentally lost their covering bells for part only of the peal, and thus deserved more considerate treatment.

If the Basingstoke peal be allowed to stand, then, sir, our art surely is not progressing but retrogressing, judged by the standards accepted in 1901.

W. BIRMINGHAM.

6, Cranbourne Road, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Cambridge District of the Ely Diocesan Association, held at Trumpington on April 13th, was attended by members and friends from Cambridge, Chesterton, Epsom, Long Stanton, Newmarket, Over, Sawston, Sudbury, Great Shelford, Stapleford, Tempsford, Trumpington and Willingham. Owing to the indisposition of the Vicar, the usual ringers' service was not held. Tea at the Green Man was followed by a short business meeting, at which Mr. T. R. Dennis presided. The methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise Minor.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

At the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at Minehead on Easter Monday, members were present from towers in the Deaneries of Axbridge, Bath, Bridgwater, Cary, Chew, Crowkerne, Dunster, Frome, Ilchester and Taunton, and the Glastonbury Jurisdiction, with visitors from Bristol and Shrewsbury. Service was conducted by Preb. A. J. Hook, Master of the association, and the address was given by the Vicar, Preb. G. E. Knapp-Fisher.

Lunch at the Pier Hotel was attended by about 70 persons and was followed by the business meeting, at which Preb. A. J. Hook took the chair.

In the course of his opening address the President said that it had struck him that the Exercise since the lifting of the ban had made a wonderful recovery. There was now great activity in all parts of the country, as was shown by the number of peals and quarter-peals recorded week by week in 'The Ringing World.' Meetings had been held regularly in most of the deaneries in the diocese and at those he had attended—he had been to a good many of them—there had almost always been that spirit of good comradeship and fellowship which was vital for the well-being of the association. Dunster Deanery meetings had been outstanding for the surprisingly large attendances of ringers, even when the meetings had been held in remote places.

'The Ringing World' was, he thought, doing a very good service by constantly reminding them of what was the true vocation of ringers. They ought not to look at ringing simply as a pleasant bodily exercise, nor solely as a means of working out and perfecting performances of new and exciting methods, though all that was both lawful and good. The fundamental reason for the ringing of church bells was to recall people to their primary duty as Christians, which was the worship of God. By their example outside the belfry, therefore, ringers should show the general public that they were not inviting them to do something which they would not do themselves. In connection with this side of ringing, the saying of the belfry prayer before ringing was a good reminder, and this was not often forgotten.

Practice meetings had been held regularly over a great part of the diocese and there had been some useful co-operation on their eastern border with the Salisbury Guild. Branches mentioned as being particularly active and enthusiastic were Axbridge, Chew, Cary, Bath and Dunster, the average attendance at meetings of the last named during 1945 being 59. The report recorded that Mr. C. Evans, after 21 years of faithful service, had resigned the secretaryship of the Bridgwater branch, and as a token of their regard a presentation had been made to him by his fellow members.

The association had, apart from sums in the hands of local secretaries, a balance at the bank of £140 10s., and investments amounting to £171.

The officers were re-elected: Master, Preb. Hook; hon. secretary, Mr. J. T. Dyke; auditor, Mr. F. Andrews; advisory experts, Major J. H. B. Hesse and Mr. W. A. Osborn.

Mr. Dyke, acknowledging his re-election, recalled that it was at a meeting at Minehead 21 years ago that he was appointed the secretary. At the instance of the chairman, it was agreed that a message be sent to Major Hesse, who had been ill, conveying their condolence and the hope that he would soon be able to ring again.

Some discussion arose on a proposition by Mr. Rickards, which Mr. J. E. Metcalfe seconded, that the annual subscription of members be increased from 1s. to 1s. 6d. The suggestion had been made at the previous committee meeting, as was recorded in the report, that an increase was advisable in view of increased expenses, and, in particular, the considerably advanced cost of printing the association handbook which it was desired to have done.

Mr. G. Stacey (hon. secretary, Dunster Deanery Branch), alluding to the association's credit balance, said he did not see the point of hoarding up money, and, feeling that the raising of the subscription might cause the association to lose a good many of its older members, he proposed (to test the feeling of the meeting) that the subscription remain as it was.

Mr. Dyke, who had always been, as he stated, one of the most opposed to raising the subscription, and had been proud of the fact that this association was the only one in the country that was running on 1s. a year subscription, gave reasons why an increase was advisable, and, although one or two other suggestions for augmenting the association's funds were forthcoming during the discussion, the proposal for the 6d. increase when put to the vote was carried with only one or two dissentients.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**MEETING AT BALCOMBE.**

Despite a county meeting a few miles away, the gathering of the East Grinstead and District Guild at Balcombe on April 13th attracted 36 ringers from Ardingly, Balcombe, Bromley Common, Buxted, Croydon, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Leigh, Paddock Wood, Rotherfield, Tunbridge Wells, Uckfield, Wadhurst and Withyham.

The methods ranged from rounds to Surprise Minor, and included two attempts for London, which just failed to come home. It was announced that the Sussex County Association had agreed to change the Eastern Division meetings to the last Saturday in the month.

It was decided to hold meetings at Buxted on May 11th and Chiddington on July 13th, and to omit the usual June meeting.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Norwich on Easter Monday. During the day there was ringing at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael Coslany, and St. John de Sepulchre. At the service in Mancroft Church the Bishop of Norwich preached for the first time at an association service since his appointment to the See four years ago. Seventy persons were present at the lunch in the Samson and Hercules. They came from Norwich, Muibarton, Long Stratton, Wighton, Scottow, Ranworth, South Walsham, Palgrave, Yaxley, New Buckenham, Garboldisham, Dickleburgh, Winfarthing, Diss, Redenhall, Great Yarmouth, King's Lynn, Gorleston, East Dereham, Wroxham, Wymondham, Paston, Coventry, Buxton, Carbrooke, Swaffham, Caston, Swindon, Rockland All Saints', Attleborough, Oxford, Caister-on-Sea and Loddon.

The Bishop took the chair at the business meeting. The rule No. 3 was amended to include the Ringing Master among the other officers.

The officers were elected as follows: President, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard; general secretary and treasurer, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; Standing Committee, two members from each branch were approved, North Norfolk, Mr. R. Curson and the Rev. G. W. Wilson; East Norfolk, Messrs. G. Fletcher and G. Walpole; South Norfolk, Messrs. E. G. Bennett and F. W. Munnings; West Norfolk, Messrs. L. Houghton and G. Cooke; auditor, Mr. G. Burton.

The accounts showed a balance in hand at end of 1945 of £29 8s. 1d., as compared with £24 3s. 1d. at end of 1944. It was decided to increase the annual subscription from 2s. to 2s. 6d., subject to ratification by the 1947 general meeting.

A revised service form had been prepared by the Rev. W. G. Bridge and had been approved by the Bishop subject to certain modifications.

It was pointed out that during three years the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow had not received the usual honorarium of £10 10s. due to him annually as secretary. Mr. Thurlow said he hoped to have the bells of St. George's, Colegate, rehung and increased to six, and if the meeting wished him to accept the £31 10s. he would like it to be applied to the St. George's bell fund. This was agreed to, and members spoke warmly of the value which the bells would have in the district.

Great interest was taken in the forthcoming visit of the Central Council, and steps were decided on to make the visit as pleasant as possible. It was stated that the annual report would be out as soon as possible. The following members were elected (or ratified): Messrs. Christopher W. Woolley, hon. resident life member; W. Savage, Wroxham; R. Bower, Scottow; and W. Beck, South Walsham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

Some 200 ringers met at Ipswich on Easter Monday for the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild. Ringing took place at St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Matthew's, St. Clement's and St. Lawrence's. A well-attended service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower, conducted by the Rev. H. Drake, with Mr. James W. Jennings at the organ.

In his address the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich spoke of the loyal work being done by the ringers, who were a representative body of workers of both church and parish. He recalled how in 1940 the bells were rendered silent, and the public sadly missed their joyous peals, and how it gave him a thrill the first time they were rung again. Bells sometimes fell on deaf ears, but he hoped they would never cease, because they were a survival of years gone by, and if they were allowed to die out they might never return to preserve the character of Sunday.

Lunch was at the Regent Cinema Cafe, and at the business meeting which followed the Bishop was in the chair, supported by the Rev. H. Drake, the Rev. W. H. Trickett, the Rev. R. J. Brady, the Ringing Master (Mr. C. J. Sedgley) and the general secretary and treasurer (Mr. C. W. Pipe).

Mr. Pipe said that the Guild was recovering from the effects of the war, but a lot remained to be done. More young ringers should be found and trained, and he wanted to see the day when every church in Suffolk which had bells would also have its own team of ringers. Restoration of bells had commenced in the county.

The election of officers was as follows: The Bishop (president); the Very Rev. Provost J. L. White, the Rev. H. Drake and the Hon. Mrs. George Sandeman (vice-presidents); Mr. C. J. Sedgley (Ringing Master); Mr. C. W. Pipe (general secretary and treasurer); the Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. J. Sedgley and Mr. C. W. Pipe (Central Council representatives).

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT WHITTINGTON.**

A meeting of the Chesterfield Branch of the Derby and District Association was held at Old Whittington on April 13th, and was attended by ringers from Clay Cross, Heath, Chesterfield, Bolsover, North Wingfield, Treston, Staveley, Eckington and the local belfry. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. M. Crompton, who gave an address. The newly installed treble, which was hung in January of this year, met with the approval of all who heard it.

QUARTER PEALS.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Roome 1, Alan Partridge 2, J. Labbutt 3, H. Tyler 4, J. J. Partridge (conductor) 5.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, rung half-muffled for R. T. Hibbert: F. Smith 1, C. Bowsher 2, P. Trinder 3, V. Clifton 4, H. C. Farmer (conductor) 5, B. Townsend 6.

CHISLEHURST.—On April 6th, at St. Nicholas', 1,264 Bob Major: J. H. Hayward 1, A. F. Thirst (conductor) 2, Anne Dixon 3, Frances Edgar 4, P. M. J. Gray 5, R. F. B. Speed 6, D. N. Layton 7, A. M. Houghton 8.

ACTON.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. R. Judd 1, F. G. Robbins 2, J. C. Birt 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, A. Jones 5, F. A. Finch 6, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 7, A. Cutler 8.

AVENING, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Newman 1, C. Edmunds 2, G. Latham 3, S. C. Thain 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, A. Hayes 6.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Freeman 1, E. Smith 2, J. Cook 3, W. Wicks 4, E. Nash (conductor) 5, J. Hiscock 6, N. Tanner 7, J. Smith 8. In memoriam R. T. Hibbert.

WICKHAM MARKET.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,080 Bob Minor: A. Cuthbert 1, H. Vince 2, G. Berry 3, B. Cooper 4, G. Finch 5, J. Preatner (conductor) 6.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. T. Clarke 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, A. J. Wyatt 3, H. E. Causley 4, A. W. Hayward 5, D. H. Langdon 6, A. H. Reed 7, S. G. Coles (conductor) 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, April 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, L. P. Cook 2, W. Tate 3, H. A. Nobes 4, C. Philpotts 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. W. Burnett 8.

WESTBOURNE.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Hunt 1, L. P. Cook 2, Miss J. Humphrey 3, E. Treagus 4, P. R. Blackman 5, R. G. Blackman 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, H. F. Dunford 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On April 7th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Madey 1, W. J. Chester 2, R. H. Tyler 3, F. Price 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. W. Day 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, H. W. Else 5, D. P. Jones 6, D. C. Sears 7, L. Fidler (conductor) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Bullock 1, A. Reeves 2, Miss C. Chinery 3, J. Carrott 4, R. Stannard 5, J. Cornford 6, F. V. Gart (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

BLAKENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Chilton 1, S. Griffiths 2, A. D. Collins (conductor) 3, H. Boswell 4, E. Speare 5, T. Reynolds 6, T. G. Martin 7, R. Lunn 8.

WEXHAM, BUCKS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on handbells: J. B. Ford 1-2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3-4, R. Hartley 5-6.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On April 9th, 1,280 Bob Major: A. Elsey 1, W. Elsey 2, F. C. Roper 3, W. Musk 4, W. G. Saunders 5, C. J. More (conductor) 6, T. Ford 7, W. A. Lock 8. Half-muffled for Mr. A. E. Bowell.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. R. Jaycock 1, Miss M. Pemberton 2, Miss J. Hearn 3, Miss J. M. Broomfield 4, Miss F. D. Murkitt 5, G. H. Limmer 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, R. Pawling 8.

PAISLEY.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples and 720 Bob Minor: Ian Peacock 1, Alex Scott 2, Mrs. W. A. Caldwell 3, R. W. Clouston 4, R. J. G. Thorne 5, N. Sharpe 6, C. Barker (conductor) 7, Leslie Boumphrey 8.

MANCHESTER.—On April 10th, at the Town Hall, 1,344 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: Alfred Barnes 1, William Robinson 2, Frank Barraclough 3, C. Kenneth Lewis (conductor) 4, Miss Mary Elkins 5, Walter W. Wolstencroft 6, Alan J. Brown 7, Peter Laffin 8, Herbert Ludkin 9, Albert Ford 10, Richard Benson 11, John Worth 12.

EATON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On April 11th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Frederick R. Harris 1, George Davis (conductor) 2, Michael P. Moreton 3, Austin T. Wingate 4, Geoffrey Dodds 5, Leslie Evans 6.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On April 12th, at 44, Unlands Avenue, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on handbells: A. V. Pearson 1-2, H. Howell (conductor) 3-4, A. G. Newman 5-6.

STONEY STRATFORD.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples half-muffled for Mr. R. T. Hibbert: T. Trasler 1, F. Green 2, H. E. Edwards 3, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 4, J. Higgins 5, W. Dillow 6, J. Chance 7, H. Tompkins 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On April 12th at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Alfred Roberts 1, Robert Wimpenny 2, Ronald Edwards 3, Frank Hodge 4, Walter W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 5, John T. Walmsley 6.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, April 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Brywater 1, H. Richardson 2, H. Harding 3, A. Sinfield 4, W. J. Whitmore 5, C. M. Whitney 6, B. J. Stubbs (conductor) 7, S. G. Robinson 8.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, E. Lankester 3, F. G. Robbins 4, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 5, M. Hodgson 6, H. Kirby 7, A. Cutler 8.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Walter W. Warwick 1, James Wilson 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, Mrs. A. B. Williams 4, Robert W. Warwick 5, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 6, E. T. Sneller 7, F. Carter 8. In memoriam Richard T. Hibbert.

STAINES.—On Sunday, April 14th, at St. Peter's, 1,946 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Lancaster 1, W. Shepherd 2, W. A. Peck 3, W. C. Parker 4, E. J. Turner 5, W. A. Goldstone 6, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 7, E. W. Ryder 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, April 14th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. W. Bullock 1, T. H. Tafender (conductor) 2, E. L. Miles 3, J. W. Chapman 4, H. G. Andrews 5, J. Bullock 6, R. Sanders 7, S. Croft 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,440 Bob Minor on handbells: Norman V. Harding 1-2, Frank H. Hicks (conductor) 3-4, William Birmingham 5-6.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, G. Latham 2, F. Garland 3, E. Risbey 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, L. Cordwell 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Robinson 1, W. Daniells 2, A. Crane 3, H. Morris 4, S. Smith 5, R. Cadamy 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, H. Pearson 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, April 14th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Hunt 1, E. A. Jurd 2, S. E. Cook 3, F. W. Stomp 4, W. Tate 5, H. A. Nobes 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, C. Philpotts 8.

ALVERSTOCKE.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. L. Fry 1, E. Williams 2, C. Philpotts 3, E. A. Jurd 4, H. A. Nobes 5, F. G. Barron 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, P. Dickinson 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,344 Bob Major: William Bavin 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, L. W. Fisher 3, G. L. Perkins 4, F. Nicholls 5, A. W. T. Ginn 6, M. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

SEAFORD.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cole 1, W. J. Coppard 2, F. J. Crees 3, H. S. James 4, O. Wood 5, S. Foord 6, R. C. Hide (conductor) 7, W. Hurst 8.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, April 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds 1, W. Faiers 2, S. Smith 3, L. Pryke 4, F. Boreham 5, C. Woodcock 6, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 7, W. Jarvis 8.

STANMORE.—On April 18th, 1,296 Double Norwich: D. E. Cattell 1, J. Mayne 2, Mrs. P. Mayne 3, G. J. Leversuch 4, W. Nudds 5, W. Wenban 6, J. E. Roales 7, C. Mayne 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Latham 1, L. Barry 2, T. Pritchard 3, B. Latham 4, R. J. Thain 5, T. C. Witts (conductor) 6, W. Dean 7, R. Sharpe 8.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Collins 1, R. J. Webb 2, F. D. Rickards (conductor) 3, W. Dunkerton 4, H. Horler 5, G. Lawrence 6.

DUFFIELD.—On Sunday, April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Warrington 1, S. Dawson 2, F. W. Stone 3, H. Hill 4, H. Letts 5, W. Baker 6, G. Warrington, sen. (conductor) 7, W. Webster 8.

FISHLAKE, YORKS.—On Sunday, April 21st, 1,440 of Minor, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob: Leslie Woodhead 1, Roland Hirst 2, Frank Reed 3, Herbert Cooper 4, Frank Lamb 5, Ernest Padgett (conductor) 6.

TODDINGTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, April 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Kendal 1, J. C. Newman 2, J. Herbert 3, C. H. Harris 4, A. Sinfield 5, C. H. Harding 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, W. Bottrill (conductor) 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, April 21st, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Jones 1, L. Hansell 2, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 3, J. G. Blow 4, G. N. Blake 5, R. F. Ewer 6, W. J. Arnold 7, B. E. Cornell 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, April 21st, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. H. Walklate 1, A. B. Halsey 2, S. Farmer 3, A. E. Halsey 4, P. Kirk, sen. 5, F. Kirk, jun. (conductor) 6. Also 1,260 Bob Minor: C. T. Payne 1, A. B. Halsey 2, S. Farmer 3, A. E. Halsey 4, R. Bedford 5, F. Kirk, jun. (conductor) 6.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday, April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Walker 1, F. Wheeler 2, H. Taylor 3, N. J. Pryor 4, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 5, F. Whipp 6, E. C. Hughes 7, J. Belcher 8.

MINSTER SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John M. Watson 1, Peter C. W. Neal 2, Mrs. Mabel E. Parham 3, E. Geoffrey Beynon 4, Stanley M. Evans (conductor) 5, J. Garth Rooke 6.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Burt 1, G. Hutchinson 2, H. Higson 3, R. Clark 4, G. Pullinger 5, E. Wheeler 6, R. Burford (conductor) 7, W. Trill 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Caters: W. S. Langdon 1, E. R. Maekerril 2, T. H. Tafender 3, H. Langdon (conductor) 4, C. W. Hunt 5, A. B. Wiffen 6, W. J. Paice 7, H. Belcher 8, J. Bullock 9, J. H. Rumley 10.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Bavin 1, G. E. Crisp 2, M. Ginn 3, A. W. T. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Easter Day, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Bavin 1, G. Hibbins 2, G. E. Crisp 3, T. R. Dennis 4, A. W. T. Ginn 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, M. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On Easter Day, 1,344 Oxford Bob Triples: S. Childs 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, T. Bannister 3, F. Corke (conductor) 4, P. E. Jones 5, W. Honer 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

NOTICES.

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.

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

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Silk Willoughby (6), Saturday, May 4th, 2 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business in School.

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

ESSEX ASSN.—North-Eastern Division.—Wivenhoe (6), Saturday, May 4th. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea in Church Hall.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Whilton (6), Saturday, May 4th. Tea provided.—Miss H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Elveden, Saturday, May 11th, 2 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names to R. A. Wallis, 18, Bury Road, Mildenhall, Bury St. Edmunds.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Annual, St. Augustine, Kilburn, May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Willesden bells in the evening. Names for tea to E. M. Atkins, 18, Westbere Road, N.W.2. Phone Hampstead 4510.—E. C. S. Turner.

KENT ASSN.—Ashford District.—High Halden, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 8th to P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Chippenham and Swindon Branches.—Chippenham, May 11th. St. Paul's afternoon, St. Andrew's evening. Tea being arranged.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Buxted, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea in School 5 p.m. Notify Mr. E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted, by May 9th.—C. A. Bassett.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Maulden (6), Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Dronfield (8), May 11th, 3 p.m. Bring food.—Sam Scattergood.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Coleshill, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 for those who notify Mr. D. L. Hooper, Merevale, Blyth Road, Coleshill, by May 8th.—T. H. Reeves.

SELBY AND DISTRICT.—Eastrington, May 11th, 2 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to Mr. J. P. Powls, Rose Neath, Eastrington, by May 9th.—T. H. Foster.

BARNESLEY SOCIETY.—East Ardsley, near Wakefield, May 11th, 3 p.m. For teas notify Mr. E. Watson, 47, Bradford Road, East Ardsley, near Wakefield, by May 7th.—D. Smith.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Northern District.—Knebworth, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at Lytton Hall. Names for tea by May 9th to A. G. Crane, Parame, London Road, Knebworth.

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Swaffham, Saturday, May 11th. Service 4.30. Then business. Tea 5.30. Names to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—Ufford (8), May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Liverpool Branch. — St. Thomas, St. Helens (8), Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. R. Newton.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—St. Peter's, R.C., and St. John's, Lytham (6), Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—J. H. Foster.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Oswaldtwistle, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. — Charles W. Blakey, 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — I. of W. District. — Brighstone, I. of W., May 11th. Names for tea by May 8th to Mrs. A. M. Guy, Merrie Meads, Watergate Road, Newport, I. of W.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Shore, Littleborough, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea at Schoolroom. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Names to Mr. J. Lee, 9, Bk., William Street, Littleborough, by May 8th.—I. Kay.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Western District.—Apsley, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Names to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, by May 8th. — W. Ayre.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Naseby (5), Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—T. Loakes, Hollowell.

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Nether Alderley (6), May 11th, 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food. Names to Mr. R. Hayden, Sandon, Welsh Row, Nether Alderley, Cheshire, by May 4th.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Leyland Parish Church, May 11th, 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 8th to L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland.—F. Rigby.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice, Heversham (6), Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Hornchurch, May 18th, 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. J. Freestone, 108, Kenilworth Gardens, Hornchurch, Essex, by May 13th.—A. B. Peck.

NORTH NOTTS.—Anston (8), Saturday, May 18th. Tea, 1s. 6d., at Loyal Trooper, only for those who send names to Mr. H. Turner, 10, High Street, Anston, Sheffield, by May 11th.—H. Denman.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual, Appleton, Saturday, May 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names by May 14th to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Eastern Branch and Lincoln District. — Horncastle, Saturday, May 18th (not May 11th), 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Hodson, Old Bank Chambers, Horncastle, by May 14th.—W. E. Clarke and K. W. Mayer.

NORWICH ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Starston (6), Saturday, May 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Redenhall (8) after tea. Names for tea by May 12th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss.

LADIES' GUILD. — London District. — Meeting, Dagenham, May 18th, 3 p.m. Will members make special effort to attend? Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by May 11th to Mrs. E. E. Davies, 118, Parsfield Road, Balham, S.W. 12.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Epping (8), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 15th.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Norton Malton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells recently augmented to 8. Names for tea to Mr. H. Rowsby, Holmgarth, Park Road, Norton Malton, before May 16th.—Edward Hudson.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—South and West District. — Ruislip, Wednesday, May 22nd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13.

NAILSEA (SOM.). — Practice, Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. until September.

BIRTH.

TAYLOR. — On April 20th, at Shipley and Bingley Maternity Home, Shipley, to Joan, wife of Capt. E. J. Taylor, R.A.S.C., a brother for Philip.

FOR SALE.

SET of 10 Handbells by Robert Wells. Tenor 6½ in. diameter in E. Names inscribed on bells. Require overhaul. May be inspected.—Box No. 10, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey.

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PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Would you please withdraw the peal rung at Cheadle, Cheshire, on Saturday, December 17th, 1938, composed by J. S. Wilde, as the composition was false? My apologies to the band.

JAMES FERNLEY.

7, Vernon Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport.

DEATH OF MR. W. F. HILSHAW.

The death is announced of Mr. W. F. Hilshaw, of Idle, near Bradford, which occurred on April 10th at the age of 69 years.

Mr. Hilshaw was one of the original band which was formed at Idle when the bells were installed in 1914. He was not a prolific peal ringer, but a safe ringer in peal or touch in many Minor methods.

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DEATH OF MR. A. ALLEN.

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