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**LANCASHIRE TO-DAY**

For generations the country has been reminded of those singular traits of Lancashire character of presenting a line of thought and action which is ultimately nationally accepted. We trust this is correct in matters of bell-ringing. The annual report of the Lancashire Association to hand last month starts with this stimulating preamble: 'The first post-war year has brought many signs of encouragement. It is reported that branch meetings have been well attended; peal ringing is increasing, both in the number of peals rung and also in the variety of methods attempted.'

The strength of the association is significant with a total of 1,609, of whom 1,202 are resident ringing members. During the year the association has gained 69 new ringing members, 27 new non-resident members and two hon. life members, while 21 members have rejoined. Other associations have had a greater accession of members; Lancashire, quite rightly, has a qualification for membership in having rung 120 changes on tower or handbells, or covered 500 changes on tower bells and, while proof of ability is desirable, there are guilds which are not insistent upon such a regulation.

As to peal ringing, during the year reviewed 85 peals were rung, a substantial increase on the 50 rung during the previous year. Twenty members rang their first peal, 75 their first in another method, two their first on an inside bell, three their first as conductor and four their first in another method. Two peals received a special mention—that of Oxford Royal at Worsley, which contained nine members who rang their first peal in the method, and the peal of Double Norwich at Woolton, which was the 250th for Mr. Lester L. Gray. Of individual performers, the name of Mr. G. R. Newton, hon. secretary of the Liverpool Branch, is pre-eminent. On August 2nd he rang his 370th peal for the association, thus beating the record of Mr. Harry Chapman.

Lancashire believes in continuity in office. The last annual meeting was the 50th that Mr. W. H. Shuker, a joint hon. secretary, had attended, and he has held the secretarial pen since 1911. The outstanding figure in moulding the Lancashire Association together was Canon Else, of Bolton, who was president from 1890 until his death in 1936. The area of the association embraces the dioceses of Blackburn, Liverpool and Manchester and parts of Carlisle and Wakefield, and operates through eleven branches. Doubtless Lancashire ringers are watch-

ing closely the effect of the division into three of the old Midland Counties Association. No complaints have reached us that the association is unwieldy, but certainly on a population basis the area centrally administered by the joint secretaries and their committee seems formidable. The test of efficiency, after all, is progress.

### TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

MRS. PHYLLIS MAYNE <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	6
THOS. H. TAFFENDER ... 2	FRANK E. DARBY ...	7
*JOHN R. MAYNE ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ...	8
GEOFFREY LODDS ... 4	†HAROLD W. ROGERS ...	9
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal. In memoriam Capt. H. A. Ashbrook, R.E. (ret.), father of Mrs. O. L. Rogers.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PRITTELEWELL.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN E. FOWLER ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
*FRANK V. GANT ... 2	†GEOFFREY V. MURPHY...	7
*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ...	8
ERIC A. DENCH ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ...	9
ALAN WHITE ... 5	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.  
\* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fowler, parents of the treble-man.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY STALHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	R. CONGREVE PRIDGION	6
FREDERICK PAGE ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ...	7
ALBERT W. BOND ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ...	8
GEORGE W. CECIL ... 4	FRANK I. HAIRS ...	9
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	Tenor

Composed by W. PVE. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 14, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
*FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 2	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ...	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.  
\* First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Parker's Twelve-part. Groves' Variation. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FAITH M. CHILD ... <i>Treble</i>	*ALAN J. BUTLER ...	5
HERBERT A. MITCHELL... 2	*DENNIS H. EMERY ...	6
*BARBARA J. ADLAM ... 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ...	7
REV. REGINALD ROUGH... 4	PERCY A. HUNT ...	Tenor

\* First peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 21, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

RICHARD BENSON ... <i>Treble</i>	STEPHEN L. PARRY ...	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	ALBERT MORLEY ...	6
PETER CROOK ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ...	7
HARRY ANDERTON ... 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ...	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.  
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss S. A. Cheetham.

HOLYWOOD, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

WILLIAM PRATT ... <i>Treble</i>	*A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	5
JAMES RUSH ... 2	NAT SAVAGE ...	6
JAMES EDGAR ... 3	HARRY BROWN ...	7
JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 4	*JOSEPH SAVAGE ...	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. BROWN.  
\* First peal. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... <i>Treble</i>	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5
*HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	G. LEONARD HEWITT ...	6
*ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3	*GEORGE E. OLIVER ...	7
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. G. Oliver's 100th peal for above society.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

JOHN LLOYD ... <i>Treble</i>	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	5
DENIS R. MORRIS ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ...	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	REGINALD WOODVATT ...	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
In memoriam Frederick Molineux, a ringer at this church.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER NICHOLS ...	5
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 3	JOHN E. HOBBS ...	7
FREDERICK PICKARD ... 4	WILFRED L. RATCLIFFE ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.



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AMESBURY, WILTS.

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MELORUS,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt.

WM. A. THEOBALD ... Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
*SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 2	REGINALD H. NEWTON ... 6
†HERBERT ABRAHAMAS ... 3	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ... 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. H. HARDING.  
\* 150th peal for Salisbury Guild. † First peal in method 'inside.'  
First peal in method on the bells. An 87th birthday compliment to W. J. Mees, of Hilperton.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Mon., Feb. 24, 1947, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. B. WAYMAN ... Treble	NEVL HOLLINGWORTH ... 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 6
JOHN W. CARTER ... 3	NORMAN T. KING ... 7
CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. E. Bankes James, who was interred at Surfleet on the above date.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., Feb. 26, 1947, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30½ cwt in C sharp.

*MISS DOREEN COKER ... Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 5
FRED HAYES ... 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 6
RALPH COLES ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
PERCY NEWTON ... 4	WALTER LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED HAYES.

\* First peal, aged 16.

DARTFORD, KENT.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	FREDK. A. COLEY ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 6
FRANK E. WALKER ... 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7
*ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to ringer of the fourth.

ERITH, KENT.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Fri., Feb. 28, 1947, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*FREDK. A. COLEY ... Treble	†FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
*HARRY HOVERD ... 3	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
†GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	†PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.  
First peal in the method on the bells and for the association.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

LEICESTER.

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

On the 'Margaret' Eight. Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOHN WARD ... Treble	ALAN CATTELL ... 5
ARTHUR CATTELL ... 2	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 6
†MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
*JOHN B. BENNETT ... 4	GORDON A. OLLIFFE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method 'inside,' aged 13.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

FREDK. SEAGER ... Treble	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 5
*ERNEST B. BETTS ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	ALFRED SMITH ... 7
FRED DUNKERLEY ... 4	FRED HODGSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.  
\* First peal in the method.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

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

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. HUNT ... Treble	PHILIP H. SPECK ... 5
*MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN ... 2	PETER N. BOND ... 6
MATRICIA SMEE ... 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN ... 4	HAROLD A. NOBES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb.

WM. H. HUMBERSTONE Treble	RICHARD F. ROE ... 5
KENNETH A. ROE ... 2	EDWIN LLOYD ... 6
ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	FRANCIS W. LLOYD ... 7
*EDWARD HAROLD ... 4	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... Tenor

Composed by K. A. ROE. Conducted by JOSEPH S. CARTER.  
\* First peal. Rung with sixth place bob. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. Humberstone, daughter of treble ringer.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sun., Mar. 2, 1947, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN PINFOLD ... Treble	JOHN S. MASON ... 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS**

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tues., Feb. 11, 1947, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

W. BERTRAM KYNASTON Treble	WM. E. COURT ... 4
CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 2	WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 5
IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... 3	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.  
First peal of Stedman Doubles by all. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On Feb. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Munday (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Somerville 2, G. Williamson 3, W. M. Rowe (conductor) 4, W. H. Short 5, T. Howell 6.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 extents Stedman, 12 Plain Bob and 20 Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES V. CATTELL ... .. 1	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	EDWIN CATTELL ... .. 4

ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. R. WHITEHEAD.

Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam to the Rev. T. F. Ingle (Vicar).

SHEPPERTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Containing 40 six-scores, 10 cappings, and one Morris' 240.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in B.

*HERBERT G. ANDREWS Treble	†MISS AUDREY CASTLE ... 3
†MISS PEGGY KITCHEN... .. 2	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 4

H. WM. BARRETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

COLATON RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each of Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Stedman S.C., New Doubles and St. Simon's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD PITMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN CARTER ... .. 4
SIDNEY SKINNER ... .. 2	JOHN QUICK ... .. 5
BRIAN PIDGEON ... .. 3	SIDNEY ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. SKINNER.

First peal as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

An extent each of Ipswich, Norwich, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HUGH E. HARDING ... Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... 4
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 5
*RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

\* 25th peal together.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEORGE WAUD ... .. Treble	W. A. HUDSON ... .. 4
†HAROLD DRAKE ... .. 2	T. W. TUNE ... .. 5
R. B. SMITH ... .. 3	LESLIE WOODHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE WOODHEAD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CRANOSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBL FR. 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's each called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CECIL HEWER ... .. Treble	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 4
LESLIE BARRY ... .. 2	*EDWIN SIMS ... .. 5
BRUCE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	KENNETH OVERBERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal for 20 years.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham, Wells, Cambridge and London Surprise.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 4
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... .. 3	ROLAND PARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Roland Park and Miss Irene Richardson on the occasion of their marriage, and as a welcome to the Rev. E. J. Simpson, M.A., who was inducted to the benefice of Holy Trinity on February 6th.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Lightfoot, Wymouth, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 13 wt. in F.

CYRIL WARD ... .. Treble	JOHN F. PEARSON ... .. 4
JOHN E. COOK ... .. 2	ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods by all but the conductor.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*CYRIL GIBBONS ... .. Treble	*LESLIE DIXON ... .. 4
*MRS. C. F. MILES ... .. 2	*HAROLD SMITH ... .. 5
HENRY A. GUMMER ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the 87th birthday of Mr. W. J. Mees, leader of the local band, a ringer for 75 years.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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†KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... .. 3-4	†PETER W. B. SEMMENS ... 7-8

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**QUARTER PEALS**

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Cathedral on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: John Scott 1, G. Wm. Critchley 2, Arthur Jones 3, James F. Harvey 4, John S. Mason 5, George E. Fearn 6, S. George Chapin (conductor) 7, Edward T. Lloyd 8.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—At St. Michael's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Collins 1, H. M. White 2, C. P. Chalk 3, A. Chalk 4, F. Bird 5, R. Suckling 6, E. Jennings (conductor) 7, H. W. Smith 8, L. Wiffen 9, H. Partridge 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by 1, 4, 6, 8, 10.

**BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.**—On Feb. 26th at Cornerways, Elliott Plain, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Uglow 1-2, A. L. Bennett (conductor) 3-4, W. Harvey 5-6. First quarter-peat by Messrs. Uglow and Harvey.

**CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—On Feb. 16th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Doubles: Kenneth Nichols (first away from tenor) 1, H. Miles 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts (conductor) 3, Miss M. L. Lidgley 4, Tony Roach (aged 13) 5, Gerald Peters 6. First quarter by 5 and 6.

**CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.**—On Feb. 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. J. Fairlie 1, J. Ling 2, A. Forsyth 3, J. Dear 4, R. Ling 5, J. Boustead (conductor) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On Feb. 16th at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, R. Charge 2, C. Potheary 3, E. H. Kirby 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, G. A. Parsons 6, J. Bennett 7, H. W. Clark 8.

**CODFORD, WILTS.**—On Jan. 17th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Jones 1, E. C. Marlow 2, P. M. White 3, T. E. Mallard 4, W. A. Avery (conductor) 5, H. Trollope 6. First quarter on the bells since being rehung and augmented to six.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Fden (first quarter) 1, G. V. Murphy 2, H. E. Audsley 3, J. Wheadon 4, W. J. Lemon 5, C. Brett-Smith 6, E. A. Barnett (conductor) 7, E. Barnett 8.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—On Feb. 15th at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, F. C. Case 2, T. Wyatt 3, G. Holland 4, T. E. Roberts 5, E. Nicholls 6, W. Yates, jun. (first of Grandsire Triples as conductor) 7, W. Yates, sen. 8. Rung for the marriage of the Vicar's daughter.

**CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Male 1, H. Perry 2, T. J. Lock 3, F. Welch 4, S. Dabinett 5, R. Welch 6, R. Beale (conductor) 7, W. H. Marks 8. First quarter of Triples for 4, 6 and 8.

**DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.**—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Surprise Minor, being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise: F. Brightman 1, Miss B. Duffy 2, W. Duffy 3, C. Perkins 4, F. Taylor (conductor) 5, E. Brittain 6. In memoriam, Mr. E. Richardson.

**EALING, W.**—At St. Mary's on March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Fogden 1, Miss D. Lidbetter (conductor) 2, J. E. Churchill 3, P. E. Clark 4, A. Mark Stacey 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, A. Harding 7, Miss M. Lidbetter 8.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—On March 2nd, 1,280 Bob Major: N. H. Hewett 1, T. W. Crowe 2, F. Pearson 3, Miss M. Addison 4, J. L. Gray 5, K. Arthur (composer and conductor) 6, J. P. Lane 7, J. Roach 8. First quarter-peat by ringers of 1 and 3.

**FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.**—On Jan. 26th at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, H. Langdon (conductor) 2, W. S. Langdon 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, J. F. Smallwood 5, J. B. Sansom (first quarter on ten bells) 6, W. Paice 7, R. F. Deal 8, J. Phillips 9, H. M. Page 10.

**GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Bryder (age 13) 1, A. Smith 2, H. J. Scott 3, S. F. Haffenden 4, H. Weaver (first quarter as conductor) 5, A. Baker 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On Feb. 23rd, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. F. Lancaster 1, J. Bullock (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, R. Newman 4, T. H. Taffender 5, C. W. Ottley 6, R. H. Begrie 7, G. E. Begrie 8.

**OXFORD.**—On Feb. 23rd, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, P. Walker 2, A. B. Pink (conductor) 3, W. F. Moreton 4, Miss M. R. Cross 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6, N. I. Alnatt 7, E. G. Moore 8. First quarter-peat in the method by all the band and rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. M. A. P. Wood).

**ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.**—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Ashby 1, A. Paul 2, A. Beckwith 3, R. Paul 4, P. Amos (conductor) 5.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On Jan. 28th at the Cathedral, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Sprague 1, C. Sayer 2, L. Hansell 3, T. J. Southam 4, W. J. Arnold 5, D. Bayles 6, R. F. Ewer 7, H. E. O. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Also on Feb. 2nd, a quarter-peat of Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Cornoll 1, D. Bayles 2, L. Hansell 3, W. J. Arnold 4, R. F. Ewer 5, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 6, E. Sprague tenor covering.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Dawson 1, T. Pritchard 2, L. Edwards 3, B. Latham 4, G. Latham 5, T. Wills (conductor) 6, T. Price 7, R. Sharpe 8.

**SALISBURY.**—On Feb. 10th, at St. Paul's Church, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. E. Manns 1, H. Abrahams 2, L. Page 3, P. Anger 4, W. A. Theobald (conductor) 5, F. C. Smith 6. A 19th birthday compliment to P. Anger.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 23rd at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Green 1, T. E. Roberts 2, W. Yates 3, G. Holland 4, F. Case 5, R. Grainge 6, J. A. Green (conductor) 7, K. R. Holtom 8. First in method by 4, 6 and 8.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year  
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained  
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Will the ringer who achieved so much in 1946 please forward his name to the Editor so that his record may have the publicity it richly deserves? Anonymous contributions cannot be entertained.

A record of the bells of Birmingham Cathedral has been dispatched to H.M.S. 'Wolfe' for the use of the Rev. M. Melville in announcing church services to the ship's company.

Mr. F. T. Waite, of 38, Rosebury Avenue, Gloucester, is anxious to contact ringers in South Africa. Mr. C. Chambers, P.O. Box 1496, Durban S.A., had a letter in 'The Ringing World' of November 22nd on ringing in the Dominion.

The bells of Southwark Cathedral have been retuned and installed after being kept in safety during the war years. The cost is to be met by Friends of Southwark Cathedral.

Proposed a non-resident member of the Ely Diocesan Guild in 1931, Mr. Percy Amos, of Northampton, has waited 16 years before ringing a peal for that Guild at Stanground, Hunts, which, although only a mile from Peterborough Cathedral, is in another diocese.

The 69th annual report of the Durham and Newcastle Association for 1945-6 is a handy volume, giving membership up to August 31st, 1946, as 461. Of these 288 are ordinary ringing members. Of the 32 peals rung during the year, the compositions are given in nine cases.

Featured in 'The Children's Newspaper' recently was an article dealing with the sisters and nurses of the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro, learning the art of ringing under the direction of Mr. W. H. Southard. Has any hospital its own company of ringers?

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

Another sacrifice is called for! The Paper Controller has cut the next paper allocation to 'The Ringing World' by 12½ per cent. Other similar periodicals also suffer.

Mr. H. Horier conducted the quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at Croscombe, Somerset, reported in our issue of February 14th.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Margaret's, Leicester, was in 21 varying parts and believed to be rung for the first time. It was by Albert J. Pitman, of Port Talbot. Specially arranged for the younger members of All Saints' and St. Margaret's, the band consisted of four members from each company.

The appeal on behalf of the rehanging of the bells of St. Thomas', Salisbury, has now reached £651. Ald. J. S. Rambridge, the hon. treasurer, informs us that £1,500 is required.

A broadcast to listen to—the bells of St. Mary's, Ulverston, on March 16th, at 7.45 p.m. in the Home Service. The bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1836.

The peal of Stedman Doubles at Swindon on Feb. 11th enabled Messrs. W. B. Kynaston, C. J. Gardner and W. H. Trueman to complete the Stedman family—Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques. Mr. W. B. Kynaston has completed the circle of St. Mary's, Rodbourne Cheney.

Has anybody lost a handbell peal by a clapper coming out? This happened at Bournemouth on February 23rd, when an attempted peal of Grandsire Caters was lost two courses from home. The peal was arranged as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur V. Davis and also as a 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. F. S. Wilson. Those taking part were Miss Mary Davis 1-2, Bruce Rogers 3-4, Mrs. F. John Marshall 5-6, A. V. Davis (conductor) 7-8, F. S. Wilson 9-10.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'All Clear'

Dear Sir,—In connection with the recent warnings concerning the activities of one, William Green, I am very pleased indeed to announce the 'All Clear.'

He was arrested in the name of Michael Mulcahy, but his correct name is Frank Haslett. It is said that he has rung about 20 peals and originally belonged to the Christ Church band at Dublin. The peals were rung for the Irish Association, so it is said.

The above information was obtained by a personal interview, and from the conversation it is obvious that he either has done some ringing and has gained some knowledge from some other person. He mentioned Grand sire and Stedman Triples and said his peals included London Surprise Minor. It would be interesting to know from the secretary of the Irish Association if there is any record of a Frank Haslett ever having been a member of that association.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD J. POOLE,

President of the National Guild of Police Ringers.

The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER, RECORD

Dear Sir,—A few days ago I heard for the first time the recording of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, ringing Stedman and Grand sire Caters. I was absolutely appalled. The striking is a disgrace to the Exercise, to the band and to the bells, and I am very surprised that such a miserable example of change ringing should have been allowed to be issued. We hear much, especially in these columns, about the urgent necessity for educating the public in the appreciation of our art; surely it is time that a recording of some merit was made to further, instead of hinder, the achievement of this desirable, nay imperative, object.

May I suggest that a band be assembled of the calibre of that which recorded the B.B.C. interval signal to practise and record some musical and sensitively struck touches of Caters and Royal, and that the existing most regrettable performance be withdrawn? — Yours faithfully,

A. R. BURGESS.

Hatfield, Herts.

NOTE.—Such a sweeping accusation is hardly justified.—Editor.

TREBLE BOB—HAIRDRESSING

Dear Sir,—It was interesting to read Mr. D. A. Newcombe's letter on the subject of 'Treble Bob Major Now in Hairdressing.' I also saw the hair style in 'The Hairdresser's Journal.'

I looked at it from all angles and can only see a slight resemblance to a bell in the lower curl. I also fail to see why the stylist chose Kent Treble Bob in favour of any other method.

Perhaps someone more experienced in the trade than myself could help us.—Yours truly,

BERYL R. COWLIN.

Bexhill-on-Sea.

A BUSMEN'S PEAL

Dear Sir,—Could I, through the medium of your correspondence columns, make a request as follows: Would all busmen, that is to say those who are actively employed as public service vehicle operatives, who are method ringers, kindly communicate with me (address supplied) with a view to a first busmen's peal? We have police, name and clergy peals, so why not a further novel step?

This, of course, is only practicable if those interested live within a reasonable distance of London.—I remain, yours, etc.,

E. J. ROWE, S.R.C.Y.

8, Effingham Road, Hornsey, London, N.8.

Peal Snatchers

Dear Sir,—Never before have I heard of peal snatchers 'sneaking' into a tower to ring the bells.

The belfry is the freehold of the incumbent; he has the custody of the keys and control of the bells (Phillimore's 'Ecclesiastical Law', vol. 1, p. 1,385 and Canon 88).

To enter the church and ring the bells without his consent is trespass and heavy penalties are incurred if against his wish.

As an incumbent, permission has always been asked for from me from outsiders to ring the bells, and I have invariably consulted the foreman ringer before giving that consent.

If these peal snatchers got this permission they could not be said to 'sneak in,' but as a matter of courtesy the incumbent usually notifies the foreman of the application and this gives the foreman a chance to explain why the band of outsiders should not ring just at that time, but should postpone their peal.

One cannot pronounce judgment until the whole of the facts is known. I hope the matter will be amicably settled.—Yours faithfully,

J. M. TURNER,

President, East Devon Guild.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton.

MR. LIMPUS AND THE OLD WINDSOR PEAL

Sir,—I remember being asked to arrange and call this peal of Grand sire Triples on January 26th, 1912, for Mr. Limpus, of Vancouver, but cannot recall any incident during the ringing to cause him to make such embarrassing accusations about it after an interval of 35 years; the band certainly does not suggest a 'firing squad.'

As Mr. Pulling says, he was not in the peal, but it was July 2nd, 1932, not 1942, that he rang a peal of Bob Major here. I appreciate very much his note of confidence in this week's (March 7th) 'Ringing World.'—Yours truly,

W. WELLING.

Old Windsor.

NOTE.—Mr. Pulling also desires to correct the date of his peal at Old Windsor to July 2nd, 1932.—Editor.

CIRCLE SPECIALISTS

Dear Sir,—My congratulations to Mr. Frank Warrington and I sincerely hope he will complete the circle in a dozen towers.

My bag at the moment is also nine towers. These include 1 ten-bell tower, 8 eight, four of them twice and seven conducted round the circle.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. SONE.

Paddock Wood, Kent.

OBITUARY

MRS. THOMAS WEEKS.

The death occurred at Antigua, Estcourt Terrace, Devizes, on February 27th, of Mrs. T. Weeks, who for over 30 years was an honorary member of the Salisbury Guild, and a life-long parish worker at St. James', Southbrook. Although not a ringer herself she was very closely connected with the Exercise. Both her husband, who died shortly after the ban was imposed on ringing in 1940, and her father, the late Mr. Brownlee West, were both well-known ringers, the latter for many years being a vice-president of the Salisbury Guild.

She leaves two sons, both of whom are ringers at Southbrook and have held positions as officers of the Devizes Branch.

The funeral took place on March 3rd; there was a large congregation, and in the evening a memorial peal was rung half-muffled.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1.264 Bob Major with 9.10 covering: A. Upsall 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, H. Piggins 3, W. Jarvis 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, F. Wigmore (conductor) 6, W. Storey 7, W. Freeman 8, G. Duffield 9, F. Moyes 10.

'A Pestilence'

PENAL SERVITUDE FOR WILLIAM GREEN.

Described by Mr. Justice Humphries as a 'pestilential old nuisance,' Michael Mulcahy (68), alias William Green, painter, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude at Warwick Assizes on March 7th for obtaining 15s. by false pretences from Ernest Morris at Leicester, and similarly a sum of £1 from Hannah Billingham at Nuneaton.

Mulcahy was stated to have had 29 previous convictions, the Judge remarking that for years he had been preying on the public and getting small sums of money from them.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS

A company of 120 attended the 20th annual dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, on February 15th, when a much regretted absentee was Mr. F. Guise (hon. secretary), who had met with an accident.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. B. Huddleston, who presided, described bell-ringing as a magnificent monument to their churches. It was one of the oldest customs in the country and it was the duty of ringers to see that they did not fail in their professional duty to the Church.

The Rev. J. H. Williams, who replied, deputised for the Bishop of Bristol, who was prevented through illness from attending. He spoke of the debt clergy owed to the ringers and added: 'Times are difficult, times are critical, but we beseech you to carry on with your great art.'

'Absent friends' were remembered on the call of the Rev. M. Paterson. Other toasts were 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association,' proposed by Mr. G. Pullinger and responded to by Mr. C. Rouse; 'Kindred Societies and Visitors,' proposed by Mr. W. S. Emery and responded to by Mr. J. S. Hawkins; 'The Press' by Mr. A. Prince; and 'The Artistes' by Mr. A. Bennett.

MARRIAGE OF MISS M. RICHARDSON

Members of the Universities' Association rang before and after the service at St. Mary's, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, on March 3rd, for the wedding of Mr. Christopher George Hugh Ditmas, son of the late Mr. Hugh Ditmas, of Debatgama, Ceylon, and Mrs. Ditmas, of Charing, Kent, and Monica Jane Fellows Richardson, second daughter of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, of Sundridge. The bridegroom, formerly a Flight-Lieutenant in the R.A.F., is now a pilot in the B.O.A.C. The Rector (the Rev. A. T. Howden) officiated.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. E. H. Lewis. She wore a dress of white satin decorated with hand-painted cream flowers, and a net veil held in place by a wreath of orange blossom. Her ornaments were a string of pearls and she carried a bouquet of apricot coloured carnations tinged with red.

Her sisters, Brenda, Dorothy and Christine, were bridesmaids. Brenda and Dorothy wore long turquoise dresses and Christine pink. All wore headdresses to match and carried bouquets of deep red tulips. Major Harold Fellows Prymne, uncle of the bridegroom, was best man.

Eighty guests attended the reception at the White Hart, Brasted. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. J. Hooton, Dr. and Mrs. E. S. J. Hatcher, Miss J. Pym, Miss Betty Spice, Miss L. R. F. Martin, Messrs. Wilfrid Moreton, Vernon J. Benning and Philip Gray.

As the bride and bridegroom drove away the bells of St. Martin's, Brasted, were in the first course of a peal of Bob Minor, which was successfully brought round. The bride's travelling dress was a turquoise suit under a brown fur coat, a brown hat, with turquoise trimming, and a brown veil. They are spending their honeymoon in Eire.

## SOME NOTES ON CONDUCTING

### COURSE-ENDS AND COURSING ORDER.

In the two preceding articles we have studied the effect that bobs and singles have on the coursing order of the bells. In theory, therefore, a student who has successfully mastered the art of transposing as he is ringing should be able to know the effect on the coursing order of each call as soon as it has been made and should be immediately aware of any 'shift' that may occur. It is at this point, however, that theory and practice can sometimes be no longer reconciled. A dozen and one things may, and frequently do, happen in actual ringing to divert the conductor's attention. It may be that he has had to correct a trip, or that a fire engine has just changed by and he is wondering if the church is on fire, or it may be that he is lost in contemplation, or, more likely, he is just 'listening to 'em.' Whatever the distraction, it is necessary to be able to pull one's self together quickly if a trip occurs. Trips have a nasty habit of cropping up unexpectedly and it is in such a crisis that a conductor may have forgotten entirely what the coursing order ought to be. Fortunately, there are several means by which 'to save one's bacon' in such an emergency. The chief of these is in being aware of the essential difference between 'even' and 'odd' as briefly referred to in the first four paragraphs of the last article.

We have seen that once a single has been called an entirely new series of possible coursing orders is introduced. It may equally be said that once a single has been called an entirely new series of possible course-ends is introduced. Now the first (even) series of coursing orders and the first (even) series of course-ends are in mutual relationship, and likewise the second (odd) series of coursing orders and the second (odd) series of course-ends. There are 60 possible course-ends, and therefore 60 possible coursing orders, with the tenors together and the bells in-course, and a different 60 course-ends and coursing orders with the bells out-of-course.

It might be as well at this point to remind the reader that a course-end as normally written down is an abbreviation. For instance, 35264 as a course-end is intended to represent 13526478. 1 and 78 are not normally written down as they fall into their home positions at every course-end. In the same way we may also omit any reference to 7 and 8 when thinking of coursing order.

The following are the 60 in-course (even)

rows	1	2	3	4	5
23456	32654	23645	64523	65432	
42356	63254	62345	56423	46532	
34256	26354	36245	45623	54632	
53246	52364	43265	24653	35642	
25346	35264	24365	62453	63542	
32546	23564	32465	46253	56342	
43526	62534	63425	54263	45362	
54326	56234	46325	25463	34562	
35426	25634	34625	42563	53462	
52436	53624	42635	26543	36452	
45236	65324	64235	52643	43652	
24536	36524	26435	65243	63452	

If the bells are in-course the natural course-end (i.e. the change that will occur at the end of the next course unless a further call is made) and the coursing order will both be found in the foregoing list. This is a most significant statement and the reader is advised to check it carefully with several examples. To illustrate the point we will take three examples at random.

If the natural course-end is 12345678 the coursing order is 7532468. If the natural course-end is 16543278 the coursing order is 7356428. If the natural course-end is 15642378 the coursing order is 7265438.

It will be seen that if the course-end belongs to the even group then, as night follows day, the coursing order belonging to that course-end is also to be found in the even group.

There is no need for us to write down the sixty possible odd course-ends and coursing

orders. The reader would, however, be well advised to write them out for himself. It may be said quite simply that any possible arrangement of the numbers 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 which is not given in the list above must belong to the odd group.

The next stage along the road is to be able to recognise at sight whether a particular row belongs to the even group or whether it belongs to the odd group. It is hoped to give some hints about this next time.

The three articles now contributed have as their background Plain Bob Major. Much, indeed most, of what has been written can be equally applied to any even-bell method. One feels a great tendency in the Exercise to regard individual methods as watertight compartments, ignoring, in practical ringing, the close and very helpful relationship they have to each other. When methods are seen in this close relationship the words 'first in the method as conductor' frequently become rather meaningless.

(To be continued.)

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD GRIMSBY DISTRICT MEETING.

Considering the weather, there was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Grimsby Branch on February 1st at Grimsby. Towers represented were Caistor, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Mablethorpe, Alford, Uceby, Barton, Barrow, Bigby, Gainsborough, Cleatham and the local members.

The service at St. James' Church was conducted by the president (Canon E. L. Marsden), who based his address on Rupert Richardson, late Guild Master.

The president was in the chair at the meeting when the officers were re-elected. He was asked to accept the bell fund collection of £1 13s. 1d. towards his restoration appeal for St. James', which was badly damaged by bombs. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the election of seven new members from Caistor, a band very keen to learn change ringing. It was decided to hold six district meetings during the year.

A silent tribute, by the members standing, was paid to the memory of Mr. Rupert Richardson, and the secretary was asked to convey the members' deepest sympathy to his widow and daughter. The president thanked the officers for their work during the year, and members then returned to the tower, where ringing was continued until 9 p.m.

### ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at Spalding on February 15th, when over 40 members were present. Officers elected were: President, Canon Carnegie; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. E. Allen; Ringing Master, Mr. J. G. Ames; representative on Guild Committee, Mr. A. J. Farr; and auditors, Mr. A. J. Farr and Miss B. Duffy.

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to their late Master, Mr. Rupert Richardson, after Canon Carnegie had paid high tribute to his life and work for the Guild.

Thirteen new ringing members were elected and meetings and outings for the year were arranged.

### SURREY ASSOCIATION

For the annual meeting of the North-Western District 50 members and friends attended at Kingston-on-Thames on February 22nd. Eleven new members were elected and district officers appointed were: Master, Mr. F. E. Collins; treasurer, Mr. H. N. Pitstow; secretary, Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames; auditor, Mr. C. Dean; committee representatives, Messrs. R. Davies, W. Massey and D. Parsons. The next meeting on Easter Monday will be either at Walton-on-Thames or Ewell.

Members attended evensong in the church and the bells were available until 9 p.m.

## London County Association

### MR. E. ALEX YOUNG RETIRES.

At the annual general meeting of the London County Association, held at its old headquarters, St. James', Clerkenwell, on February 8th, Mr. E. Alex. Young, A.R.I.B.A., requested that the association should accept his resignation, after serving faithfully as an officer (of one rank or another) for 55 years. The words of appreciation voiced during the meeting were ample proof of the value and confidence that had been placed in his services. In Mr. Young's official letter of resignation he stated: 'I now greet and thank all those who have been associated with me and helped me on the long trail, and I wish the association the best of good fortune, and a future of many useful years.'

The vacant appointment of treasurer was accepted by a great friend of the association—Mr. C. J. Strickland.

Another new appointment was that of Mr. T. W. Taffender as trustee, all other posts being filled by the re-election of the 1946 officers, these being as follows: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; general secretary, Mr. H. W. Rogers; assistant secretaries, Mrs. O. L. Rogers and Mr. F. W. Alleyway; stewards, Messrs. S. Croft and C. M. Myers; trustee, Mr. A. H. Keighly.

The Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, in his report, stated that exceptionally well-attended meetings had been held in North, South, East and West London, and the standard of ringing at these had been maintained from rounds to advanced methods such as London Surprise. Thirty-three new members had been elected and the meeting stood in silence in respect of those members who had passed on. Fourteen peals had been rung, in which 45 different members and five conductors had taken part.

Referring to those towers in the area where no local band existed or in some cases only a few ringers are left, various bands of members had visited these churches in rotation and rung for evening service. The personal thanks of the clergy during these visits had shown how very much the ringing (which was generally of peal standard) had been appreciated.

A most valuable augmentation to the Association's Library was made by Mr. W. J. Ellis in the form of bound copies of 'The Bell News.'

Insufficient enthusiasm was shown in the handbell contest, the only team entered being from All Saints', Isleworth. In view of the fact that teams from this tower had been awarded the 'Dawe' Cup for the years 1939, 1940 and 1946, the meeting ruled that the entry should not be accepted and requested that as many towers as possible should enter teams for the 1948 contest.

Ringing took place on the fine tower bells of St. James' before the meeting, which was followed by handbell ringing in the vestry during the evening. The service was conducted by the Rev. Fulchermedcraft. Tea was provided in the Church Hall.

## Elementary Change Ringing

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*A book to help the learner  
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## Chester Diocesan Guild

The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch, held on February 15th at St. Hilary's, Walsley, was well attended, 45 members and seven friends being present. Ringing ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. R. Spencer), who gave a topical address. Following the service those present were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the wives of the local ringers.

At the ensuing business meeting the Rector was elected to the chair. A statement of accounts showing a healthy balance was passed. The hon. secretary's report revealed a quickened interest in branch affairs, which was clearly shown by:—

(1) The increase in membership from 82 in 1945 to 111 in 1946.

(2) The popularity of branch meetings. Twelve meetings had been held, the average attendance being 35.

Officials elected were: Chairman, Mr. J. Cooke; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. J. Martin; hon. auditor, Mr. J. H. Dutton; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Rogers; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. F. T. Parry; representative on General Committee, Mr. J. A. Webster.

It was announced that there had been a good response to the appeal for subscriptions for the H. S. Brocklebank Memorial Fund.

Following discussion it was resolved that a new peal book should be obtained in which only peals and performances scored in Wirral by resident members of the branch should be recorded. Mr. E. A. Webster kindly offered to present the new book, and his offer was accepted with gratitude. Four new members were elected. All who had helped to make the meeting so successful and enjoyable were warmly thanked. A.J.M.

## IN MEMORY OF A HORWICH RINGER

In memory of Herbert Jackson, aged 27, a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Horwich, Lancs, who was killed in North Africa on October 30th, 1942, a memorial tablet was dedicated at evensong on February 2nd.

The tablet, a small marble one, was carried during the singing of a hymn from the west end up to the chancel by the head ringer, Mr. E. Farnworth, followed by the remainder of the band in file. At the altar rail the tablet was dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. Murray. Later it will be erected in the ringing chamber.

Mr. Peter Crook, hon. secretary of the Bolton Branch, attended to represent the branch. The memorial was erected by his brother ringers.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### BISHOP THANKS RINGERS.

About fifty ringers attended the annual meeting of the Western Division at Chichester on February 15th.

The Bishop of Chichester, the Right Rev. G. K. A. Bell (president), Mr. F. B. Tompkins (vice-president) and Mr. F. I. Hairs (Master) were guests of the ringers to tea.

Dr. Bell witnessed the ringing before evensong, and during the service, held in the Cathedral, he expressed pleasure at seeing so many young people and ladies present. Thanking the ringers for their work for the Church in Sussex, he concluded by wishing them God-speed.

The business meeting was in the belfry, the Master presiding. Officers were elected for the ensuing year: two Felpham ringers were elected members, and the tower election of Messrs. F. C. W. Knight and D. Chandler was ratified. The report and balance sheet was considered satisfactory. Mr. R. Wood, Divisional Ringing Master, proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, to the Bishop for his attendance, and to Mr. R. G. Blackman and the Cathedral ringers for making the meeting arrangements.

Ringing ranged to Cambridge Surprise Major.

## New Eight at Liverpool

### THE BISHOP RINGS IN A TOUCH.

After dedicating the new ring of eight bells at Emmanuel Church, West Derby Road, Liverpool, on February 15th, the Bishop of Liverpool (the Right Rev. Clifford A. Martin) rang in a touch with the Rev. J. A. Briggs, Vicar of Ulverston, who was incumbent when the scheme for the new bells was first mooted.

The bells are the parishioners' memorial and thanksgiving for victory and were cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. For their weight their tone is remarkably good. The inscriptions on the bells are: Love, Joy, Peace, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance. On the reverse side to 'Temperance' the tenor bell is inscribed: 'These bells were installed by the people of Emmanuel Church as a thanksgiving to God for victory, 1945.' The weight of the tenor is 8 cwt.

The ceremony was performed on the 80th anniversary of the church's consecration, and a select band rang a touch of Stedman Triples immediately after the dedication. After tea the tower was open to all ringers, and various methods rung included Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise.

On the following day a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by P. W. Cave (conductor) 1, T. W. Hammond 2, G. R. Newton 3, D. Vincent 4, F. S. Almond 5, E. C. Birkett 6, T. W. Hesketh 7, A. Lintott 8.

## BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

### REDEDICATION OF ROYSTON BELLS.

In the presence of 40 ringers, Royston bells were rededicated by the Bishop of Pontefract on January 18th. The service was also attended by Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, and Mr. R. Dove represented Messrs. Potts and Sons, clock makers.

Immediately after the service the bells were rung up in peal and a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung by the following officials of the society: W. Green (Wath) 1, H. Clant (Felkirk) 2, J. W. Moxon (Sandel) 3, J. R. Brearley (Bolsterstone) 4, D. Smith (Felkirk) 5, A. Hoyle (Shelley) 6. Further ringing followed after the tea, which was provided by the Church Council.

The bells, which have been recast and made heavier, are a fine ring of six with tenor 14½ cwt. The fifth bell, a very old one, has been kept and a new bell made in its place. The old fifth is to be used as a sanctus bell.

A new metal frame with space for eight bells has been installed, and it is the Vicar's intention to get the other two bells added as soon as possible.

## LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK

On February 2nd, the unveiling of a memorial tablet and the dedication of a new thanksgiving treble bell took place at St. Mary's Church, Lakenheath. The bell was installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and this now completes an excellent ring of six.

The back five, half-muffled, were rung for the service, and immediately after the dedication a two minutes' touch of rounds was rung on the six half-muffled, in memory of those men whose names were inscribed on the tablet. The new bell was rung by a young lady learner.

At the conclusion of the service, various touches were rung with the bells open. Visitors from Elvedon and Hockwold took part. The land'ord of the BeE Hotel kindly entertained the ringers to a most delightful tea, and after this a band of Elvedon and Lakenheath ringers successfully completed a 720 Bob Minor for evensong.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 23rd at the Church of St. Leonard, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Potheary 1, E. Miles 2, A. Miller 3, J. Chapman 4, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 5, T. Welbourne 6, C. Nicholls 7, S. Howard 8.

## Midland Counties Guild

### ARCTIC NEWHALL.

Those attending the meeting at Newhall on February 8th may have asked 'if their journey was really necessary,' as only 12 members were present from the following towers: Burton St. Paul's, Repton, Lullington, Overseal and the local company. But they received ample reward—an unrationed tea and good practice in various six-bell methods.

The countryside (Southern Derbyshire) was snow-bound when the 'faithful few' (including three lady members) met at the tower of St. John's and kept the bells ringing during the afternoon and evening to touches in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor.

After 'That's all' to the excellent 'Newhall' tea, Mr. B. G. Key presided over the business meeting when the entire Winshill band along with one honorary member from Burton and five ringing members from Overseal were elected members.

The annual meeting will take place at St. Paul's, Burton, on March 8th. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. H. H. Wright) for use of the bells and to the local members 'who brought round' such an excellent spread.

The bells were lowered in peal at 6.45 p.m., and in the biting wind and drifting snow three of the members experienced the greatest difficulty of the day in reaching home. The snow played havoc with bus transport, thereby causing the 'faithful three' to hike the last two miles home through the high drifts.

## PROGRESS IN AUSTRALIA

The New South Wales Association held its first annual ring and dinner at Turramurra on February 1st, where at St. James' Church there is a ring of six bells by Taylor's (tenor 11 cwt.). Thirty-four ringers attended.

After the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. J. Cameron), a competition was held to decide which tower was to be regarded as the leading tower for 1947. This honour was won by the local team of St. James' under the captaincy of Mr. J. B. Watts.

At the dinner, Mr. Bettley-Cooke, who proposed the Association, said that he hoped that the members would strive to counter the growing tendency in some circles to introduce mechanical means of ringing the bells. He congratulated the instructor of the Association, Mr. W. M. Rowe, and his assistant, Mr. J. B. Watts, on their achievement in having no less than 18 members ring their first quarter during the year.

During the dinner the engagement was announced of Miss Laura Fisher to Mr. Ken Stacey, one of the most prominent members. A social evening followed.

The annual meeting was held on February 3rd, when the following were elected to the Executive Committee: Chairman, Mr. R. A. Joyner; treasurer, Mrs. Helen Macpherson; secretary, Mr. W. M. Rowe; other members, Messrs. J. B. Watts and A. Grant.

## RINGERS IN U.S.A.

From Spencer, Massachusetts, U.S.A., comes a report of the activities of the Whitechapel Guild of Bellringers attached to St. Luke's Church, Worcester. The members of this company of change ringers are Mr. J. William Cooper (Master), Mr. and Mrs. Rives, Mrs. Ratcliffe, Miss MacGilpin and Mr. Norwood.

Mr. Cooper narrates that he was given a lift by a gentleman and explained to him that he was a bellringer, the same as John Bunyan. To his surprise the stranger said he was a direct descendant of Richard Bunyan, brother of John, who came to America with the Puritans in 1660. Mr. Cooper asked Mr. Bunyan what his faith was and he replied, 'A Roman Catholic!'

## NOTICES

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### DEATH

**THORLEY.**—On March 3rd, 1947, at 6, Bridge Street, Thorne, Doncaster, Yorks, Charles Henry Thorley, dearly loved father of Charles, James and Ernest, and grandfather of J. Martin and Charles, jun. 1082

### WANTED

A copy of 'AMONG THE BELLS,' by Rev. F. E. Robinson.—K. S. B. Croft, St. John's College, Cambridge. 1070

**SET of 8 or 10 HANDBELLS.**—Particulars and price to K. Ketteringham, 20, Hamilton Road, Alford, Lincs. 1058

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Mr. Alfred W. Heath, of No. 33 Flat, Fire Brigade Station, Cardiff, has now removed to 44, Conway Road, Canton, Cardiff. 1060

The address of Mr. B. Sutton, Scarborough, is now 12, Highfield, Scarborough. Enquiries for bells to this address please. Cafe accommodation arranged for parties. 1079

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Heathfield (8), Saturday, Mar. 15th, 2.30 p.m.—R. Tappenden, Gun Green, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1044

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.**—Howden, Mar. 15th, 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m.—T. H. Foster. 1051

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hendon, Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1031

**CHRIST CHURCH, MACCLESFIELD.**—Dedication and ringers' opening of augmented peal of ten bells (John Taylor and Co.) by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester at 3.15 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 15th. Tea will be provided only to ringers who notify their intention to be present.—John Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 1015

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Cambridge District.—Fulbourn (8), Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Six Bells at 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1049

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Arksey, near Doncaster, Mar. 15th, 3 p.m. Bus leaves North Bridge bus stand (Doncaster) quarter to and quarter past hour. All ringers welcome. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec. 1014

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Meeting at Beccles, Suffolk, on Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 at Y.M.C.A. Meeting to follow. Gentlemen very cordially invited.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1010

**ESSEX ASSN.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Wethersfield (6), Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names, if possible, to Henry A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex. 1039

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Claverdon (6), Saturday, Mar. 15th, 3 p.m. Tea provided. A good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 1075

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Keighley, Saturday, Mar. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. Names to Mr. R. Bottomley, Theaproyd, Beechcliffe, Keighley, before Mar. 19th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1025

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Meeting at Kedington (6), Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m. Business 5 p.m. Own arrangements for food. Visitors very welcome.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., Sudbury, Suffolk. 1061

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Shifnal (8), Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea; please bring sandwiches.—E. D. Poole. 1034

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting Fulmer, Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea only.—A. D. Barker. 1071

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rossendale Branch.—Ramsbottom (8), Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson. 1056

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—Meeting, Hernhill, Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea. (1s. 6d. per head) to those who notify me not later than Saturday, Mar. 15th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1037

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Wotton Branch.—Slimbridge (6), Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Mar. 19th to John W. Adshead, Hon. Sec., Police Station, Falfield, Glos. 1062

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m. Ringing 4.30, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C.—A. B. Peck. 1063

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Andrew's, Bebington (8 bells), Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 3. Tea provided.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 1064

**BEDS ASSN.**—Bedford District.—Turvey (8), Mar. 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.—Miss P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1069

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Fylde Branch.—Next meeting Bispham, Saturday, Mar. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1073

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Lawton (8), Mar. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea if names received by the 18th.—R. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 1078

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Alvaston, Mar. 22nd, 3. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting, Belfry, 6.—W. A. Parsons, Local Sec. 1077

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly, Congresbury (8), Mar. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after, White Hut.—E. J. Avery, Hill Road, Sandford. 1080

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Western Division.—Meeting Bentley (5), Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, Mar. 25th, please.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1065

**SURREY ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, Reigate, Saturday, Mar. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road. Names to Mr. W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, by Mar. 26th.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Assistant Hon. Sec. 1067

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Maidstone District. — Harrietsham (8), Mar. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1066

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.** — Bristol Rural Branch. — Quarterly, St. Ambrose's (8), Mar. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.— Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 1059

**LADIES' GUILD.**—South-Western District (Southern Division).—Storrington, Mar. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30. Gentlemen cordially welcomed.—Mrs. Tamplin, 7, St. John's Street, Chichester. 1081

**GLOS AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, Lydney, Forest of Dean, Easter Monday. Bells (8) 11 a.m. Lunch (4s. 6d.), Feathers Hotel, 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring lunch and/or tea must notify me not later than Mar. 26th.—Cyril Harding, 77, Bromley Heath Road, Downend, near Bristol. 1068

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, Canterbury, Easter Monday, Apr. 7th. Service in Cathedral 12 noon. Luncheon (free to members) at Drill Hall, 1 o'clock. Names, in bands where possible, should be posted to me without delay. Caterer must know number attending by Mar. 28th latest. Particulars of towers next week.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 1076

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Wisbech on Easter Monday, Apr. 7th. Details later.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 1072

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Annual general at Newark, Apr. 12th. Important financial decisions to make, so please reserve the date. Further particulars later.—T. Groombridge, jun. 1074

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—200th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, July 12th, at 6.30 p.m., at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn; tickets 12s. 6d. each. As numbers strictly limited, early individual applications are necessary from members with remittance. A small allocation reserved for non-members. All applications will be treated in order of receipt.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1053

## The Middlesex Association

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

A successful year's work was reported upon by the secretary (Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey) at the annual meeting of the South and West District at Chiswick on February 15th. Mr. W. H. Coles presided over an attendance of 45, which followed an excellent tea provided by the local company.

The Hon. Secretary stated that interest was well maintained and many new and enthusiastic members were coming along. There was still, however, a shortage of Sunday service ringers, and many bands were finding difficulty in providing a full complement for Sunday ringing, which was the real test of a band's usefulness to the church they served. As a district they faced a good deal of competition from other sources, from people who came into the district and rang peals for their own amusement and of no benefit to the association or to the church.

Twelve meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 30. A number of rings of bells in the district were undergoing restoration or augmentation. Harlington had been increased from six to eight and Hayes were to be similarly augmented. It was understood that the old peal of 10 from All Hallows', Lombard Street, City, would shortly be installed in the rebuilt tower of that church at Twickenham. Restoration would shortly be in hand at Christ Church, Ealing, and at Feltham.

Forty-three new members, four non-resident life members and one honorary member had been elected. This included the whole of the Harlington band. Seven peals and 24 quarter-peals had been rung.

In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. E. C. S. Turner expressed thanks to the secretary for his work during the year.

Officers elected were: District secretary, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey; assistant secretary, Mr. W. G. Wilson; Ringing Master, Mr. F. A. Finch; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Bannister; Central Committee, Messrs. F. G. Baldwin, G. M. Kelly and J. Herbert; auditors, Messrs. E. C. S. Turner and D. R. Judd. Miss Barbara Thrush (Cranford) and Mr. J. Kent (St. Mary's, Ealing) were elected new members.

Meetings suggested were Harlington (March), Heston (April) and Isleworth (May). The annual general meeting of the association was fixed for the third Saturday in May.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Rees). Ringing was under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Baldwin and Mr. F. A. Finch. In the votes of thanks special mentions were made of the Vicar, Mr. Thurley, the local company and lady helpers.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Despite wintry conditions, 22 members attended the meeting at Bonvilston on February 22nd, when after the service parishioners entertained the visitors to tea.

At the business meeting it was decided to form a bell fund by voluntary subscriptions taken at meetings. It was learnt with regret that the new ring to be installed at Abercarn is to be hung for chiming only. A letter from Blaenavon stated that the parish had nearly reached their goal of £750 for the restoration of their bells.

Ringing varied from rounds to London Surprise Minor. The annual meeting will be at Penarth on Easter Monday.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.**—On Feb. 27th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: W. D. Peart 1, H. Howl 2, A. Mills (conductor) 3, J. Cotterill 4, W. Partridge 5, W. C. Reynolds 6, M. J. Turner 7, S. Loach 8. Half-muffled in memoriam of Mr. James Shaw, life-long churchman.

## Eardley Surprise Major

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## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

Owing to three other district meetings being held on the same day, the annual meeting at Leatherhead on February 8th was for once a real district meeting, the only visitors being Mr. and Mrs. C. Mayne and Mr. J. R. Mayne from Bushey.

Ringing was followed by the Guild's service, at which an address was given by the Rev. F. Page.

Nearly 40 sat down to tea at the Duke's Head, presided over by the Rev. F. Page, who also took the chair for the business meeting. The death of Mr. H. Baldock, an hon. member from Cobham, was duly observed.

New members elected were Mrs. Morgan and Messrs. Stanley James (hon., Cobham); Alfred Wren, Noel Underwood, Misses Anna Laken (Cobham), Nancy Cunliffe, Messrs. W. T. Symonds, W. H. Corbett (Ashted) and P. Layton (Banstead), ringing; and Miss Joan Houldsworth, compounding.

In addition to Mr. H. N. Pitstow as Ringing Master and the Rev. F. Page as district representative, the other retiring officers were re-elected. A vote of sympathy was passed with the new Ringing Master on the death of his father, which had prevented him from attending. The year's report, showing steady progress, and the balance sheet, showing an increased balance of about 30s., were adopted.

As a mark of the district's appreciation of his past 18 years as District Ringing Master, the chairman presented Mr. A. Harman with a copy of Nichols' 'Bells thro' the Ages', with best wishes for a similar term as Master of the Guild.

The business closed with votes of thanks to the Rev. F. Page, the organist and Mr. G. Marriner.

Ringing included Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal.

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