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EASTER

Out from the snowdrifts chilly,
Roused from drowsy hours,
Bluebell wakes and lily;
God calls up the flowers.

These lines from a traditional Easter carol seem particularly appropriate this year with a winter of amazing severity—weeks of snow being followed by floods which have inundated thousands of acres, with much death and destruction. Behind this desolation will come the miracle of the resurrection; it is presented each succeeding spring and is commemorated by the Church with the Festival of Easter.

For the past week the bells of our churches have been silent. It is a generally accepted rule that no practices are held during Holy Week. For those whose ears are attuned to sounds that matter it has been a still week. And it is well that ringers should ask themselves each succeeding year what is the message of the silent bells? No resurrection can come without death pains and decay; similarly no Easter, with all its joy of a new life, arrives without its travail which this year has been one of physical anguish for thousands of people.

Charles Morgan, in one of his essays, takes infinite pains to condemn those who desire to regimentise the human family into what they describe as the Common Man. 'I believe that the coming age will be that of the Uncommon rather than the Common Man,' he writes with conviction. And later he adds, 'Woe betide the priest who looks for the Common Parishioner and not for the child of God.' Thus, in the appeal of the message of Easter reactions are different. 'The world itself keeps Easter Day' is the glad message of another carol. Nature has a common denominator and gradually reveals its new life, but with mankind it is individualistic and uncommon. The promise of the resurrection is there to all, but it has to be sought individually.

The Easter morning bells are an expression to the world of the Church's alleluias. It is the ringer's privilege to be the chosen messenger—an uncommon responsibility which is not merely confined to ringing a touch perfectly. This ringing is a spiritual act; an act of worship which is entered upon with a fuller significance if the true meaning behind the silence in Holy Week is understood and observed.

To many Guilds and Associations Easter is the start of a new year and a new life. More than a dozen of

such gatherings will take place on Easter Monday—occasions which are largely attended. It is indeed a happy thought to start anew with Easter and leave behind the dross of the passing year in the search for something far nobler and on a higher plane in our ringing. All the discouragements of the past are gone and buried; new hopes and aspirations will enable the coming year to give a better impetus to our work.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

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

On Tues., Mar. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF ERIN CINQUES, 5083 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

DANIEL T. MATKIN Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD 2	THOMAS H. REEVES 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 10
FRANK E. HAYNES 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
FRANK E. PERVIN 6	HERBERT C. SPENCER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
First peal of Erin Cinques by all except ringers of 3rd and 8th.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in E flat.

FRANK VARTY Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
NORMAN HEAPS 2	WALTER ALLMAN 7
*ERIC J. GILBERT 3	†GEORGE LEDSHAM 8
CYRIL VALENTINE 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS 9
JAMES S. WEBB 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † 50th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRED,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES!

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	DAVID VINCENT 6
*ERNEST B. BETTS 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT... .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	FREDK. SEAGER 8
†FRED DUNKERLEY 4	FRED HODGSON 9
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 5	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal on ten. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells since recasting.

PAINSWICK GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS AND THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5083 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

GEORGE LATHAM Treble	*RONALD WATTS 6
THOMAS PRICE 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD 7
GEORGE GOULDING 3	†JOHN WHITING 8
WILLIAM STAITE 4	LESLIE BARRY 9
THOMAS WITTS 5	*CLIFFORD LAUNDER Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TADCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part (2nd the observation). Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr.

*EDWARD CLAYDEN Treble	ALAN DENNISON 5
ERNEST LINDLEY 2	WALTER HICK 6
WILLIAM FAY 3	ROBERT LANCASTER 7
HENRY CLAYDON 4	ALFRED BARKER Tenor

Conducted by E. LINDLEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
*PATRICIA HOLMES 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS 6
*ERIC A. DENCH 3	*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY 7
*ALAN WHITE 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bell.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).

*K. CHILTERN Treble	A. D. COLLINS 5
TREVOR REYNOLDS 2	C. R. COLLINS 6
T. G. MARTIN 3	†H. BOSWELL 7
E. E. SPEKE 4	*ROY LUNN Tenor

Conducted by A. D. COLLINS.

* First peal. † 150th peal for the Society. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of A. Hubball and C. Willis, members of the local company, who lost their lives while serving in H.M. Forces during the war.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK BLONDELL Treble	*H. GEORGE HART 5
ELSIE K. FULTON 2	W. NORMAN GENNA 6
THOMAS COLLINS 3	*FRANK OAKSHOTT 7
*RALPH E. W. WENBAN... .. 4	WILLIAM WENBAN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON. Conducted by W. WENBAN.

* First peal of Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*FREDK. W. MIDDLETON Treble	*CHARLES H. MOORE 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	*JOHN MOOR 6
*MRS. FREWEN MOOR 3	*F. CHARLES GOODMAN... .. 7
*CEDRIC CURSON 4	GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.



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EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal: *VICTOR WOODARDS ... Treble, LUCIE M. HUBBERT ... 2, MAURICE HODGSON ... 3, THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 4, *ERIC A. DENCH ... 5, *CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 6, CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7, PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor.

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. * First peal in the method.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal: *GEORGE CHURCH ... Treble, ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY ... 2, *MORRIS THOMAS ... 3, FREDK. PAGE ... 4, FRANK BENNETT ... 5, *ROBERT CHALLENGE ... 6, HENRY STALHAM ... 7, ALFRED HODDEN ... Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT. * First peal of Stedman. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Stalham.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE MANCROFT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal: OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble, MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2, NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3, JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4, CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5, WALTER ALLMAN ... 6, GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7, FRANCIS BIBBY ... Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 20 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal: DAVID VINCENT ... Treble, THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2, GEORGE H. HESKETH ... 3, GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4, ARTHUR LINTOTT ... 5, THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6, EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7, FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 19 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal: GEORGE E. RETTER ... Treble, *JOHN CARTER ... 2, JOHN QUICK ... 3, SIDNEY SKINNER ... 4, BRIAN PIDGEON ... 5, *REG. WOODLEY ... 6, ARTHUR J. C. HOLWAY ... 7, ERNEST E. RETTER ... Tenor.

Conducted by G. E. RETTER. * First peal of Triples.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal: ERIC T. LEE ... Treble, C. ERNEST SMITH ... 2, KENNETH SNELLING ... 3, NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... 4, GEORGE L. GROVER ... 5, *HAROLD A. MAY ... 6, OLIVER SIPPETS ... 7, WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH. * First peal of Superlative. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.—On March 9th at the Church of St. Luke, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Chilton 1, T. Reynolds 2, T. Q. Martin 3, F. E. Speake 4, A. D. Collins (conductor) 5, C. R. Collins 6, H. Boswell 7, R. Lunn 8.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).

Tenor 19 1/2 cwt. in E flat.

Table listing names and positions for the peal: BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... Treble, FRANK SODEN ... 2, FREDK. W. SODEN ... 3, THOMAS S. STRATFORD ... 4, WILLIAM J. DIXON ... 5, THOMAS W. TIMMS ... 6, ALAN R. PINK ... 7, GEORGE R. MILES ... Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Thomas A. Bond, bellfounder, who died on March 13th.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal: *REGINALD J. FUNNELL ... Treble, ALFRED PRIOR ... 2, *THOS. A. LAYBOURN ... 3, HARRY TURNER ... 4, FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5, *JOHN F. GROVE ... 6, JOHN SITCH ... 7, FRANK V. GANT ... Tenor.

Conducted by H. TURNER. * First peal of Triples.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALKELDA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 18 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal: W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Treble, FREDK. SEAGER ... 2, FRED DUNKERLEY ... 3, JOHN WORTH ... 4, LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5, DAVID VINCENT ... 6, ERNEST B. BETTS ... 7, FRED HODGSON ... Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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.

Table listing names and positions for the peal: *EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble, ALAN R. PINK ... 2, *JAMES HIGGINS ... 3, BETTY SPICE ... 4, *WM. C. PORTER ... 5, NEIL L. ALLNATT ... 6, *FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7, *WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor.

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE. * First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † 100th peal together.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal: VICTOR WOODARDS ... Treble, LUCIE M. HUBBERT ... 2, ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3, GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4, ERIC A. DENCH ... 5, PHILIP A. CORBY ... 6, ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7, CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor.

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal: *GORDON C. BRIGGS ... Treble, F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2, *W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 3, JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 4, ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5, *FRANK REED ... 6, J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 7, HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... Tenor.

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER. * First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	FRANK L. FISHER ... 6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 3	PERCY K. PARKER ... 7
HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
First peal as conductor and first attempt (age 11).

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F. sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL <i>Treble</i>	†CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5
*JOYCE HUMPHREY ... 2	‡HENRY WEAVER ... 6
HAROLD F. WOOD ... 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD ... 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	CECIL H. WOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by R. P. WOOD.
* First peal. † First of Major 'inside.' ‡ First in the method.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WORCESTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.
First peal of London Surprise Major on the bells.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*GEO. E. W. GRIFFITHS <i>Treble</i>	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 5
JOHN W. BEST ... 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 3	HENRY O. BAKER ... 7
THOMAS GRIFFITHS ... 4	*ROBERT ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

Holt's Ten-part.	
*BARBARA CLEVELAND <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. SLATFORD ... 5
MRS. F. A. PENN ... 2	PERCIVAL HARDING ... 6
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 3	FRANK A. PENN ... 7
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 4	SIDNEY PRESCOTT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. A. PENN.

* First peal of Triples. The ringer of the third has completed the circle. First peal in method as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD TUFFREY <i>Treble</i>	G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 5
JOHN PINFOLD ... 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. H. Waddleton upon his induction to the benefice of Bishop Ryder's.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bishop 1, H. Bishop 2, K. White 3, J. Gordon 4, F. James 5, F. Robey 6, A. Webb (conductor) 7, E. Sawyer 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Dr. Rice.

SIX BELL PEALS

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.		Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.
LEONARD STILWELL <i>Treble</i>	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 4	
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 2	FREDK. ROBERTS ... 5	
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	CECIL H. WOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by E. R. RAPLEY.

A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. George Mackenzie.

IGHTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.		Tenor 9 cwt.
*REGINALD L. SILLS <i>Treble</i>	†ERNEST T. J. LADD ... 4	
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... 5	
FREDK. E. BUDGEN ... 3	ROBERT COLLINS ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

* First peal of Minor. † First in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JACK CURWIN (13) <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE PRESTON (14) ... 4
MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK ... 2	*TOM CUTTS ... 5
*PHILIP COOTE (16) ... 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.
* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band. The bells were augmented from three to eight in 1915.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London.		Tenor 7½ cwt.
*JACK R. WORRALL <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE W. PARK ... 4	
*N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ... 2	GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 5	
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.
* First peal of Surprise.

HANDBELL PEALS

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWIN JENNING ... 1-2	THOMAS BIRD ... 5-6
*ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	OLAVE BROYD ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. W. PYE.
* First peal of Kent Major on handbells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT 5, ADDISON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MISS JENNY PYM ... 1-2	ALBERT M. TYLER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4	THOMAS H. HARRIS ... 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob.	
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... 1-2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 3-4
JOHN R. MAYNE (aged 13) 5-6	

Conducted by J. R. MAYNE.
First seven method peal in hand by all.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On March 15th, for a dedication service by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Alderman 1, R. Alderman 2, S. Bristow (conductor) 3, D. Parsons 4, H. Bristow 5, R. Yard 6.

BILLINGSBURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Peter Wood 1, H. Wood (first quarter as conductor) 2, R. Wood, sen. 3, C. Wood 4, T. Newman 5, W. Wickes 6, R. Wood, jun. 7, A. Emery 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, J. Keyte 3, M. Sinden 4, R. Jarvis 5, F. Perry 6, I. Harris (conductor) 7, C. Tompkins 8. A compliment to Mr. J. Keyte on the birth of a grandson.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—At All Saints' on March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Tompkins (conductor) 1, G. Mayes 2, E. H. Dilley 3, A. W. Dilley 4, T. H. Dilley 5, E. W. Earl 6. Half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. I. E. Lunt, wife of the Rector.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On March 23rd at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Scutts (first quarter) 1, Beryl Look 2, H. Lintern 3, W. Higgins 4, J. Lintern (conductor) 5, T. Tucker (first quarter) 6.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Mary on March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, R. W. Warwick 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, C. J. Hibbert 4, Miss J. H. East 5, J. W. Wilson (first quarter as conductor) 6, E. T. Smeller 7, W. W. Warwick 8. In memoriam to Mrs. R. T. Hibbert, who was interred on March 18th.

EWELL, SURREY.—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hill (first quarter) 1, H. E. Good 2, Barbara Pottinger 3, Joyce England 4, A. A. Hadley 5, F. Oakshott 6, D. Parsons (first as conductor) 7, J. F. Beams 8. In memoriam to Mr. Charles Lord.

QUARTER PEALS

ERITH, KENT.—At Christ Church on March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hill 1, V. J. Benning 2, Miss A. Catt 3, C. Udell 4, F. A. Coley 5, E. E. Jeffries 6, A. G. Hill (conductor) 7, J. Benning 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On March 23rd, 1,268 Stedman Caters: R. Hayes 1, F. Bowden 2, C. E. Smith 3, W. R. Money 4, F. Oldroyd 5, E. Lee 6, A. Collyer 7, F. Radford 8, C. Hazelden (conductor) 9, A. E. Brown 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by ringers of 6 and 7.

HIGHGATE, LONDON.—At St. Anne's Church on March 23rd, 1,344 Little Bob Major: D. Harman 1, Miss J. M. Preston 2, F. T. Chapman (first inside) 3, A. W. J. Butler 4, T. Bevan 5, G. F. Carter (first inside) 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, C. A. Vessey (conductor) 8. First quarter in method by all except conductor.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On March 15th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. Whiterod 1, J. Papworth 2, J. Newman 3, C. Franklin 4, J. Elliott (conductor) 5, C. Burton 6. Longest length for the treble and fourth ringers. A wedding compliment to Mr. C. Button, who was married at Braintree the same day.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On March 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. Madeley 1, R. H. Tyler (aged 15) 2, F. Price 3, W. J. Chester 4, A. M. Hickman 5, T. Price 6, W. H. Tyler (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8. The first quarter of Surprise for 1, 2, 7 and 8, and the first to be rung by a local band.

NORTHAMPTON.—On March 22nd at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Atterbury 1, W. J. Allen (first quarter-peal) 2, A. Robinson 3, L. Farey 4, G. Tanner 5, B. O. Soden 6, W. J. Dove (conductor) 7, W. G. Farey 8.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—At the Parish Church on March 18th, 1,440 changes, being 720 Kent and 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Wain (conductor) 1, G. Hancock 2, H. Johnson 3, F. Robey 4, A. Turner 5, J. Brewster 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to ringers of 3 and 5.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCS.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Scores 1, C. Blakey 2, W. Procter 3, E. Brunton 4, A. Tomlinson 5, F. Read (conductor) 6, E. J. Gower 7, R. Leigh 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. James Houlsworth.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Sleet 1, H. Kingston 2, D. Sleet (conductor) 3, P. Underwood 4, H. J. Chaffey 5, W. Horn 6. A 75th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

RAINHAM, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Parish Church on March 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Cheal 1, Mrs. E. F. Salmans 2, T. A. Cross 3, J. D. A. Cleaver 4, E. Naylor 5, W. J. Walker 6, B. A. Edwards 7, P. O. E. F. Salmans, R.N. (conductor) 8.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Morton 1, T. Watkin 2, R. Spencer 3, J. Watkin 4, G. Holmes (conductor) 5, G. Cradock 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 3 and 4.

STROUD, GLOS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Shepperd 1, L. Barry 2, G. Latham 3, B. Latham 4, T. Pritchard 5, R. Thain 6, T. Witts (conductor) 7, R. Sharpe 8.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—At St. George's Church on March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Byles (first quarter) 1, E. Norman (first inside) 2, R. Short 3, H. Davis 4, P. Sweet (first as conductor) 5, G. Hucker 6. First quarter on the bells by all Wembdon ringers. Rung after service of dedication of two windows and restored organ by the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

One of the most promising of the Oxford Guild's younger ringers is James Higgins (15), who has rung his first peal of Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative). 'Jimmy,' writes the conductor, 'is very modest with it all.'

There are other young people in the news this week. Master George W. Pipe has called his first peal of Bob Major at the age of 11. This was at Ufford, Suffolk. His father and mother both participated in the peal. A family of conductors!

Another youthful conductor is thirteen-year-old John R. Mayne. He has called this week a peal of Minor in seven methods in hand! The peal of Surprise Minor at Darlington on March 22nd was arranged for Jack R. Worrall (Cardiff) and John A. Pumphrey (Aylsham, Norfolk), who are serving in the Royal Corps of Signals. It was their first peal of Surprise.

For 65 years Mr. W. A. Jeavons has been a member of the Coseley, Staffs, band. In honour of his 82nd birthday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles were rung on March 19th by W. A. Jeavons 1, A. Baker 2, Miss E. Causer 3, D. Whatmore (first quarter) 4, D. Holden (conductor) 5, A. Cope 6.

The usual precaution of locking the belfry door was not taken at Pulford, Cheshire, on March 22nd, during a peal attempt. After ringing had been in progress for some time, a visitor entered the ringing chamber. He was quickly requested to leave and did so, but after the peal a postcard was found on the outside of the door apologising for the intrusion and very favourably commenting on the quality of the ringing! No name was given, but he stated he was from the Wirral area and was en route to Llangollen. Real courtesy!

BELFRY GOSSIP

Quarterly subscribers may deduct 7d. from their next payment for the two issues that did not appear in February. Writes one prompt payer in sending his full subscription to Mr. H. J. Eldred: 'No deduction made. Well worth the money.'

Will Mr. Robin Shuttleworth, who ordered 'Elementary Change Ringing,' please forward his address to the Editor? The Frodsham, Cheshire, band have a new first in the Exercise—Double Maneroft Bob Major.

The Exercise will extend their best wishes to Mr. P. A. Corby and Miss Lucile M. Hubbert. Their marriage takes place on April 10th.

Latest caricature of the Exercise appears in 'Lilliput,' in which Gammidge introduces Bam, Bim, Boom, Bong and Beng.

Those attending the annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association should note a correction in the advertisement, which reads, 'Please bring food; cups of tea provided.'

Correction.—The peal of Little Bob Major at Tattenhall, Staffs, on February 22nd, was B. G. Key's 100th peal and not G. E. Oliver's as printed.

The example of Bournemouth in advertising holiday ringing opportunities has been followed this week by Brighton, who suggest that other holiday resorts should make similar announcements.

Steps are being taken to revive the Ladies' Guild in Kent, which lapsed during the war. It is hoped that the meeting at Tunbridge Wells on April 19th will place the Guild on a firm basis in Kent.

At Hobart, Tasmania, a half-muffled peal was rung at Holy Trinity Church when the news of the passing of Mr. Rupert Richardson was received. The visit of the Tourists to Australia is still remembered by Mr. A. R. Wilson and his fellow ringers.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ALTHOUGH the beginning of change ringing in Sussex cannot be determined with any accuracy, it is certain that there were centres of the art of Horsham, Bolney, Brighton and Eastbourne in the early part of the 18th century. Bolney is believed to be the first tower in the county with a peal of eight, but there are no boards in the tower recording early performances. By the courtesy of Mr. A. Gillings, the following extracts were made from the minute book of the local society, in which some attempt was made to record the old peals:—

April 22nd, 1799, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Philip Tulley.

April 23rd, 1813, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, conducted by James Potter, Brighton.

April 6th, 1822, 11,216 Bob Major, conducted by Richard Cook, Bolney.

In the middle of the 18th century the heavy peal of six at Horsham, with its 36 cwt. tenor, was recast into eight, and between 1766 and 1821 twenty-four peals were rung. The band also scored the first peals at St. Nicholas', Brighton, 1777, and Uckfield 1785, besides travelling as far abroad as Dorking and Guildford. Unfortunately the ancient peal book of the Horsham Society, together with the peal book and certificate book of the Sussex County Association, disappeared in 1908 after an upheaval in the Association's affairs, and has never been traced.

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, the old parish church, ringing was kept vigorous by the constant visits of the Court to the town, and by its comparatively easy access from London. There is a board recording a peal of Bob Major, 11,088 changes, in 1779, rung by a mixed band, which included Sussex ringers from Horsham, Chiddingly and Cuckfield. The bells were originally eight, augmented to ten, reduced to eight again when the two trebles were transferred to the new Parish Church of St. Peter, and again augmented to ten, finally to be recast into a modern peal of ten. Very many peals have been rung here, and there is a record compiled in this century which is reputed to be a complete list. At one time there is said to have been two rival companies ringing on the bells, the Silver Spurs and the Straw Boots, the former having their headquarters at the Windmill Tavern in Upper North Street. Within living memory the insignia of the silver spur was attached to a notice board at the Windmill, but on the closing of the inn this, and possibly other records, was lost.

On these auspicious foundations, the Sussex County Association was formed from a meeting called in December, 1884, by George F. Attree at St. Peter's, Brighton. In the early part of the next year the Association was formally launched, with George Attree as its first secretary. Twenty-five bands of ringers became affiliated, and the Association at once became the third largest in the country.

In 1885 the peal at Warnham was augmented to eight, and there was found a public which loved to hear its church bells rung all day and every day. In consequence Warnham soon came to the front as a centre of change ringing, and many of its peals have the footnote, 'Begun at 4.30 a.m.' It was no unknown occurrence to have two or even more peals rung in one day. Naturally, it was an ideal place for record breaking!

'FANTASTIC EXTRAVAGANCES.'

The Association was inaugurated with an impressive list of honorary members containing the names of many of the Sussex clergy and a heavy sprinkling of the higher nobility, and it was from these that it obtained a large percentage of its income. For the first year or so it flourished exceedingly, then the subscriptions from the honorary members began



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIGHTON

[Photo: Brighton and Hove Herald.]

to fall away, fantastic extravagances on dinners and teas and the erection of marble tablets began to tell their tale on the balance sheets, which went from bad to worse. Every year showed a deficit until in 1891, when the accounts were more than £60 on the wrong side, George Attree, on his elevation to the Mastership, wiped out the debt. Under the secretaryship of the Rev. Lohrer Coder the Association was enabled to start afresh without encumbrance.

The unique position of George Attree, as an influential business man in Brighton, and a churchwarden of St. Peter's, enabled him to attract to the town many good ringers, and to provide unlimited facilities for practice. Amongst his band figure such well-known names as George Baker, composer and method inventor, George Williams, Edward Merritt, Harry Weston, Frank Bennett, Keith Hart, George Smart—some employed by the Attree firm, others attracted to the tower by its growing reputation or the opportunities offered for practice in advanced methods.

The 1890's found the St. Peter's band at the top of its form: the first peals for the Association of Cambridge, Superlative and London were rung at their own tower, and the first peal of Grandsire and Stedman Caters at St. Nicholas'. These latter were not the first rung by the Sussex Association, as affiliated towers were listed as far away as St. Albans Cathedral, Herts, and All Saints', Fulham, claims the first peals of Caters credited to the Association. It is doubtful, however, if these peals can be reckoned truly Sussex ones. During this period the St. Peter's band travelled to London, and at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, rang the first peal of London Surprise in the City. The attitude of the London ringers to this performance is not recorded.

The same decade found a new centre of ringing at Crawley, under James Parker, peals of New Cumberland Surprise, Superlative and

Alliance Major being accomplished. At Henfield, too, Charles Tyler's band scored the first peal of Duffield for the Association and the first of Stedman Caters and Cinques on handbells.

The swift rise of the Association's reputation may be gauged by the fact that the first peal for the new Association was Grandsire Triples at Cuckfield, conducted by J. Jay, sen., and there were seven rung in the first year. In 1895 the total had risen to 98 for the twelve months, being at that time a record for any society. No less than 33 of these were rung at Warnham, and methods had included 10,080 Treble Bob Minor in 14 methods at Capel, conducted by D. Jordan, the first peal ever rung of Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by H. Chandler at Warnham, and the first peals of Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.

In 1908 George Attree emigrated to Canada, and it might well have been that the removal of his undoubted personality and powers of leadership would spell disaster both to St. Peter's and the Association. That difficulties and troubles attendant on his sudden departure should occur is only to be expected, but the foundations he had laid were sound and there were capable men to carry on his work. In the election of the new Master, F. B. Tompkins, and secretary, G. Watson, with Keith Hart succeeding to the leadership of St. Peter's, affairs settled down in due course.

DIVISION OF THE COUNTY

By 1893 it had been found necessary, owing to the peculiar shape of the county with its Cathedral at the extreme west end, to form three divisions of the Association. This arrangement lasted until 1932, when under the secretaryship of Albert Stone the central division was divided into a northern and southern. Although various attempts have been made to give the Cathedral City more prominence, it is generally agreed that Brighton is geographically and conveniently the natural centre. General meetings held at Chichester or Eastbourne have always proved unrepresentative and unsatisfactory.

The first World War broke on the Association at the height of its reputation. A record of 112 peals had been rung during 1913; the finances were in a flourishing state; the new Benevolent Fund was proving its worth. It was owing to these facts that the organisation came through the war years on a firm footing to face the problems of peace. Despite some opposition, meetings were regularly held and there seems to have been very little dislocation in any direction. By 1924 it was found possible to offer rail fares to members attending meetings, in addition to the benefits derived from the Benevolent Fund.

Between the wars Crawley had risen again under the conductorship of Oliver Sippetts, where peals of Surprise in new methods and in the latest discovery, Spliced Surprise, were becoming almost everyday affairs. St. Peter's, Brighton, were making good use of the heavy peal of ten which had been presented by the Master, J. Thornton Rickman, and the first peal ever rung of London Surprise Royal in George Baker's Brighton version had been rung by the local band with Keith Hart as conductor. The jubilee meeting was held in Brighton in 1935, three foundation members being present.

Again war interfered with progress, this time more severely than before, but again, despite the total ban on ringing, activities continued. The handbell band gathered round Frank and Mrs. Hairs at Burgess Hill scored peals with regularity. It is largely owing to these activities, carried on under the stress of difficulties attendant on war duties, that the Association was enabled to start again so

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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vigorously after the lifting of the ban. The county has reason to be thankful that it has escaped with negligible damage to bells and towers, although it took its part in the front line.

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES.

- July 7th, 1888, 10,800 Treble Bob Minor in 14 methods at Capel, D. Jordan.
 Dec. 26th, 1894, 9,312 Superlative Surprise Major at Crawley, J. Parker.
 March 1st, 1889, 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major at Warnham, H. Chandler.
 Dec. 11th, 1891, 6,720 Canterbury Pleasure Major at Horsham, H. Chandler.
 Feb. 2nd, 1901, 6,720 London Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Brighton, G. Williams.
 April 29th, 1933, 10,432 Kent Treble Bob Major at Warnham, A. H. Pulling.

PEALS RUNG BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE FIRST TIME BY ANY BAND IN THE METHOD.

- Dec. 17th, 1888, Canterbury Pleasure Major at Warnham, H. Chandler.
 Jan. 10th, 1889, Oxford Bob Triples at Warnham, H. Chandler.
 Nov. 8th, 1894, Alliance Major at Crawley, J. Parker.
 Dec. 20th, 1894, Champion Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Brighton, G. F. Attree.
 Dec. 31st, 1897, Oxford Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Brighton, G. F. Attree.
 March 14th, 1898, Norfolk Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Brighton, G. Baker.
 May 16th, 1898, Westminster Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Brighton, G. F. Attree.
 March 22nd, 1901, Bristol Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Brighton, G. Williams.
 Feb. 11th, 1926, London Surprise Royal, Brighton Version, at St. Peter's, Brighton, K. Hart.
 June 11th, 1927, Spliced London, Superlative, Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major at Warnham, A. H. Pulling.
 Jan. 7th, 1932, Berkeley Surprise Major at Crawley, O. Sippetts.
 Dec. 26th, 1934, Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Peter's, Brighton, C. W. Roberts.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

Over 40 members and friends braved the Arctic conditions on March 15th to attend the annual meeting of the Guild at Dudley. The president (the Rev. J. Waring), who is Vicar of Dudley, conducted the service and his address gave food for thought in these troublous times. Tea was served at the business meeting.

At the ensuing meeting the following officers were re-elected: President, the Rev. J. Waring, R.D.; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Townsend; treasurer, Mr. H. Shuck; secretary, also Central Council representative, Mr. F. Colclough; auditors, Messrs. T. Justice and D. Holden. Six new ringing members were elected. An invitation was accepted to hold the next quarterly meeting at Netherton in June.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In spite of threatening skies, 51 members and friends attended the Canterbury District meeting at Hernhill on March 22nd. The achievement of the meeting was the electing of the Hernhill band of nine ringers in union with the Association, together with one junior member from Elham and one new hon. member. The next quarterly meeting will be at Elham on April 19th.

Ringing was in varying methods and degrees of striking, reports our correspondent. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Sharland), and Miss A. Foreman, who played the organ, recently completed 50 years as organist at the church. They were both thanked for their services.

Sheffield and District Society

1946 A PROGRESSIVE YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at St. John's, Ramnor, on March 8th. The weather was very difficult for travelling, but approximately 40 members attended from Rotherham, Staveley, Handsworth, Chesterfield, Whiston, Dronfield, All Saints', Pitsmoor, Sheffield Cathedral and the local company. The ten bells were available from 3 to 5 and 6.30 to 8.30 and were well occupied.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall, after which the business meeting was held. Owing to the Rector, Canon Foster, meeting with a slight accident which prevented him attending, the president (Mr. F. B. Ditcher) took the chair. Eight ringers were elected members. The balance sheet showed the society in a sound position.

The secretary (Mr. H. O. Chaddock) in his report said he was very grateful to tower secretaries and officers for the help he had received in arranging meetings. Twenty-seven new members had been elected, and three had been lost by death. The attendance at the monthly meeting had improved, and the society was on good terms with neighbouring societies and received plenty of support, particularly in the Doncaster and Chesterfield directions. During 1946, 27 peals had been rung, viz., 2 on six bells, 21 on eight bells, 3 on 10 bells, and 1 of Maximus, all on tower bells. There had been five conductors and 12 different methods were rung—a creditable performance for a small society. The peal book was complete to January, 1946, and outstanding peals were in process of being written.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. F. B. Ditcher; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, J. E. Turley and N. Chaddock; auditor, Mr. F. B. Ditcher; treasurer, Mr. S. F. Palmer; Ringing Masters, Messrs. N. Ohaddock and G. Briggs; secretary, Mr. H. O. Chaddock; assistant secretary, Mr. W. Holland.

An invitation to hold the April meeting at Rotherham Parish Church was accepted. The committee are to arrange the competition for the society's silver cup. The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. George Lewis, whose health prevented him attending, expressing the members' good wishes and thanking him for his past services.

A suggestion that the annual subscription be raised was withdrawn, and it was hoped that the society would continue to pay its way for another year when the position could again be reviewed.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, local company and ladies for the use of the bells and the hospitality given to the society was carried unanimously.

OBITUARY**MR. WILLIAM JAMES.**

The passing of William James severs the last link of the Bromsgrove band which made ringing history 50 years ago. He rang his first peal over 62 years ago, and although not a great peal ringer, retained his interest to the last. He died suddenly on March 17th at the age of 78.

After the funeral on March 22nd the bells were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect for a steady and reliable ringer.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Corlestone, Great Yarmouth.

Middlesex County Association**MEETING AT HARLINGTON.**

The first meeting for about ten years, and the first since the augmentation of the bells from six to eight, took place at Harlington on March 15th.

About 45 members and friends attended, from Bushey Heath, Ealing (St. Stephen's), Farnham Royal, Feltham, Harlington, Hayes, Heston, Hillingdon (St. Andrew's and St. John's), Oatlands Park, Richmond, Stanwell, Southfields, Uxbridge, Wembley and Willesden, and the musical little peal were kept going from 3 p.m. till 8.30 p.m.

Methods rung, under the supervision of Mr. F. A. Finch (Ringing Master) and Mr. T. G. Baumster (Deputy Ringing Master), included Grand sire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major. Learners were not forgotten, and were given plenty of opportunities in rounds and six-bell ringing.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Reindorp, M.A.), who welcomed the Association. Tea was kindly provided by the local company in the Church Hall and was the more appreciated as the weather had again turned bitterly cold.

An informal business meeting was presided over, in the absence of Mr. W. H. Coles (the vice-president), who sent an apology, by Mr. F. A. Finch.

Elections were as follows: Miss Audrey Castle (Merton, Surrey) and Mr. C. A. Levett (St. Leonards-on-Sea) as non-resident life members; Mr. W. Pitchall (Ruislip), Mr. P. Bettridge and Mr. H. W. Impey (Hillingdon, St. John's), and the Rev. P. C. J. Hoyal (Vicar of Stanwell), as ringing members.

The Secretary announced that the assistant secretary (Mr. W. G. Wilson) was somewhat seriously indisposed and was likely to be out of ringing for some time. On the proposition of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by Mr. F. A. Finch, the secretary was requested to write Mr. Wilson expressing the concern of those present, and to convey their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The next meeting was fixed for Heston on April 26th, and if possible an evening meeting at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, during May. The best thanks of the Association were accorded to the Rector, to Mr. J. Nelhams and the local company, and to the organist, for all the arrangements made.

The general secretary (Mr. E. C. S. Turner) announced that the annual general meeting of the Association would be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on May 10th, and not as previously announced. He also again drew attention to the appeal recently issued for the C. T. Coles Memorial Fund, and asked for members' support for this object.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**WESTERN DIVISION AT KEIGHLEY.**

Officers were elected for three years when the Western Division held its annual meeting at Keighley on March 22nd under the chairmanship of Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president). These were district secretary, Mr. William Ambler (with warm thanks for past services); Messrs. J. Ambler, P. Birkett and F. Hodgson, district committee; Mr. J. Ambler, general committee. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Marsden in June was accepted.

Four new members were elected, and the collection given to the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 14s. 10d.

Ringing before and after the meeting ranged from Plain Bob to Superlative Surprise. Evening ringing was marred by fumes from the boiler penetrating the ringing chamber; this, coupled with the bad 'go' of the tenor, caused ringing to be curtailed. Some 40 members were present and their enthusiasm may be the means of stimulating effort in this area, which has been at a low ebb for some time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOTICES

The Kington Peal

'A PAROCHIAL AFFAIR.'

Dear Sir,—One cannot pronounce judgment until the whole of the facts is known. This sound advice given by the president of the East Devon Guild does not appear to us of the Hereford Diocesan Guild to have been taken by you, sir, before writing your editorial of March 21st.

You have not published any letter from the peal ringers explaining their action, to enable your readers to hear both sides of the question; and if you have received no such letter we submit that it was premature for you to write a leader on the subject. You have certainly read into Mr. Jones' letter more than he intended to imply and made the matter look far worse than it really is; for there was no question of a first peal—the two new bells are still only a future prospect.

You raise the question of the etiquette of peal ringing in a strange tower. The most usual practice is surely for the incumbent (not the captain) to be approached first. He will naturally consult his responsible officer (usually the steeplekeeper) before giving permission.

In the case of the Kington peal, therefore, it would appear to us that the fault lay in the decision of the peal ringers (when the tower originally arranged for was not available) to try to get another one by telephoning to the Vicar at such short notice that he had no time to consult his steeplekeeper or captain.

Such a thing has undoubtedly been done by others many times before; but it is an act of discourtesy to the incumbent. Let this be a warning! Unless, however, an incumbent has a clear understanding with his own band he should very properly refuse to be rushed into giving consent in this way. But if he does give his consent, any trouble caused thereby is his own responsibility and not that of the visitors. It has become a parochial affair, and not one that can be usefully aired in the pages of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours, etc.,

E. G. BENSON, Hon. Sec.,
Hereford Diocesan Guild.

Burghill Vicarage, Hereford.

TOWER SNATCHING

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter of Mr. Eric Nobles. In 1938 I rang in 163 new towers in 19 counties, and in 1939, during the first eight months of the year, I rang in 153 new towers in 21 counties. But for the war, I was hoping to reach the 200 mark! In addition to these new towers, I visited from 30 to 40 'old' towers during both these years, so my total for both years was over 350 towers altogether.

While on this subject, I should be interested to know how many ringers have rung in 1,000 or more? I know of only five, Messrs. J. H. Shepherd, A. A. Hughes, W. A. Stote, J. T. Dyrke and myself. My total is now 1,041 in 45 counties, in England, Wales and Ireland.

Since the war, owing to pressure of work and other factors, I am unable to do very much 'tower snatching,' but I am pleased to hear of others carrying on their widening of experience. Good luck, Mr. Nobles, and may you one day join the '1,000' up band.—Yours faithfully,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Eastbourne.

ANOTHER RECORD

Dear Sir,—Without wishing to enter a discussion regarding the merits or demerits of the record of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, I would like to draw Mr. Burgess' attention to a recording of a touch of Grand-sire Caters rung at Birmingham Cathedral, which may approach the high standard he desires.

Copies of this record are available from Mr. G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28.—Yours truly,

G. W. CRITCHLEY.

Sutton Coldfield.

What's In a Name?

Dear Sir,—I have thought for some time that the naming of some of our methods is somewhat misleading, and I wonder if other ringers are of the same opinion. As the following will show, it presents something of an anomaly.

If we take a course of the Plain Bob method on any number of bells and insert a second hunt bell we call it Grand-sire, i.e., Bob Minimus becomes Grand-sire Doubles, Bob Doubles equals Grand-sire Minor, Bob Minor equals Grand-sire Triples and so on. We will accept Grand-sire as a distinct method as the calls are not Plain Bob calls, and, further, the method can be rung on all numbers by straightforward extension.

Now if we take the Oxford Bob method and 'Grand-sire' it as we do Plain Bob, we still call it Oxford Bob, and in consequence Oxford Bob on an even number of bells is an entirely different method to that on an odd number of bells. Ask any six-bell ringer. Would it not be more correct to call the method we know as Oxford Bob Triples, 'Grand-sire Triples in the Oxford Bob variation'? The method is far more akin to Grand-sire than Oxford Bob.

I noticed in a recent report of a peal of Doubles that Oxford Bob was among the methods rung. How do we juggle with the Oxford Bob method on five bells without ringing either Plain Bob or Grand-sire?

Again, if we take the Plain Bob method and extend it as we do it still remains Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Bob Triples, etc., but if we take the variation of Plain Bob Doubles known as St. Simon's, when it is extended to Minor it becomes St. Clement's Minor. What accounts for this?

I have not rung St. Clement's Triples, but I presume that here again we introduce a second hunt bell and use Grand-sire calls, thus making it far more akin to Grand-sire than a variation of Plain Bob. There are no doubt dozens of other methods which are or could be treated as these two methods are. Perhaps our Methods Committee of the Central Council can enlighten us. I say 'us' as I imagine there are others besides myself who are equally fogged.

V.A.J.

Barton Stacey, Hants.

RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—On Easter Monday, April 7th, I have a band going to attempt a 9,000 Bob Royal at Prittlewell, starting at 2 p.m. I think, should this be successful, it will be the longest length of Bob Royal rung. The composition, by myself, contains the 6th extent right and wrong in 50 courses.—Yours truly,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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Notices must be received not later than Monday.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. P. C. Williams, hon. treasurer to the Gloucester and Bristol Association, is now Farnel, Nore Road, Portishead, Somerset. 1147

Mr. Walter W. Wolstencroft wishes to inform all friends that he has now left Ashton-under-Lyne, and his new address is, 1, Cherry Orchard Close, Stoke Poges, near Slough, Bucks, Tel. Fulmer (Bucks) 63. 1142

KENT ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting arrangements as previously advertised, wet or fine. Lunch reserved for 290 applicants. Tickets ordered by March 28th not received by post should be collected at Drill Hall before 1 o'clock.—G. H. Spice, Gen. Sec. 1184

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District. — Meeting at Marden (8), Apr. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 1113

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield Branch. — Next meeting, Dronfield (8), Apr. 5th. Bring own food.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1139

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.—Annual general meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, Apl. 7th. Service in All Saints', 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon prompt. Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. Swithin's (6), from 10 a.m.; Cathedral (12), 5-6.30 p.m.; St. John's (8), 3-5 p.m.; Claines (10), from 2 p.m. No arrangements have yet been possible for meals.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 1103

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Bath, Easter Monday. Service, St. Michael's, 12 noon. Lunch, Christopher Hotel 12.50 prompt. Business meeting, St. James Church Room, 2 p.m. Bells available: Abbey (10), 3 to 5.30; St. Michael's (8), 11 to 12, 6 till dark; St. Matthew's (6), 5 to 6, St. Mark's (6), 6 to 7; St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4; Twerton (8), 3.30 to 5, 6 to 8; Cors-ton (8), 3.30 to 6; Newton St. Loe, any time. Make own arrangements for tea. Restaurants closed. About 20 seats left for lunch. Apply at once. — J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 1115

DEVON GUILD. — East Devon Branch. — Seaton, Easter Monday. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at Axe Vale Cafe.—J. Arbury, 2, Pater-noster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 1114

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Mon-day, Apr. 7th. St. Paul's (10) avail-able 10.30; St. Peter's (6) available during afternoon and evening. A meat tea has been arranged at the Lion Hotel, High Street, for 4 p.m., at 3s. 6d. per head. The business meeting will be held in the lounge of the Lion Hotel at 5 p.m. — Mr. F. Plummer, Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. 1125

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Annual meet-ing, Easter Monday, at Ipswich. St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6). Meet St. Mary-le-Tower 9.30. Photograph taken 11.45. Service 12 o'clock. Lunch 12.45 at Nightingale's, Upper Brook Street. Busi-ness meeting after. All ringers wel-come.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. 1038

ELLAND, YORKS. — Meeting at Elland on Saturday, Apr. 12th. All ringers invited. A tea will be pro-vided.—F. Linfoot. 1122

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — Next meeting will be at St. James', Milnrow, Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Tea 5.15. 1123

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. —Easter Monday meeting, Burton Parish Church. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5. Bring food. Cups of tea only.—J. W. Cotton. 1135

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD. — Annual general, Newark, Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells (10) 2.30. Com-mittee meeting 3.30. Tea at Barnby-gate Restaurant 5. Business meeting in belfry afterwards. Ringing till 8. Will all members please make a special effort to attend.—T. Groombridge, jun. 1105

OXFORD GUILD. — Banbury and Bicester Branches.—Joint meeting at Lower Heyford on Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to F. Pritchett, Lower Heyford, Oxford. Rousham (6) and Steeple Aston (6) available in even-ing.—E. C. Pearson and F. Sharpe. 1118

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCH-DEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Quarterly meeting, Brewood, Apr. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.45. Cups of tea 5.30. Please bring food. Bus leaves North Street (bottom Market Square), Wolverhampton, 2. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolver-hampton. 1119

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Cheltenham Branch. — Quarterly, Charlton Kings (8), Apr. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — Charles Rouse, Westdene, Boun-cers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 1117

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBER-LAND YOUTHS. — Meeting at Burn-ham, Bucks, on Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in Church Hall. Business to follow. Names for tea must reach Mr. G. Gilbert, Pontresina, Milner Road, Burnham, by Wednesday, Apr. 9th. — G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1133

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — Quar-terly, Warminster, Apr. 12th. Usual arrangements. Advise for tea by 9th April. — W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham. Phone 297. 1127

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton Branch.— Meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8), April 12th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrange-ments. — John W. Adshead, Police Station, Falfield, Glos. Branch Sec. 1178

LEICESTER GUILD. — Hinckley District.—Ringing at Kirkby Mallory, 2.45 to 4.40, on April 12th. Tea (own food) at Peckleton 5. Ringing 6 onwards. 1174

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —Grappenhall Branch. — Meeting, Lymm, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Ser-vice 3.45. Advise Mr. L. Bradburn, 24, Church Road, Lymm, if requiring tea by April 9th.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 1177

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. —N.E. Branch.—Meeting at Bickleigh, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Please notify before 7th. — C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec. 1176

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District. — Thames Ditton (6), Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. East Molesey (8) 7 to 9. Names for tea by Wednes-day, April 9th. — F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 1172

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —Leicester District.—South Wigston (8), Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea by April 9th to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 1170

LEICESTER GUILD. — Market Harborough District. — Meeting at Ilston-on-the-Hill on Saturday, April 12th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1168

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Priston, Satur-day, April 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 5 p.m. Names to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells. 1164

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. —Daventry Branch. — Meet-ing, Staverton, Saturday, April 12th. Final arrangements for outing. All members please attend. Names for tea to Miss P. Jackson, Staverton, by April 7th. — F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 1163

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch.—Meeting, Grimshy District, Barrow-on-Humber, Satur-day, April 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Ser-vice 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m., at 3s. per head. Names for tea by Thursday, April 10th, to W. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1162

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY. — Meeting, North Cave, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 (2s. 6d.). Notify Mr. Hicks, Westgate, North Cave, near Brough, by April 10th. — A. E. Sellers, Hon. Sec. 1130

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Cheadle R.C. (8), Saturday, April 12th. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—W. Carnwell. 1144

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at Binfield (6), on Saturday, April 12th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 1160

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 12th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by April 10th. Look up Double Oxford.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 1136

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Edenbridge (8), April 12th, 3 p.m. Make own tea arrangements.—C. A. Bassett. 1145

SALISBURY GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Burton Bradstock (6), Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. 1148

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Blunsdon (6), April 12th. Tea 5 p.m. — W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 1149

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting, Saturday, April 12th, Derby Cathedral. St. Peter's also available 3 p.m. Committee 3.30. Tea 5, general meeting follows, St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Names by the 9th to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 1150

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Twyford, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards, Parish Hall. Names for tea by 9th.—W. G. Goodchild, 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester. 1151

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Preston Branch. — Meeting at Higher Walton, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells from 2.30. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec. 1155

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — Quarterly, Marksbury, April 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 1156

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting, St. Paul's, Whitley Bay (8), on April

12th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Gofton, 41, Uplands, Monkseaton, by April 7th.—W. E. Robinson, Dis. Sec. 1179

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting of special interest to all lady ringers in Kent and Sussex at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Apr. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Important meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells, by Apr. 15th. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1110

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly, Dinder, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Notify for tea April 15th.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 1165

LADIES GUILD. — London District. — Annual district meeting, Gravesend, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church House only for those who notify Mrs. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, by April 15th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 1166

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Dedication of new bells at Saxilby, April 19th. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available after meeting. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, April 15th. — J. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 1167

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch. —Bourton-on-the-Water (8), Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Raymond Hicks, Hon. Sec. 1169

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. — Quarterly meeting at Aston, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (12) available at 3. Short service at 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. Fred Price, 172, Marsh Lane, Erdington, Birmingham, 23. (Phone ERD. 0554) not later than first post Thursday, 17th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1171

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A special general meeting will be held at Rawtenstall on April 19th. Bells at Haslingden. Newchurch, Waterfoot and Rawtenstall available. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. W. Rideough, 18, Mount Terrace, Rawtenstall, before April 16th. — W. H. Shuker, T. Wilson, Hon. Secs. 1182

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—Winthorpe (6), April 19th, 2.30. Bring own food. — J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 1161

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch. —Quarterly meeting, Bigbury, April 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special coach from Plymouth 1 p.m. Names by 14th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1180

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting, Watlington, Oxon (8), Saturday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by 14th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 1152

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, Elham, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Rev. R. H. T. Williams, The Vicarage, Elham, near Canterbury, not later than Monday, April 14th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1159

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Guildford, April 19th. Service, St. Nicolas', 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, Bury Fields, 5.15 p.m. Cathedral Church and St. Nicolas' bells in afternoon. Merrow, Shalford and St. Nicolas' in evening. Numbers for tea to Mr. A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford, by April 15th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 1183

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. N.-E. District. — Meeting, Wormingford (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring food. Cups of tea only.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Thorington, Colchester. 1158

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Eye and Bury St. Edmunds Districts will be held at Walsham-le-Willows (6) on Saturday, April 19th, to elect secretary for Eye District. Bells available at 3 p.m. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—A. Gillings. 1146

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH. — Until further notice Sunday ringing will be by arrangement only. Monthly Saturday practices discontinued. All inquiries to R. H. Dove, 70, Morris Lane, Leeds 5. 1181

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