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**YOUR PAPERS**

Most peal ringers and, in particular, conductors keep records. Some are systematic affairs, with peals tabulated and indexed with professional efficiency; with others they consist of exercise books pasted up with ringing data or perhaps a card index file. Such records are to a degree personal secrets; to the individual concerned they are an unfailing source of joy and memories of past achievement, and they constitute a life record. In addition, most conductors have their scrap book of peals and touches, cherished possessions which are constantly being added to, invaluable to the Exercise at large. With the limitations on printing to-day, these must of necessity be mainly in manuscript form or of cuttings.

Recently we have had one or two private letters from well-known leaders in their associations who, while compiling Guild histories and biographies, have regretted that in the case of certain ringers who have passed over their papers relating to ringing have been treated as salvage and destroyed. Their executors had regarded these manuscripts and records as of no intrinsic value, and they had been consigned to the waste-paper basket. One naturally can understand the point of view of the tidy housewife when confronted with an accumulation of papers (one noted ringer left a garage full of documents, some of which were valuable, but they required hours of time spent in sorting.) Too frequently when death occurs premises have to be vacated at an early date, and it is when confronted with a time limit that the uninitiated unceremoniously hands over the mass of papers to the salvage collector.

The point we are asked to emphasise is that all ringers should leave instructions as to the disposal of their papers. So many noted personalities regard their records of little value to ringing in general—probably a characteristic of a modest make-up—that they take no thought as to the eventual disposal of their papers. What every noted ringer really requires is a ringing executor who will sift and sort the papers and make sure that nothing of value to the Guild or Association is destroyed.

In ventilating this subject we trust that ringers, both individually and collectively, will consider the creation of the appropriate machinery for dealing with such masses of documentary data. Each Guild or Association should have a ringing executor to whom relatives of a deceased ringer could send such papers. We note that the Irish Association have this week appointed a librarian to deal

not only with the establishment of a library for the Association, but also the manuscripts left behind by that famous ringer and composer, Gabriel Lindoff. There are in most Guilds retired ringers with the necessary knowledge and aptitude for this work, and we feel certain, if general instructions and guidance could be issued from the Central Council, those inexperienced in this work would know what to look for and retain.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 8
JILL POOLE ... .. 3	SIDNEY O. CHIENEY ... .. 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. 11
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Maximus in the method by all the band.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 4 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 50 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	*SIDNEY O/C. HOLLOWAY ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 3	*NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 9
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4	JOHN S. MASON ... .. 10
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 11
FRED. A. H. WILKINS ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE TOWN HALL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 42 cwt.

*ALEC CAIRNS ... .. Treble	FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. 6
BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 2	HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 7
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 3	ALBERT FORD ... .. 8
WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 9
†REV. R. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 5	RICHARD BENSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Alderman Tom Adams, Lord Mayor of Manchester.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... Treble	JOHN JACKSON ... .. 6
*G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 2	*FRANCIS MCCARTHY ... 7
SYDNEY TUSON ... .. 3	JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. 8
†ED. COWPERTHWAIT ... 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 9
*W. HARRY CLARKE ... 5	E. ROGER MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by ED. TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal on tower bells.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 5 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PRITTLEWELL,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 9000 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*LEONARD BULLOCK ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 6
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	*PETER N. BOND ... .. 7
†ERIC A. DENCH ... .. 3	FREDERICK SOUTER ... .. 8
*SQUIRE CROFT ... .. 4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... 9
FRANK V. GANT ... .. 5	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal. The longest length of Plain Bob Royal yet rung. Rung to mark the bicentenary year of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

YEovil, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*MARY E. DAVIS ... Treble	†C. W. H. POWELL ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	WM. C. DOWDING ... 7
*WM. A. THEOBALD ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 9
TREVOR E. MARKS ... 5	*JOHN COLES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25½ cwt.

*MORRIS THOMAS ... Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 2	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 7
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	HENRY STALHAM ... .. 8
R. GORDON CROSS ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 9
FRANK BENNETT ... 5	*ALFRED HOBDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Double Norwich Caters for the Association and by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

Heywood's Variation.	
*NESTA D. SMITH ... Treble	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 5
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 2	LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 6
JOHN H. HUNT ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
*RICHARD SMITH ... .. 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD STEELE ... Treble	WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 5
FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 6
*GEORGE MOUNTFORD ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
†JOHN G. CARLIDGE ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by A. W. HALL.  
\* First peal of Major 'inside.' † Fiftieth peal. First peal in the method on the bells.



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RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RONALD E. NORRIS ... Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ...	5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ...	6
FREDK. RICHARDSON ... 3	WM. A. J. KNIGHT ...	7
*TREVOR A. CROSS ... 4	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor	

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.  
\* First peal away from the treble. Rung as a 59th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Belsey, of Rainham.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR D. COOK ... Treble	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ...	5
JOHN S. MASON ... 2	G. WM. CRITCHLEY ...	6
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ...	7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor	

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.  
\* First peal in the method. A welcome to the Most Rev. Joseph Masterson, D.D., Ph.D., D.C.L., fourth Archbishop of Birmingham.

KILDWICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*GEOFFREY DIXON ... Treble	WILLIAM DIXON ...	5
HARRY ROE ... 2	DENNIS ROE ...	6
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ...	7
WILFRED WHITAKER ... 4	PHILIP WHITAKER ... Tenor	

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.  
\* First peal in the method.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 72 lb. in E.

LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ...	5
CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ...	6
GORDON DYE ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ...	7
ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Horace Townsend, priest, for 48 years Vicar of North Elmham.

DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

JACK MUSSELL ... Treble	PETER ANGER ...	5
JAMES E. FIGGURES ... 2	LEONARD HARRIS ...	6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... 3	WM. A. THEOBALD ...	7
*LESLIE A. PAGE ... 4	PETER D. WENHAM ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal on newly augmented eight. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Purcell-Fox), and wedding compliment to daughter of W. W. Barnaby, churchwarden and local ringer.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS MARGARET FIDELI ... Treble	*GORDON J. LESK ...	5
*MISS JOYCE P. GAYMER ... 2	CHARLES F. VASEY ...	6
WM. H. BARBER ... 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ...	7
THOMAS W. CROWE ... 4	†SAMUEL C. WALKER ... Tenor	

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by SAMUEL C. WALKER.  
\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. To celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Vasey.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	ERIC T. LEE ...	5
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ...	6
WM. J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ...	7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	T. MARK WHITE ... Tenor	

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
\* First peal of Stedman.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Doncaster and District Society.)

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Treble	JAMES THORLEY ...	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 2	THOMAS D. LEASK ...	6
HAROLD DENMAN ... 3	CHARLES THORLEY ...	7
ERNEST SHORT ... 4	HERBERT COOPER ... Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.  
Rung for the conductor's silver wedding.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... Treble	†REGINALD A. REED ...	5
*LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ...	6
*REV. K. W. FELSTEAD ... 3	HAROLD P. REED ...	7
FRED. W. HOUSDEN ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.  
\* First peal of London Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*E. DENNIS POOLE ... Treble	†WM. J. CHESTER ...	5
THOMAS PRICE ... 2	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	6
WILLIAM H. TYLER ... 3	FREDK. PRICE ...	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 4	†ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor	

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.  
\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. ‡ 100th peal together. First in the method on the bells.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	5
*THOS. RILEY ... 2	WM. H. DEACON ...	6
JAS. TAYLOR ... 3	*GEORGE SKELLAND ...	7
THOS. W. HAMMOND ... 4	THOS. S. HORRIDGE ... Tenor	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. S. HORRIDGE.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells.

HOLYWOOD, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., Apr. 8, 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.

*THOS. DUNWOODY ... Treble	HARRY BROWN ...	5
JAMES EDGAR ... 2	NAT SAVAGE ...	6
WILLIAM PRATT ... 3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	7
FRED E. DUKES ... 4	JAMES MANN ... Tenor	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. BROWN.  
\* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. M. Roycroft, M.A., and Miss Mary F. Martelli.

**STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Apr. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BRIGGE ... ..	Treble	† JOHN H. BAYLESS ... ..	5
GERALD F. BALL ... ..	2	CECIL E. CARR ... ..	6
E. CHARLES TURNER ... ..	3	ALFRED BALLARD ... ..	7
*REGINALD C. TIPLER ... ..	4	WM. BRIGGS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

\* First peal on eight. † 50th peal. Rung on the 70th birthday of Mrs. Ballard, mother of the conductor.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

**ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Mar. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*DONALD CARTWRIGHT ... ..	Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... ..	4
WM. C. HUGHES ... ..	2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... ..	5
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... ..	3	WALTER AYRE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal.

**BARTON STACEY, HANTS.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

NESTA D. SMITH ... ..	Treble	WM. R. MELVILLE ... ..	4
LESLIE A. TREMEER ... ..	2	RICHARD SMITH ... ..	5
HARRY E. BALAAM ... ..	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

First peal of London Minor by the Guild, upon the bells, and by all except the conductor.

**ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Mar. 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*COLIN KENYON ... ..	Treble	† CHARLES CLEGG ... ..	4
ROGER LEIGH ... ..	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... ..	5
KENNETH HINDLE ... ..	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Brian) to the ringer of the 4th.

**ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Apr. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

J. BRIAN SMITH ... ..	Treble	LEONARD WALSH ... ..	4
*DEREK SANDERSON ... ..	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... ..	5
ROGER LEIGH ... ..	3	*ERIC LOMAS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

**BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE BLANCHARD ... ..	Treble	G. LESLIE LUNN ... ..	4
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ..	2	PHILIP BARNES ... ..	5
GEORGE W. MOODY ... ..	3	JACK BRAY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

**BOSTON, LINCS.**—On March 30th at St. Botolph's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lorna Briggs 1, W. E. Clarke 2, A. Freeston 3, S. Jessop 4, R. Brown 5, J. Petch 6, F. Dewey (conductor) 7, B. Jackson 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.**

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

FREDK. G. WELLS ... ..	Treble	FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... ..	4
REGINALD H. NEWTON ... ..	2	LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS ... ..	5
DONALD E. LEE ... ..	3	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by P. W. J. HARDING.

A farewell peal to L. E. Hitchins, who is shortly leaving for a period of service in H.M. Forces in Singapore.

**HUNTINGDON.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Apr. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERIC SMITH ... ..	Treble	WILFRED YOUNG ... ..	4
STANLEY MURPHY ... ..	2	CLAUDE GIMBETT ... ..	5
FRANK WARRINGTON ... ..	3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

**BRAMLEY, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Apr. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Combined St. Clement's and Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*ERIC T. LEE ... ..	Treble	† HAROLD A. MAY ... ..	4
C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... ..	5
GEORGE L. GROVER ... ..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal in eight methods by all the band except the conductor, first as conductor in eight methods, and the first peal in eight methods for the Guild.

**MINSTER, SHEPPEY, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Apr. 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SEXBURGA,

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

Being 1,680 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

*S. KNIGHT (15y. 10m.) Treble	1	S. M. EVANS (16y. 11m.)	4
J. G. ROOKE (15y. 10m.)	2	W. H. DOBBIE ... ..	5
*J. M. WATSON (15y.)	3	*B. MCARTHUR (18y. 3m.)	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

\* First peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**HOVE, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Apr. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,*

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

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

*MISS BARBARA SECCOMBE 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... ..	5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... ..	MRS. R. G. CROSS ... ..	7-8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by R. G. CROSS.

\* First peal.

**HOVE, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Apr. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,*

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

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

MRS. R. G. CROSS ... ..	1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... ..	5-6
MARIE R. CROSS ... ..	3-4	FREDERICK PAGE ... ..	7-8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by FREDK. PAGE. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. G. Cross, also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bond. The conductor's 100th peal on handbells.

**HOVE, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Apr. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,*

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... ..	1-2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... ..	5-6
R. GORDON CROSS ... ..	3-4	MRS. R. G. CROSS ... ..	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.** — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Burnett 1, E. A. Jurd 2, Miss M. D. Pilcher (first quarter inside) 3, P. H. Speck 4, H. W. Lloyd 5, F. G. Barron 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. A. Nobes 8.

**BOREHAM, ESSEX.** — At the Church of St. Andrew, 1,264 Bob Major: P. Childs 1, B. Dines 2, S. Everett (conductor) 3, W. Allen 4, A. Church 5, A. Edwards 6, C. Jaggard 7, R. C. Thrift 8.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.** — At St. Modwen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 6.4.8 behind: Jill Cochrane 1, K. Pratt 2, J. H. Britton (conductor) 3, Gloria Inwood (first quarter) 4, H. Cornwell 5, H. H. Brittan 6, A. Skelton 7, W. Minor 8. A christening compliment to the son of the ringers of the 6th and grandson of the conductor.

**CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.** — At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Allen 1, F. W. Brinklow 2, Miss A. White 3, E. Runter 4, H. Bradley 5, A. L. Simmonds 6, R. C. Thrift 7, S. Everett (conductor) 8.

**CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.** — At the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Dunford 1, W. R. Falconer 2, Mrs. C. W. Tamplin 3, Miss J. Humphrey 4, W. C. Challen 5, R. C. Blackman 6, P. R. Blackman (conductor) 7, F. S. Smithers 8.

**DINDER, NEAR WELLS, SOMERSET.** — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Keevil (first quarter) 1, P. Hull (conductor) 2, R. Smith (first quarter) 3, F. Harvey 4, F. Bird 5, F. Griffen 6.

**ERITH, KENT.** — At Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hill 1, C. Udell 2, Miss A. Catt 3, E. C. Patten 4, F. A. Coley 5, E. E. Jefferies 6, A. G. Hill (conductor) 7, J. Benning 8.

**GOSBERTON, LINCS.** — At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob: H. Brookes 1, R. Sellers 2, N. Hutcheson 3, R. Facey (first quarter-peat) 4, Fred Payne 5, H. Bennett (conductor) 6.

## EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.** — At Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: W. Joiner 1, A. Easton 2, T. J. Southam 3, J. Pennells 4, S. G. Smith 5, G. S. Piper 6, C. A. Levett (conductor) 7, W. S. Pope 8.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.** — At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Bob Doubles: J. Goldsmith 1, W. Stepney 2, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 3, G. Beenev 4, B. Stepney 5, A. Ellis 6. First quarter in method by all the band.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.** — 1,344 Oxford Bob Triples, at St. Andrew's Church: S. Childs 1, T. G. Bannister 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, F. Corke (conductor) 4, P. E. Jones 5, W. Honer 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

**KEIGHLEY, YORKS.** — At St. Andrew's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Bairstow 1, T. Candling 2, H. Oglesby 3, J. Windle 4, A. J. Smallbones 5, L. Thompson 6, F. Dalby 7, A. Bairstow (conductor) 8.

**KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.** — At St. John the Baptist's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beale (first quarter) 1, L. F. Ellis 2, T. Harris 3, J. Owen 4, C. J. Ford 5, F. Day 6, A. Corrigan (conductor) 7, E. Veale 8.

**LINCOLN.** — At the Cathedral, 1,309 Stedman Cinqes: Miss M. M. Lyon 1, K. S. B. Croft 2, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 3, L. Snell 4, S. Chambers 5, A. T. Lowman 6, R. F. Smith 7, W. Tomlinson 8, H. L. Pask 9, J. Freeman 10, J. L. Millhouse 11, H. Lowman 12.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.** — 1,264 Bob Major: B. Madeley 1, R. Hazeldine 2, P. Sambrook 3, F. Price 4, T. Price 5, W. J. Chester (conductor) 6, A. M. Hickman 7, W. H. Tyler 8. First quarter-peat for 2nd and 3rd, aged 16 and 15 respectively.

**MINSTER, SHEPPEY, KENT.** — A quarter-peat of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Knight (first quarter) 1, Garth Rooke 2, John Watson 3, Geoffrey Beynon 4, Stanley Evans (conductor) 5, Peter Neal 6.

**NOTTINGHAM.** — At St. Peter's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. A. Salter 1, F. Bradley 2, K. Wagstaff 3, G. Padgett 4, R. Aley 5, T. V. Jennison 6, E. Oliver 7, J. A. Barratt (conductor) 8, F. Brown 9, R. Bowler 10.

**NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.** — 1,440 Surprise Minor, consisting of 720 Norwich and 720 Cambridge: A. I. Walpole 1, A. E. Long 2, S. Fenn 3, D. Penn 4, G. G. Walpole (conductor) 5, D. A. Long 6.

**POPLAR, LONDON.** — 1,263 Stedman Caters at All Saints' Church: L. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, A. W. Brighton 4, W. J. Ellis 5, J. Bowler 6, E. Furbanks 7, A. W. J. Appleton 8, J. Bullock 9, W. Partiss 10.

**RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.** — At St. Andrew's Church, 1,200 Doubles, consisting of 240 Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob: A. I. Walpole 1, A. E. Long 2, G. G. Walpole (conductor) 3, D. Fenn 4, H. W. Barrett 5.

**RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.** — 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Gibbs 1, B. J. Stubbs 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, S. G. Robinson 4, H. Richardson 5, W. Copperwheat 6, A. Bellamy 7, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 8.

**RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.** — 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: A. Gibbs 1, A. Bellamy 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, W. J. Whitmore 4, H. Richardson 5, W. Copperwheat (conductor) 6.

**TRULL, SOMERSET.** — At All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. G. Sparkes 1, R. W. Harris (first quarter) 2, J. Hotchin (first inside) 3, R. G. Perry 4, J. Cole (first as conductor) 5, H. Churchill 6.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.** — At St. Margaret's, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss K. Burchnall 1, Miss G. Burchnall 2, Mrs. E. E. Davis 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, W. J. Nudds 5, R. Stannard 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 8, C. J. Matthews 9, R. Sanders 10. First quarter on 10 bells by the Misses Burchnall, who hail from Sutton-on-Trent.

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

Handbell ringers throughout the Exercise are rapt in admiration of Mr. Harold J. Poole's band in accomplishing the astonishing performance of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal 'in hand,' as reported in our last issue. Another milestone in human achievement as regards bellringing has been passed.

'Norwich Diocesan Leaflet' for April states: 'Cromer P.C.C. has gratefully accepted the Rev. A. Buxton's offer to pay for the rehanging of the bells and the addition of two more.'

A faculty has been applied for to retune the six bells and add two trebles at Towednack, Cornwall. This is a neighbouring parish to Carbis Bay, where a new eight was recently installed.

With the peal of Pudsey rung at Leicester Cathedral on Easter Monday, Ernest Morris has now rung peals of Major, Royal and Maximus in this method.

Hundredth peal congratulations this week to Reginald A. Reed and William J. Chester. Frederick Page has rung his 100th on handbells, and Edward V. Rodenhurst and Arthur Pritchard their 100th together.

A fathers and sons peal was rung at Kildwick, Yorkshire, on April 5th. The fathers rang 2, 3, 4 and 5, and the sons 1, 6, 7 and 8.

The many friends of Mr. T. W. Chapman, who for close on 60 years was a regular Sunday service ringer at Nuneaton Parish Church, will be very sorry to hear that he had a slight seizure recently and that it has affected his speech. He is now living at 338, Ombersley, Worcs.

Corrections.—Two typographical errors are regretted. The size of the tenor in the peal of Stedman Cinques at Weyside, Leicester, on March 22nd, was 17 in A; the peal of Little Bob Major at Hethersett on March 21st was 5,088 changes.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

Bats in the belfry is a common expression. Experience of the same took place during a peal at Abbey Church, Minster, Sheppey. A bat came into the tower and dodged in and out of the ropes. The peal was a fine juvenile effort. Congratulations!

St. Thomas' (Salisbury) Appeal has now reached £741, writes Mr. William A. Theobald. The sequence from quarter to peal has been achieved at Chester-le-Street. Congratulations to Conductor S. C. Walker on calling his first peal on Easter Monday and so keeping this northern association in the news.

'Bim, Bam, Boom, Bong and Beng' cartoon is going the rounds. Mr. Fred E. Dukes acknowledges the receipt of same from an unnamed Leeds admirer. As he is partly bald, the majority of his tower regard him as 'Boom.'

'Bellringing gets you. Try once; they are such lovely bells you'll keep on.' This is the appeal of the Rev. B. J. M. Thackeray, Vicar of Thatcham, Berks, to the youth of his village. Except for Easter, the bells have hung mute since last year. We will keep an eye on our quarter-peal column for Thatcham, Berks.

Standon, Herts, has now had its first quarter by a local band. Behind this achievement is the untiring work of Messrs. Walter and Sidney Smith. The 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on Easter Day was rung by J. Day 1, J. Smith 2, R. Stacey 3, H. Groom (conductor) 4, S. Smith 5, J. Burr 6. A first quarter for 1, 2, 5 and 6.

'Like Johnny Walker, young John Perkins (81), of Hemingford Abbots, Hunts, is still going strong,' writes a correspondent. This Eastertide he stroked the tenor to 1,260 Bob Minor. Other ringers were H. W. Pratt 1, F. Warrington (conductor) 2, F. Nicholls 3, G. L. Perkins 4, H. Lavender 5. John is a T.T. and non-smoker.

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## EASTER MONDAY ANNUAL MEETINGS

### Bath and Wells Association

MEMBERSHIP OF 1,200.

The Bath and Wells Association has now 158 affiliated towers with a membership of 1,200. This gratifying statement was made by Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary) at the annual meeting of the Association at Bath on Easter Monday.

In the regretted absence of the Master through illness, the Rev. Beaumont Russell (chairman of the Bath Branch) presided. The meeting remembered in silence those of the Association who had died since the last meeting, in particular John Hesse, James Burge, William Hoyle and Preb. Knapp-Fisher.

The secretary in his report stated that the Association possessed in Government securities £171, the current account stood at £158 8s. 4d. and there was about £10 still to come in from the Frome Branch. There was also a small credit with 'The Ringing World.' He also gave a resumé of the committee meeting that morning and announced that Mr. W. A. Osborn, the Diocesan Adviser on Belfries, appointed by the Association, had been co-opted on to the committee. The Association had also benefited by a gift of £10 from a life member.

A grant of 10 gns. to the Bell Fund was approved, and it was decided to include the years 1946 and 1947 in the next report. A sub-committee was formed to take preliminary steps towards erecting a tablet in memory of those members who lost their lives while in the Services. Subject to the necessary permission, the meeting sanctioned the expenditure of £50 for this object.

Mr. H. J. Sanger gave a well-balanced account of the Central Council proceedings at Norwich, and he was congratulated upon it by the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, the secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Mr. W. A. Osborn then told of his work during the year among the towers, at no fewer than ten of which he had given advice, which was either carried out or was to be acted upon.

Visitors from the Gloucester and Bristol, Salisbury and Universities' Associations were welcomed by the Chairman, who also proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to those who had earned them. Mr. H. H. Tucker was elected as a life honorary member.

The Association's service was held at St. Michael's Church, where the Rev. G. W. J. Catchpole (Rector) officiated and gave an appropriate address. Lunch was served at the Christopher Hotel, but it was regretted that accommodation could not be found for all those who applied.

Much ringing, most of which was of a good standard, was done, and the help of Mr. S. S. Woodburn, secretary and Ringing Master of the Bath Branch, was much appreciated.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

After a long discussion, the Bedfordshire Association decided at their annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday to send a resolution to the Hertfordshire Association informing them that the Bedfordshire Association are in favour of the formation of a St. Albans Diocesan Guild with the two Archdeaconry Branches of Bedford and Hertford.

Miss Evelyn Steel, the president was in the chair, the meeting following a meat tea served at the Lion Hotel. She was re-elected, as were the vice-presidents. Mr. F. J. Plummer, the secretary, has now an assistant in Mr. H. D. Harris. Mr. Sharman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Harris for the preparation of the history of the Association as printed in 'The Ringing World,' which would be added to this year's annual report.

A proposal to increase the subscription of life members to 5s. was carried and Rule 7 amended accordingly. Four new members were elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman and to the clergy for the use of the bells.

### Norwich Diocesan Association

INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION APPROVED.

About 100 members attended the annual meeting of the Association at Norwich on Easter Monday. During the day the bells of St. Peter's, Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. John-de-Sepulchre were rung to a variety of methods. At the service, held at Mancroft, the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. H. Waddington) preached the sermon and also dedicated a new peal board, recording 5,000 Bob Royal rung on November 11th, 1944, commemorating Archbishop William Temple; 5,040 Grandire Triples, rung on January 20th, 1945, in memory of Canon Meyrick, formerly Vicar of Mancroft; and 5,280 Double Norwich, rung on June 5th, 1945, commemorating victory in Europe.

The annual lunch was at the Bedford Cafe, and was followed by the business meeting. At this the rule to increase the annual subscription to 2s. 6d. was approved.

The election of officers was as follows: President, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard; general secretary and treasurer, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; auditor, Mr. G. P. Burton. The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. The Standing Committee branch representatives were approved as follows: North Norfolk, Mr. Russell Curson and the Rev. G. W. Wilson; East Norfolk, Messrs. G. Fletcher and G. Walpole; South Norfolk, Messrs. E. G. Bennett and F. W. Munnings; West Norfolk, Messrs. L. Houghton and Cecil Ebberson.

It was noted that Mr. Lee, chairman of the East Norfolk Branch, had retired, being replaced by Mr. H. J. Eldred. The meeting unanimously decided to arrange to give Mr. Lee a testimonial in token of the Association's gratitude and affection for the work he has done over a long period. Donations are to be limited to 1s. each; it is hoped that each tower will collect from its members, and will send its gift to its branch secretary. The closing date for gifts is May 31st. The accounts, which show a satisfactory balance, were adopted.

New members elected were: Ernest Ames and Harry Reynolds, Lowestoft; the Rev. J. Idris Jones, Dr. Mary Wright and Mrs. K. Brown, Redham; Nancy Hall, Mulbarton; and the belfry election of G. Sparks, Norwich, was ratified.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents for the use of the bells, the Vicar of Mancroft for his sermon, and the organist for playing. It was a great pleasure during the day to welcome the Lincoln ringers on their annual outing.

### LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

About 50 members, including visitors from Swansea and Kilburn, attended the annual meeting at Penarth on Easter Monday.

The bells were raised at 2 p.m. and kept going in various methods until the service, at which the Rev. Dennis R. Brown officiated. Tea, kindly provided by Mr. Vivian Rogers, a churchwarden, was served at the Welsh Cafe.

The Rev. D. R. Brown presided at the business meeting and extended a hearty welcome to the Association to Penarth. The balance sheet showed that the Association was in a sound financial position with a balance of £70 10s.

Mr. Percy Jones, of Caerphilly, was elected Master for the ensuing year. The secretary (Mr. F. J. Hannington) was asked to carry on for another year, and Mr. W. Prosser and Mr. R. Addis were elected as auditors. The meeting learned with regret of the illness of Mr. W. J. Powell, of Llanfrecifa, also of Mrs. Perry, wife of Mr. C. W. Perry, of Bridgend.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Newport (All Saints'). A collection for the newly inaugurated Bell Fund realised £1 14s. 3d.

### Kent County Association

OVER 300 AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Members and friends from all parts of the county and including some ringer visitors from other associations much enjoyed their visit to Canterbury on the occasion of the 67th annual meeting of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday.

The bells of the Cathedral were rung for two hours during the day and those of the city churches of St. Alphege's, St. Dunstan's and the outlying churches of Ash, Wingham, Chatham, Sturry and Wickhambreaux were visited by parties of ringers.

Service in the Cathedral, specially arranged for the ringers, was at 12 noon. This was conducted by the Precentor, the lesson being read by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, and the address was given by the Dean (Dr. Hewlett Johnson). Following the service the ringers and friends, numbering just over 300, adjourned to the Drill Hall for an excellent luncheon in an atmosphere punctuated with that pleasing hum of chatter so reminiscent of the pre-war gatherings.

Mr. F. White, of Tunbridge Wells, presided and he was supported by Mr. G. H. Spice, of Sittingbourne (hon. secretary), Mr. Fred Mitchell, of Gravesend (hon. treasurer), and Mr. G. H. Cross, of Barnhurst (hon. auditor). Among the guests were the Bishop of Dover, the Dean, the Archdeacons of Canterbury and Maidstone, the Rev. J. W. Poole, the Rev. A. R. Barnes, the Rev. R. H. I. Williams, Mr. A. B. Beresford-Jones, a life member and president of the Cathedral ringers and the Association's sole surviving foundation member, Mr. E. S. Ruck, of Willesborough, who, accompanied by Mrs. Ruck, received the congratulations and best wishes of those present.

The business meeting, with Mr. F. White presiding, followed lunch. In his report the general secretary covered all matters of interest which had occurred during the past year, including a detailed record of peals, etc. This report showed that the Association was now well in its stride towards complete recovery after the war period, and if the same rate of progress continued during the present year there was no doubt that Kent ringing pre-war standards would be regained and surpassed. During the past year 155 new adult practising members and 25 juveniles had joined the Association as well as 22 non-resident life members and 28 new honorary members.

The treasurer presented the financial report, which showed a very healthy state of affairs and left no doubt in the minds of members that the Association was still going strong financially. During the meeting a donation of £25 to the Belfry Repairs Fund was unanimously voted to the Canterbury Cathedral Appeal Fund.

The various officers were all re-elected and were thanked for their work during the past year. At the close of the meeting thanks were accorded to Mr. B. Luck (the Canterbury district secretary) and his helpers for their good work.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Wisbech on Easter Monday, when members and visitors from Walsoken, Tilney (All Saints'), Grantham, Ely, Cambridge, Shouldham, Sawston, Downham Market, Marham, Terrington St. John, Peterborough, Raunds, Stanwick, Leicester and Great Staughton were present.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Pelloe), who afterwards presided at the business meeting. Owing to the fuel crisis it had been found impossible to print the annual report in time for the meeting, but this should be available shortly. Both the general secretary (Mr. W. W. Cousins) and the auditor (Mr. T. R. Dennis) were re-elected, and the committee were re-elected en bloc.

Next year the annual general meeting will be held at St. Neots (Hunts).

## Bob Royal Record

### PRITTLEWELL'S SUCCESS.

In ringing a peal of 9,000 changes of Plain Bob Royal at Prittlewell, Essex, on Easter Monday, a new longest length record has been established. The last longest length of Bob Royal, 8,100, was rung at Leeds, Kent, on Nov. 30th, 1751, in 5 hours and 26 minutes.

The band arrived punctually before 2 p.m., and after attending to the ropes and ringing a few rounds, started the peal at 2.5 p.m. The bells settled in well and a good fast beat was maintained until the peal was completed at 7.40 p.m. The ringing was good throughout and there were no serious trips. An occasional corrective word was spoken by the conductor, Frank B. Lufkin, or James Bullock, otherwise there was nothing spoken and the ringing was enjoyed by all.

The company blended youth with experience. The youngest, Leonard Bullock, is the 17-year-old son of Jim Bullock, who turned in the tenor. Jim is a College Youth and St. Paul's Cathedral ringer and lives at Dagenham.

Horace J. Mansfield hails from Maldon, Essex, and Eric Dench is the Middlesex ringer from Edmonton. Squire Croft, of Richmond, was included in the band during the last few days, deputising for a member who dropped out.

Frank V. Gant is from Hornchurch, the conductor and Fred Souter are local men, Peter Bond is from Clichester and rang his first peal on ten. Frank Knight, from St. Martin's, London, participated in the record peal of Stedman Cinques.

## SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING AT SHIFNAL.

Shifnal is of particular interest to Midland ringers as the home of Samuel Lawrence, a great ringer of bygone days whose peal book has a place in Shrewsbury Museum and is a truly great record of days when travel in this part of the country was very difficult.

Thirty-six members, representing a dozen different towers, gathered together at Shifnal on March 22nd for some most enjoyable ringing, which included Grandire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Little Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative.

The Vicar (Rev. John W. M. Finny) welcomed the association and conducted the service, during which special remembrance was made of Canon G. M. Bell, Rector of Worthen, a very old friend of the association and hon. member, whose death had occurred during the previous week.

Bring sandwiches was the order for tea which, with nicely arranged tables and cups of tea, made and served by friends in the Church Hall, was quite enjoyable. There was some handbell ringing, and several enthusiasts continued this in the train on the way home!

The next meeting will be on May 3rd, when two six-bell towers, Montford and Bicton, will be visited.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT.

When the Biggleswade District met at Clifton on March 29th, a collection, which amounted to £2, was made for the Lord Mayor's Flood Distress Fund. Mr. C. H. Harding presided over the business meeting, attended by 40 members, and the sum of five guineas was voted to the Stofold Bell Restoration Fund. Four new members were elected and Maulden chosen for the next meeting. Thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells.

Some good touches were rung, including Cambridge Surprise, York Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Bob Doubles and Grandire Doubles were also rung for learners. The bells were rung down about 8.30 p.m., which brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

## LETTERS

### Tower Snatching

#### MORE FOUR FIGURE MEMBERS.

Dear Sir,—My old friend Pat Cannon seems to misunderstand the letter from Mr. Eric Nobles. Mr. Nobles asks how his record for the year 1946 compares with that of other ringers for the same year. I consider it would be hard to beat for 1946, both as regards the number of new towers rung in and Sunday service ringing. Congratulations, Mr. Nobles, on a very fine achievement!

Several names can be added to the five mentioned by Mr. Cannon. Mr. Alfred W. Brighton was the first ever to accomplish four figures in the number of towers. He gave up round the 1,700 mark. The lead was then taken by Mr. J. H. Shepherd, who has, of course, held it ever since. This information was given to me by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith at Bristol in January, 1938.

I believe Mr. John Thomas during his career as a bellhanger has run well into four figures. This number includes every ringable ring of bells in Somerset. Although he is of a modest, retiring nature, perhaps he would like to confirm this! The late Mr. Francis E. Dawe claimed to have rung in 1,100 towers, but it was always doubtful if he could produce a written record to substantiate this!

On looking at my own record I find the following: 1937, 164 new towers, 10 'old' towers; 1938, 201 new towers, 32 'old' towers; giving an average of 'new' towers for the two years of one every other day! I rang in my 1,000th tower, Southwell Cathedral, Notts, on March 12th, 1939, at the age of 31 years 7½ months. I should be interested to know if 1,000 has been accomplished at an earlier age than this.

My total is now 1,165. I have rung in all English counties excepting six, also four counties in Wales. Owing to pressure of work and family responsibilities, which are my first consideration, I only get an occasional chance of ringing in a new tower these days. Tower snatching, although laughed at by some ringers, has its values. Besides giving its devotees the opportunities of ringing under all sorts of conditions, it creates friendships of life-long duration. My best wishes to all who have an interest in this side of ringing.

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coundon, Coventry.

### 27 DIFFERENT ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—Within the last twelve months I was privileged to attempt peals in 25 different counties and for 27 different associations, and was successful in 22 of the former and 23 of the latter.

I neither claim any particular virtue nor attach special importance to having done so, since it was entirely due to favourable circumstances and, above all, the courtesy of ringers in general, but purely as a matter of idle curiosity. I would be interested to know whether it may be a record so far as this particular form of 'tower snatching' is concerned. —Yours, etc., R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

### PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' appeal to all ringers who have unwanted copies of photographs of bells, whether in the frame or not, to send them to me? I am trying to get as many photographs of bells as possible, and owing to the complete lack of books containing suitable illustrations I would appeal to other ringers to help me.—Yours faithfully,

RALPH F. BOOTMAN  
(St. Andrew's, Enfield).

18, Palace Gardens, Enfield, Middlesex.

## Congratulations!

Sir,—Hearty congratulations to Mr. Harold J. Poole and his band on their peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal 'in hand.' This must rank as a very notable achievement indeed.

C. W. WOOLLEY.

NOTE.—Other letters expressing similar sentiments have been received.—Editor.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY ANNUAL NOMINATION MEETING.

The Society's March meeting was transferred from Bramley to Armley and held on the usual Saturday.

When the bells were rung up some of the notes appeared very distant; investigation revealed that clapper lashings had not been removed! The ropes were seriously affected by the weather and were somewhat difficult to handle; consequently striking was not of the best. For tea visitors were accommodated in the homes of the local ringers.

At the business meeting, held in the tower, Mr. J. McGlenn, presided, and thanks were passed to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company. The Vicar's warden (Mr. Horace Buckle) replied. The general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 26th.

Nominations for offices were received as follows: President, Mr. John McGlenn; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Barron, F. Hutchinson and T. W. Strangeway; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dixon; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; auditors, Messrs. F. Hutchinson and S. Helliwell.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD WIRRAL BRANCH.

The monthly meeting, held at St. Andrew's, Bebington, was well attended, 42 members (representing eight towers) and nine friends being present. Short touches were rung in the following methods: Grandire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon A. G. Bernard). The company was entertained to tea in the Church School.

At the business meeting a sub-committee was appointed to discuss the question of the encouragement and teaching of young ringers. The hon. secretary was also empowered to arrange transport for the June meeting. The votes of thanks included a special one to the ladies for providing and serving the excellent tea. A.J.M.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

In spite of the inclement weather, the annual meeting of the Surrey Association, held at Reigate on March 29th, was attended by 59 members. Ringing at the Parish Church in the afternoon and evening comprised Cambridge Royal, Bristol, the standard methods and rounds.

After the service the company adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea. The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. Dan Cooper, the Master.

Mr. H. J. Skelt was elected a vice-president in addition to the Bishop of Croydon and Mr. John Crawford. Messrs. C. de Ste. C. Parks and E. G. Talbot were elected secretary and assistant secretary respectively.

A report covering the period from the issue of the last report until the end of 1946 is to be issued.

The committee's report revealed a very satisfactory state of affairs and enumerated the 22 peals rung for the Association during the year. These ranged from Doubles to Maximus. It is hoped to hold the next annual general meeting at Southwark.



**Weddings**

**MR. P. A. CORBY—MISS L. M. HUBBERT.**  
The marriage took place quietly at All Saints', Edmonton, on April 10th, of Mr. P. A. Corby and Miss L. M. Hubbert. The bride, given away by Mr. T. J. Lock, has made rapid progress in ringing during the last year or two under the guidance of Mr. John Thomas, while the bridegroom, who has taken part in many noteworthy performances in various parts of the country during the last decade, is prominent as a very able conductor.

The bells of All Saints' were rung after the service, and at least six peals were attempted in honour of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Corby will shortly take up residence in Forest Hill, S.E.

**CAPT. R. N. W. LYDEKKER—MISS M. J. M. LYDEKKER.**

Capt. Richard Neville Wolfe Lydekker, of Tunbridge Wells, and Miss Margaret Julie Mary Lydekker, only daughter of the Rev. L. E. Lydekker, Vicar of Linslade, and granddaughter of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton, Berks, were married at Linslade, Bucks, on March 25th.

The Bishop of Oxford performed the ceremony, assisted by Canon Robinson, uncle of the bride. The bells of St. Barnabas' Church were rung after the wedding in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich by Miss E. Steel, Mrs. J. Newman, F. Dedman, G. Heley, W. Inslay, W. Jeffs, J. Newman, F. Plumer, H. Whitney, F. Vickers and J. Vickers. F.D.

**LADIES' GUILD**

**AT ANSTEY AMID THE SNOW.**

Through the snow came 40 members for the joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and the Leicester District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Anstey on March 15th.

Ringings included Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

A delightful tea in the Church Room was followed by the respective meetings. The Leicester District fixed their next meeting at South Wigston on April 12th, and the Ladies' at Daybrook (Notts) on May 17th. The gathering dispersed after more ringing at the church to make their way homeward through the snow.

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

The first monthly meeting of the Ilkeston District, held at Sandiacre on March 29th, brought together a good attendance of members and visitors, including the general treasurer (Mr. W. Steen).

Ringings on the tower bells was followed by service in church, at which the Vicar officiated. About thirty sat down to an excellent tea, kindly arranged under the direction of Mr. P. L. Parrott.

Mr. James F. George presided at the business meeting, and in his opening remarks expressed his gratification at the good attendance and stressed the importance of individual effort in a determination to make the new Ilkeston District a success. He called attention to the hard work ahead, and hoped that all would readily respond by loyally supporting the new venture. The district was extremely fortunate in having the services of Mr. E. C. Gobey as Ringing Master, with his son, Mr. E. F. Gobey, as assistant.

It is hoped to hold monthly meetings at all the towers allotted to the district during the next twelve months, the next meeting being arranged to take place at Heanor on May 10th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local band for making arrangements, terminated the meeting. Tune and change ringing on handbells and on the tower bells occupied the remainder of the evening, the methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

**Irish Association**

**OPPOSITION TO 'SYNTHETIC' BELLS.**

A timely warning against the use of 'synthetic' bells was contained in the report of the Irish Association presented at the annual meeting at St. Thomas', Belfast, on Easter Monday, when 100 ringers were present.

Mr. R. Adamson (Belfast) presided in the absence of Mr. J. B. Cunningham (president). The attendance shield was presented to Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, each scoring 98.92 per cent.

The report stated that the bells of Mount St. Alphonus, Limerick, Bray, Drogheda, Coleraine, Ballylesson and Hillsborough were in need of attention. Overhauls in some cases were either in hand or pending. Rumour was that there might be one or two more ringing peals up North.

'We hope they will bear fruit with real ringing bells of which ringers and churchpeople may be justly proud, and not with sounds of heavy peals coming from "ridiculously" small belfries by means of gramophone records and amplifying apparatus. We urge the clergy and churchpeople when considering bell installations that where the tower is suitable to make every effort to raise the necessary funds for the real thing, which will outlast for centuries any form of "synthetic" bells.'

The number of affiliated societies is 19 and the membership is: Life 3, honorary 8, ringing 278, N.R.L.M. 56.

A proposal to reorganise the Association by the setting up of three districts, which will each manage their own affairs, similar to other affiliated associations, was passed. All districts would meet together annually.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. W. Pratt (Holywood); hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson (Dublin); Ringing Master, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. (Dublin); hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Dukes, A.M.I.E.E. (Jenkinstown). Twenty-four members were elected, and Messrs. J. B. Cunningham and R. S. F. Murphy were elected to life membership.

It was decided to form a library with headquarters in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, which would house all Gabriel Lindoff's compositions and other works. Mr. T. McMorran was elected librarian.

The 50th birthday would be celebrated next year, and it was proposed to collect £50 for the augmentation of the Bell Restoration Fund. It was decided to compile a roll of honour for insertion in the peal book in honour of those from Ireland who served in the recent world war. The meeting for 1948 will be held at Dublin.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**

**EAST DEVON BRANCH ANNUAL.**

Preb. E. V. Cox (Guild president), who presided at the annual meeting at Seaton on Easter Monday of the East Devon Branch, extended congratulations to the branch on its progress.

Mr. J. Arbury (hon. secretary) mentioned its progress (it is the largest in the Guild with about 100 members), and that Sunday service ringing was well maintained and that the help of the leaders of bands was invaluable. The accounts showed nearly £33 in hand. Seventeen proficiency certificates were presented.

Elections included: The Rev. A. Fane De Salis (branch chairman), Mr. G. C. Woodley (vice-chairman), Messrs. J. Arbury (hon. secretary and treasurer), C. Turner (Ringing Master), P. Davis, C. Turner and L. Baker (representatives on Guild Committee).

Sidmouth was chosen for next year's annual meeting, Payhembury for a meeting on June 28th and Luppitt for one on September 29th.

Members stood in silence in memory of Messrs. J. Chown, H. Skinner and D. Edworthy.

Seventeen proficiency certificates were presented.

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild**

**WEST DORSET BRANCH.**

The call of garden work probably kept many away from the quarterly meeting held at Burton Bradstock on April 12th, in spite of the charms of that picturesque Dorset village.

Members, however, attended from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Burton Bradstock, Evershot, Netherbury and Lyme Regis and good use was made of the bells, the ringing before and after tea including rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Double Oxford, Cambridge and London Minor.

The Rector, the Rev. A. R. Dittmer, conducted the service, and in a short address welcomed the Guild. After tea the chairman (the Rev. C. Carew Cox) presided at the business meeting and asked those present to stand in memory of three ringers with long service who had recently been called to their rest, viz., Mr. J. Lathey, of Bradpole, Mr. W. S. B. Northover, of Bridport, and Mr. J. Poole, of Beaminster. The statement of accounts, incomplete at the annual meeting, showed a satisfactory credit balance of £17 2s. 11d. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for July 19th at Whitchurch; also by-meetings in May and September at Hawkechurch and Netherbury respectively.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, to Mr. Elsworth, the branch organist, and to the ladies who had provided the excellent tea.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**

**AT EWELL ON EASTER MONDAY.**

The North-Western District meeting, held at Ewell on Easter Monday, aided by the weather, again proved a very popular venue for ringers. Over 70, representing 34 towers as far apart as Bedford, Hereford and Eastbourne, arrived, and soon a crowd were 'trapped' in the belfry, and under somewhat difficult circumstances ringing in various methods took place until 4.30.

The Vicar (the Rev. V. P. Davis) officiated at the service. A splendid tea was provided at the Congregational Hall.

Mr. F. Collins presided at the business meeting, which was carried through with the usual Surrey promptness. One life member, Mr. D. Carnley, of Isleworth, Messrs. J. Hillier and D. Parsons, Carshalton, W. J. Ellis, St. Leonard's, Streatham, and Mrs. A. K. Matthews, ringing members, were elected.

Chertsey, on June 21st, was voted for the next meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to Mr. J. Beams. Handbells were soon going to various methods. Under the direction of Mr. Collins, ringing continued at the tower until 9 p.m. and the standard of ringing was good. R. L.

**STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—At St. Michael's Church on March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Winterbourne 1, J. Flanders 2, C. Calcutt (conductor) 3, B. Coster 4, H. Farmoor 5, W. Floyd 6.**

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**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark Branch.—To-morrow's meeting at Winthorpe cancelled.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 1263

**DEVON GUILD.**—Ringing practice, Major, Stedman, Broadclyst, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Tea.—F. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 1230

**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. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1110

**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District.—Annual district meeting, Gravesend, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church House. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 1166

**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.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1171

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Yatton, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1207

**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.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 1183

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Messingham on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (5) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea provided.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 1204

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 1205

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ombersley, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Bring own food. Business meeting after.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 1196

**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

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Kingsdon, April 19th. Service 4.30. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock. 1211

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Sedlescombe (6), Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m.—R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 1220

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, Elham, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1159

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Meeting, West Wickham (6), April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea not later than April 21st to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 1192

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cookham, Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service, tea, meeting. Names for tea by April 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1207

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Sittingbourne, Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at Odeon Cafe. Names for tea by April 22nd to B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec., Keitlston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne. 1218

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, April 26th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3-8; tea and business 4. Names for tea, H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1190

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Woodhouse Eaves (6), April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall, Dis. Sec. 1260

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln, Saturday, April 26th. Cathedral bells 2 p.m. and after tea. St. Peter-at-Gowts' from 2 p.m., St. Giles', 6.30 p.m. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Tea at Wesley Schoolroom, Clasketgate, 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Monday, April 21st, to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec. 1208

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—South Cadbury (6), April 26th. 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by 21st.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat, Bath. 1216

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Springfield (6), April 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Chelmsford Cathedral (12) available 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 1215

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Doncaster and Selby District Societies at Thorne, April 26th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Tea, 2s. each, at Silver Street Cafe at 5 for all who notify Mr. J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne, before April 24th.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1222

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Meeting, Bishop's Waltham (8) and Swanmore (6), April 26th. Bells 2.30. Service, Bishop's Waltham 4. Tea and business follow. Names by April 23rd.—J. H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 1210

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting St. George's, Bolton, April 26th. Bells 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1262

**CHESTER DIOCESAN LEAGUE OF BELLRINGERS.**—Chester Branch.—Doddleston, Sat., April 26th. Bells (6) 2. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Wed. the 23rd.—Geo. E. Griffiths, Rodlee, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 1257

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.**—General meeting, Leeds Parish Church, Sat., April 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 1259

**ESSEX ASSN.**—N.W. District.—Meeting, Saffron Walden (12), Sat., April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Wed., April 23rd, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 1256

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.** — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Henlow on April 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 1261

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Hoddesdon (8 bells) on Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by April 26th.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, nr. Hoddesdon, Herts. 1253

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham (6), April 26th. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—D. C. Osborn, Hon. Sec. 1251

**SCOTTISH ASSN.**—Annual meeting, St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, April 26th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and business meeting in Synod Hall. 1221

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Buckland Newton, April 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.45. Bring food; cups of tea provided. Bus from Dorchester 2.30 and 3.30.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 1223

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Tredington (6 bells), Sat., April 26th, at 3 p.m. Good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 1224

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whittlesey, St. Mary's (8), on Sat., April 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 1225

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Manchester Branch.—Next meeting will be at St. Mary's, Radcliffe, on Sat., April 26th, at 3.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 1239

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Meeting at Heston, Sat., April 26th. Bells 3. Tea (Church House) 5. Names to Mr. H. C. Chandler, 44, New Heston Road, Hounslow, by April 25th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. 1229

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Brafield, Sat., April 26th. Service 4.15. Bring food.—R. S. Cowley. 1231

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting Duffield April 26th, 3. Cups of tea only. Business meeting belfry 6.—W. A. Parsons. 1245

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Brigstock, Sat., April 26th. Service 4.30. Tea for those whose names arrive by April 22nd.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 1233

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury-Clare District.—Meeting at Poslingford (5), Sat., April 26th, 3 p.m. Tea at Shepherd and Dog Inn 5. Notify me please, by the 24th. Clare (8) available 7.30 till 9 p.m.—A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. 1234

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Practice Laughton, April 26th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by 23rd.—Frank H. Hicks, 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham. 1235

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Totnes, Sat., April 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Warwick's, Fore Street, 5. Names by April 23rd.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. (Phone 3121.) 1237

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Meeting at Badgworth (5) near Axbridge, Sat., April 26th, 6.30.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford. 1238

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Thatcham (8), Sat., April 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. A. Brown, The Broadway, Thatcham, Berks, by Wed., April 23rd. 1226

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Meeting at Greinton, April 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea by the 22nd.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 1240

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—Meeting Upton Bishop (6), Sat., April 26th, 2.30. Service 4. Cups of tea 4.30. Names to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 1241

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Woolton St. Lawrence, April 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Parish Room. Number for tea by Tuesday the 22nd to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 1242

**CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.**—Romford (8), April 26th, 3 to 9. Interval 5 to 6 for light refreshments. Competent band will help any who want progress. Anything from rounds up. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1247

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Almondsbury (8), April 26th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 1243

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting Topsham, May 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh, by April 28th. 1258

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham (6), Sat., May 3rd. Usual arrangements. Please send numbers for tea to E. Matthews, 48, Freeland Road, Cobham, by April 30th.—A. H. S. 1249

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting Leicester, May 3rd. Usual arrangements. Particulars next week. Tea only to those who obtain tickets not later than April 28th, from H. W. Perkins, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1250

**MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.**—Dedication of the new treble bells at the Parish Church, May 3rd, 3 p.m. The ring of 8 bells will be available before service. Arrangements will be made for tea; as catering is difficult, please advise early.—Percy Fordham, 8, Kingsway, Mildenhall. Tel. 2269. 1252

**SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield, May 3rd. Bells 3. Tea 4.30. Welcome Cafe. Names to Mr. F. Bradley, 2, Glen Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, by April 30th. 1227

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Sat., May 3rd. Montford (6), 2 to 4.30. Tea (2s.) at Wingfield Arms, 5, Biction (6), 6 to 9. Bus service from Baker Street, Shrewsbury.—E. D. Poole. 1254

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 3rd. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', from 3, Good Shepherd 7.30 to 8.30. Service St. Peter's 4.30. Tea and business follow. Names for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by April 30th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1236

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Doddington, May 3rd. Names for free tea by April 29th to Mr. F. Barber, Fairlawn, Doddington Ridge, near Wellingborough. 1232

**NORWICH ASSN.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Bunwell, on May 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and light refreshments in the school for those who let me know by April 29th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 1264

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Warehorne, Sat., May 3rd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring own food.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1248

**MIDDLESEX ASSN.**—50th annual meeting, May 10th, Ealing. Ringing St. Stephen's from 2.30, St. Mary's 3 and evening. Service St. Mary's 4.30. Names for tea to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing.

1246

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Annual general meeting, St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Sat., May 10th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4. Tea (2s. per head) in the schools 5. Names to H. R. Parkinson, 11, Moor Road, Leeds, 6, by May 7th. General meeting on same premises immediately after. Bells again available after meeting until 9, also St. Michael's (8) 7 to 8.30.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

1255

**CHESTERFIELD PARISH CHURCH.**—Ring of ten bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated on Sat. afternoon, May 24th, by the Bishop of Derby. Names for tea by May 7th to Sam Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. 1244

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