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' GRANDISON '

Every young ringer, if the word 'Grandison' is mentioned to him, would unhesitatingly reply, 'That's the name of the tenor of Exeter Cathedral.' Few, however, have heard of John Grandison, the Bishop of Exeter from 1327-1369, who is commemorated by this famous tenor of 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb., which was recast by Messrs. Taylors in 1902 from the original bell of 1729. Grandison was a great builder. Under his enthusiastic leadership the nave of the Cathedral was completed and vaulted, and the bell is a worthy homage to the great Bishop.

The thoughts of the Exercise reverted to Exeter in our last issue, and congratulations are extended to the St. Martin's Guild on their fine achievement. In particular, mention should be made of Wilfred Williams and John S. Mason, who rang the massive tenor, and George E. Fearn who turned in the eleventh bell, which is named 'Stafford.' This is the first peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter since the war. Peals here are no light achievement, and occupy a place of honour in any ringer's peal book.

Only on one occasion has 'Grandison' been rung single-handed to a peal. The performance is still spoken of with admiration, and it is well that the present generation should know of these stalwarts of old. That was on September 14th, 1903, the peal being Stedman Caters. The ringers on that occasion were John Thomas treble, Charles Mee 2, Isaac G. Shade 3, John Austen 4, Alfred W. Brighton 5, Gabriel Lindoff 6, Charles Jackson 7, William W. Gifford 8, Ernest Pye 9, William Pye tenor. The conductor was William Pye, who found the task exhausting, and on the completion of his performance the Cathedral authorities decided that in future two men should ring 'Grandison' to peals. Of these ringers of 44 years ago some are still with us and can tell the tale. Survivors include John Thomas, John Austen and Alfred W. Brighton.

There have been other noteworthy peals. The first on these bells after they were rehung in 1902 was of Grand-sire Caters on October 6th, 1902. The names are familiar to the older generation, and the treble man and one of the tenor men are still alive. They stood in the following order: George Williams treble, Henry White 2, Rev. W. S. Willett 3, Alfred W. Brighton 4, Rev. F. E. Robinson 5, Charles R. Lilley 6, Rev. H. A. Cockey 7, William W. Gifford 8, Richard T. Hibbert 9 Rev. G. F. Coleridge and Ferris Shepherd tenor.

An interesting sidelight on the old bells is contained in 'The Bells News' of 1892 of a ringing tour in Devon by the Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. This states: 'The bells were raised, the front six in peal, ten or a dozen men being required for the job, and a few rounds rung on the ten, when someone suggested a course of Caters, no such thing ever having been rung by any men, the bad go of the bells and weight of metal, tenor 67 cwt., being supposed to militate against them. Though 16 men are accustomed to ring the ten, the visitors stuck to the nine changing bells single-handed, allowing only four to the tenor. Marvellous to relate, the course was rung, and well rung too, as testified by those outside. On this historic occasion, the first touch ever brought round on the ten bells, we may be permitted to append the names of the gallant band: H. G. Fruin 1, J. W. Taylor 2, E. A. Pitstow 3, N. J. Pitstow 4, Rev. F. E. Robinson 5, W. W. Gifford 6, F. Shepherd 7, Rev. G. F. Coleridge 8, J. W. Washbrook 9, Rev. W. S. Willett, E. Shepherd, B. Mundy and J. W. Carnell 10. While cooling down after their exertions, the six minutes' ringing being far harder than the nine hours occupied by the other peals, the local men kindly rang the minor eight with the noble 9th covering, that the visitors might listen to the wondrous and plaintive melody.' To use a colloquialism of this day and generation, 'Those were the days!'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JILL POOLE 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON 4	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 10
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5	ALFRED BALLARD 11
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by JILL POOLE.

100th peal by the conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN P. FIDLER ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... 6
ERNEST MORRIS 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
JILL POOLE 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT 9
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal by all except ringers of 2, 6 and tenor. For the wedding of Philip A. Corby and Miss Lucile M. Hubbert.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HENRY TOOKE ... Treble	*CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
*ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	†LESLIE W. HOUGHTON... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	*CLAUDE COUSINS 8
†N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY 4	WILLIAM CLOVER 9
*WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5	‡GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ 100th peal. First peal of Little Bob on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GORDON HENSHAW ... Treble	*LAWRENCE WARD 6
ARTHUR CHALLINOR ... 2	WILLIAM GAYES 7
ALAN A. POTTS 3	*HARRY FARRER 8
JOHN WORTH 4	GERALD FARRER 9
JACK TIPPER 5	*EDWARD SEED ... Tenor

Composed by WILFRED MATTHEWS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the new ring of ten bells.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... Treble	REV. E. G. BENSON ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	‡LESLIE EVANS 7
†ALEN MORGAN 3	§WILFRID F. MORETON... 8
†GEORGE DAVIS... .. 4	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 9
†MICHAEL P. MORETON... 5	GEORGE AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS (C.C.C. No. 9)

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § First peal of Royal on tower bells.

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*MARY E. DAVIS ... Treble	WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 6
*PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	†JOHN H. HUNT 8
*ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 9
REV. R. F. ROUTH 5	ARTHUR V. DAVIS... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TICKER.

Conducted by A. V. DAVIS.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEORGE CARE ... Treble	*BERNARD J. SADDINGTON 6
WM. R. HAMMOND 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 7
*ERNEST E. WHITMORE... 3	*B. JACK STUBBS 8
ERIO NOBLES 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 9
*RONALD C. NOON 5	W. JOHN DOVE ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE (Stedman No. 11). Conducted by G. CARE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. A birthday compliment to E. E. Whitmore.



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WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

FRED GRUNDY Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN 6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH 2	JOHN BEN. BUDD 7
RICHARD BENSON 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 8
ROBERT ALLRED 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 9
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
A farewell peal to the Vicar, Canon Renshaw.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
*JACK KING 2	ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... 6
*KENNETH L. BROWN ... 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE 5
*JOHN W. BEST 2	*WALTER ALLMAN 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
JOHN F. BIBBY 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal of Superlative.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
ERIC G. BENNETT 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBAN DISNEY Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 6
LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT 7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major by all the band.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*J. HARRY COOK Treble	†ERNEST BARTRAM 5
*ALAN CATELL (15) 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON 6
†MAVIS WHITEHEAD (13) 3	PETER J. STANFORTH 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Major. † First of Cambridge Surprise Major.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JACK KING Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
*N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY... 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First touch of Double Norwich.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

JAMES HIGGINS Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 5
PHILIP WALKER 2	WILLIAM JUDGE 6
WILLIAM C. PORTER 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
BETTY SPICE 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... Tenor

(Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JAMES HIGGINS.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PERRY Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 2	*SYDNEY C. EASTER 6
FRANK C. MAY 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD... 7
GERALD FROST 4	SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Kent.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (6th the observation). Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALAN HOUGH Treble	ALBERT A. LUCAS 5
THOMAS C. BELTON 2	CHARLES R. BELTON 6
*HARRY DUNCOMBE 3	THOMAS K. DEACON 7
REGINALD C. TIPLER 4	*ROY COLEMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. R. BELTON.

* First peal, age 18. In memoriam to Mr. William White, for over 50 years a ringer at Barwell.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... Treble	HARRY TURNER 5
*FRANCIS R. GODDARD ... 2	*DESMOND G. MAVELLI ... 6
*TERENCE A. GOODEY ... 3	ALBERT PRYKE 7
HENRY T. WILSON 4	JOHN STICH Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE (C.C.C., No. 23.)

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal of Major.

HILLINGDON WEST, UXBRIDGE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... Treble	PERCY E. JONES 5
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 2	HERBERT W. IMPEY 6
FRANK BLONDELL 3	WILLIAM H. COLES 7
CECIL C. MAYNE 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

In memoriam, Joseph John Pratt.

SALISBURY.—On March 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. Mussell 1. H. Abrahams 2. J. Figgures 3. F. Harris 4. W. Theobald (conductor) 5. L. Harris 6. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

BISHOP'S ITCHINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.
L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... Treble | HAROLD FOLWELL ... 3
ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 2 | *ROBERT J. EDDEN ... 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

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

ACORINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*COLIN MILTHORP ... Treble | ROGER LEIGH ... 4
DEREK SANDERSON ... 2 | LEONARD WALSH ... 5
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 3 | ERIC LOMAS ... Tenor
Conducted by R. LEIGH.

* First peal.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.
JAMES T. LAKER ... Treble | *ARTHUR C. STONER ... 4
*LESLIE G. JUPP ... 2 | *CHARLES G. STONER ... 5
FLORRIE WYMAN ... 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor
Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 16 extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire, 18 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.
*CLIFFORD BOOTH ... Treble | *BENJAMIN STEPNEY ... 4
*WILLIAM E. STEPNEY ... 2 | †GEORGE BEENEY ... 5
†FRANK H. HICKS ... 3 | *ALBERT ELLIS ... Tenor
Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in more than two methods.
First peal of Doubles as conductor.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising eight 240's by L. G. Morris, eight 240's by A. J. Pitman, and ten ordinary 120's each differently called. Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb.
*JOHN R. FLINT ... Treble | ERNEST MORRIS ... 4
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 2 | CECIL E. CARR ... 5
†J. ANTHONY FLINT ... 3 | WILLIAM R. DRURY ... Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the anniversary of the augmentation of the bells.

WESTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.
*JOHN SCUDAMORE ... Treble | *JOHN TARGET ... 4
MICHAEL POWELL ... 2 | SEALY S. WOODBURN ... 5
RAYMOND BREWER ... 3 | GEORGE BREWER ... Tenor
Conducted by SEALY S. WOODBURN.

* First peal. A compliment to ringer of the treble on being elected churchwarden.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.
*NORMAN J. PERRY ... Treble | WILFRID F. MORETON ... 4
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 2 | MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
GEORGE DAVIS ... 3 | LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor
Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, called differently.
Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

JAMES L. LAKER ... Treble | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4
*ERIC H. KNAPP ... 2 | ALBERT E. LAKE ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal on six bells.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

T. H. HOLMES ... Treble | A. DURHAM ... 4
MARGARIE JOHNSTONE ... 2 | S. RICHARDSON ... 5
A. FORSYTH ... 3 | J. E. BROWN ... Tenor
Conducted by J. E. BROWN.

First peal by all local ringers. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. W. Glenn, organist at the above church, and Mrs. Glenn.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble | JOHN CHARNOCK ... 4
THOMAS BARKER ... 2 | *CYRIL CROSTHWAITTE ... 5
*JOHN JACKSON ... 3 | ARTHUR HATCH ... Tenor
Arranged by W. TAYLOR. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours,
IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 1-2 | ALBERT WALKER ... 7-8
FRANK W. PERRINS ... 3-4 | GEORGE F. SWANN ... 9-10
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5-6 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11-12
Composed by HY. JOHNSON. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Fri., Apr. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 69 methods: (1) Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh and Pembroke Delight; (2) Oswald, Barham Delight, Waterford and Berwyn Treble Bob; (3) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Humber, Brain-tree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rotherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (5) Chapel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Donottar and Pontefract Delight; (6) Windermere, Frodsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, Cumberland, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob; (7) Single Court and Single Oxford. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. BRAY... 1-2 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... 3-4
JACK BRAY ... 5-6
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AMESBURY, WILTS.—On April 9th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples, half-muffled: L. Tremear 1, H. Abrahams 2, L. Page 3, P. Wenham 4, L. Harris 5, W. Theobald (first in method as conductor) 6, F. Harris 7, W. Abrahams 8. First quarter in method by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. In memoriam of Lord Salisbury, senior vice-president of the Salisbury Guild.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.—At St. Andrew's Church on April 8th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Abernethy 1, Mrs. M. Poole 2, C. C. Hulse 3, W. Dean 4, A. J. Martin 5, P. Wenham 6, J. H. Cooke 7, J. Cooke (first in method as conductor) 8. First quarter for 1 and 6. First quarter of Major for 2, 3 and 7. First quarter in method for 4 and 5. First quarter of Surprise Major to be rung for the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild by a Sunday service band.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On April 6th at St. Mary and All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (conductor) 1, D. Lamb 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, J. Howard 5, J. Harrison 6, R. Buckland 7, S. Hatfield 8. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. C. R. Warner).

BURFORD, OXFORD.—On April 13th, 1,512 Grandsire Triples: J. Collett (first quarter, age 14) 1, F. Soden 2, B. J. Forest 3, F. W. Soden (composer and conductor) 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On March 16th at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. S. Wilson 1, B. Rogers 2, P. Brayshaw 3, A. Permain 4, C. R. Forfitt 5, E. Waters 6, A. V. Davis (conductor) 7, John Coles 8. Rung for the visit of the Archdeacon of Winchester.

BIRMINGHAM.—On April 9th at Bishop Ryder's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Albert Davies 1, Gordon Walford 2, P. C. Frank Bird 3, P. C. Leonard Tuffrey (conductor) 4, John N. Lindon 5.

QUARTER PEALS

BICKER, LINGS.—On April 7th at St. Swithin's Church, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Spliced Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, 240 Norfolk and 360 Cambridge): N. Fovargue 1, A. H. Bennett 2, W. G. Short 3, W. B. Dawson 4, J. D. Morriss 5, C. Wander (conductor) 6. First extent of Spliced Surprise by all except the conductor.

BURLESCOMBE, DEVON.—On April 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. M. Salter 1, W. Stevens 2, K. V. C. Hawkins 3, D. M. Bellamy 4, C. J. Stevens (conductor) 5, B. J. Salter 6.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Begrie 1, D. Johnson 2, A. Clayton 3, R. Begrie 4, D. Parsons (conductor) 5, J. Calyer 6, L. Reece 7, E. Cook 8. First quarter rung on the bells since the lifting of the ban.

FISHLAKE, YORKS.—On April 5th at the Church of St. Outhbert, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Thorley 1, F. Kershaw (first quarter) 2, H. Cooper 3, T. D. Leask 4, J. Martin Thorley (first quarter as conductor) 5, E. Thorley 6.

HORLEY, SURREY.—At St. Bartholomew's on April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Ede (first quarter) 1, L. Penfold 2, R. Beale 3, Miss B. F. Turrell 4, F. Sadler 5, W. Slaughter 6, A. J. Bull (conductor) 7, W. Taylor 8. First quarter in method by all except ringers of 5th and 7th.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Y. Tyler 1, W. Perkin (conductor) 2, A. Bigley 3, J. J. Mawby 4, J. Skerritt 5, B. Lewis 6, C. H. Chambers 7, S. Foskett 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by 3, 5, 6 and 7.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Cooper 1, F. S. Sutton 2, H. Sutton 3, F. Barnard 4, T. Astbury 5, F. Ollier 6, J. E. Brough (first as conductor in method) 7, H. Stubbs 8. First in method by ringers of 1st and 8th.

PAISLEY, RENFREWSHIRE.—At St. James' Church on April 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: I. Peacock 1, A. Scott 2, L. Boumphrey 3, Mrs. W. A. Caldwell 4, H. Sargent 5, R. Clouston 6, N. Sharpe 7, C. Barker (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by 1, 2 and 4.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Belsey 1, G. A. Naylor 2, F. J. Cheal 3, T. A. Cross 4, E. Naylor 5, F. G. Southgate 6, B. A. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. J. Walker 8. In honour of the 59th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Belsey; the former was for many years captain of the local band.

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

STAVERTON, DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Jackson 1, J. Eyles 2, Miss M. Clarke 3, F. W. Hutt 4, K. R. Holtom (first as conductor) 5, Eric Nobles 6. First quarter for 2 and 4.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Bond 1, E. Barrington 2, K. V. C. Hawkins 3, D. M. Bellamy 4, C. J. Stevens (conductor) 5, A. Hawkins 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 5th at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. C. Case 1, W. Yates 2, F. Green 3, G. Holland 4, A. J. Green (conductor) 5, G. Green 6, J. A. Green 7, T. E. Roberts 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 2, 4 and 6.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's on April 8th, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): J. H. Botham 1, G. M. Kilby 2, Miss Vera Look 3, R. G. Spears 4, A. Cutler 5, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 6, H. Kilby tenor covering.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

That noted Lincolnshire trio of handbell ringers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray and Mr. G. E. Feirn, have advanced still further by ringing a peal of Spliced Minor in 69 methods to 176 changes of method. They had the good fortune to ring this peal at the first attempt. Their next hurdle is one of 91 methods.

Next week's issue will be a Princess Elizabeth number. All peals and quarter-peals rung in honour of her coming-of-age received will be published.

This week's golden wedding is from Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, the happy couple being Mr. D. Fenn, a local ringer, and his wife. A quarter-peal of Minor (240 London, Cambridge, Norwich, Kent and 360 Oxford) was rung on April 21st by A. I. Walpole 1, A. E. Long 2, S. Goodswen 3, S. Fenn 4, G. G. Walpole (conductor) 5, D. A. Long 6.

We are informed that the peal of Norfolk Surprise Major rung at Oxford on April 11th and claimed as the first in the method for the Oxford Diocesan Guild was 13 years late. The first peal in this method was rung by members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch on June 16th, 1934, at Hughenden, conducted by George Martin. Another peal in the same method was also rung on October 19th, 1935, at Hughenden, conducted by Harry Wingrove.

Christ Church, Swindon, ringers were called upon recently to perform an unusual task. A lady parishioner had left instructions that for her funeral the bells were to be rung as at a wedding! As there was no traditional procedure to give a guide it was decided to ring before the service and after the interment. Thus the cortege arrived to the music of rounds, queens and firing, and as the mourners left the churchyard the bells were again rung in wedding style.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Two ringers reached their century of peals this week. Miss Jill Poole did hers in flying style by conducting Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Leicester Cathedral on April 17th. Few ladies have had the privilege of calling Maximus. The other century was scored by Mr. G. Sayer at Aylsham, Norfolk.

The first peal on the new peal of ten at Macclesfield was rung as a tribute to Mr. J. Worth on completing four years as Vicar's warden. All the ringers were Sunday service ringers at the church.

Another Leicester item is the peal of Grand-sire Triples at Barwell, which is the first by a Barwell Sunday service band since 1902. It was in memory of Mr. William White, who rang here for over 50 years.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk, has received permission to attempt a peal at Buckfast Abbey on Whit Monday, commencing at 1.30 p.m. Those ringers who would like to participate are asked to write to him at once.

Miss Margarie Johnstone, whose first peal is recorded this week, is believed to be the first lady to ring a peal for the Cumberland Association. This peal was the first by all the company, and the conductor hopes to announce soon a peal of Grandsire Triples. To-day there is only Sunday ringing in three Cumberland towers—the faithful few are on a campaign to get every tower ringing for Sundays.

St. George's Day was appropriately selected for the unveiling of a memorial stone to the late Lord Baden-Powell at Westminster Abbey: 1,280 Stedman Triples was rung by H. R. Newton 1, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 2, W. S. Langdon 3, H. Belcher 4, W. H. Pasmore 5, A. B. Peck 6, H. Langdon 7, J. Rumley 8. How many of the band rang for the relief of Mafeking?

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

At the Chester Diocesan Conference held in the autumn of 1887 a topic somewhat new to this august body was introduced by the Archdeacon of Chester. He spoke at some length on the position of ringers in relation to the Church and of the advantages to be gained from the formation of an Association of ringers within the Diocese. A lively discussion followed, and the resolution, 'That it is desirable to form a Diocesan Guild or Association of Church Bellringers,' was carried unanimously. It was to give effect to this resolution that a meeting of clergy and ringers was held in the refectory of the ancient Abbey of St. Werburgh on Saturday, November 12th, when representatives of some 30 parishes attended.

The project was received with great enthusiasm. Archdeacon Barber was elected to the chair and the meeting set to work with energy and determination upon the task before it. The title of 'Guild' was adopted in favour of 'Association'; its objects were clearly defined and rules drawn up. It is a significant fact that these rules, in the main, have stood the test of 60 years. A selected committee began the work of organisation, and by the following March four branches had been formed with some 170 members.

Of this very able committee, two members are especially remembered, though neither ever handled a bell. As founder of the Guild, Archdeacon Barber took an active and unbounded interest in its welfare for over a quarter of a century. His was the guiding hand in those early days and with pride he saw it grow to maturity and prosperity. He was elected the first Master in 1891, and though he repeatedly tried to resign in favour of one who should have practical knowledge, he was never allowed to do so and remained the undoubted leader to the last. His death in 1914 robbed the Guild of its greatest benefactor, and to keep green his memory a tablet was erected in the Cathedral and unveiled on May 27th, 1916.

Mr. H. A. Heywood (cousin of Sir Arthur) served the Guild faithfully throughout a long life, which closed but a short time ago. The first annual meeting elected him secretary and treasurer, an office which he maintained with characteristic vigour until a breakdown in health compelled him to resign in 1894. His interest, however, never wavered. He was Master in 1921-2 and held office in the Chester Branch until shortly before his death. He represented the Guild at the first meeting of the Central Council in 1890.

From a promising beginning the Guild rapidly developed. Seven branches had been formed by the summer of '88, and the secretary's report at the second annual festival recorded a membership of 437. The same year the Duke of Westminster became patron. The annual festival was an increasingly popular event with addresses given by outstanding clergies. The Bishop preached the festival sermon at Birkenhead in 1890 to a gathering of over 200, while the Rev. F. E. Robinson came

up from Drayton to address an equally large congregation at Crewe a year or two later. There were signs of activity everywhere and the Guild grew from strength to strength. The position of the ringer as an officer of the Church was established and his craft recognised as an integral part of worship. The restoration and augmentation of rings in the diocese went on apace and the Guild gave of its increasing funds to help in all directions. It is perhaps a matter for regret that in the zeal for restoration many ancient bells of considerable interest were destroyed.

The Rev. Richard Greenall, Rector of Grappenhall, followed Mr. Heywood as secretary and held the office with distinction for 11 years. He had been a staunch supporter from the beginning and had quickly founded the Grappenhall Branch, which had the honour of ringing the first peal of Surprise Minor for

Exercise generally. He was for many years a member of the Central Council, where he did invaluable work on the Analysis and Records Committees. His peals numbered over 400, among them being the first peals of Yorkshire and Peterborough Surprise, and he was also one of the band which rang the first clerical Surprise peal in 1912. Mr. Beeston was also a pioneer in spliced Minor ringing, in which he saw great opportunities and new interests for six-bell towers. Failing health compelled him to resign office in 1922, but he remained as treasurer for some time before he finally retired. He died at Knutsford in 1933, and a tablet in his church at New Mills commemorates his life and work.

From small beginnings the Crewe Branch maintained steady progress and is to-day one of the most active in the Guild. The energy of its officials and the

enthusiasm of its members makes 14 meetings a year the normal practice, and the belfry at Christ Church is a lively ringing centre. A handy ring of ten hangs in the tower. The name of one church with its five bells is known to the whole Exercise—Brereton. Sir Wm. Brereton, first Master of the College Youths, was squire of this village and witnessed the casting of the bells of his parish church at Congleton in 1635. The branch had also the distinction of having one of its members, Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, elected as Master of the Guild, in which office he very ably carried on the work laid down by Archdeacon Barber. He was a capable ringer and took part in a number of peals, including one of Caters



CHESTER CATHEDRAL,
which was visited by the King and Queen last year.

the Guild in 1898. From Grappenhall, too, came that able clerical ringer, the Rev. C. A. Clements, who was Master from 1925 to 1934.

Stockport, in the north-east of the diocese, has been an active ringing centre for well over a century. As long ago as 1819 it is recorded that an accomplished band from this town visited Ashton-under-Lyne on the occasion of the opening of the new bells, while a band from nearby Mottram rang a peal of Caters at the Chesterfield opening in the following year. As might be expected, the Guild has no keener members than those of the Bowdon and Stockport Branch and many 'first in the method by the Guild' peals have been rung by them. It was a great achievement when, in 1906, the then record length of Kent, 16,800 changes, was rung at Mottram, and the peak of Minor ringing was reached when 84 methods were spliced in a peal at Disley in 1938. Handbell ringing, too, has long been among the activities of this branch. Stockport possesses two rings of ten, and the Guild Library, founded by the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, is housed in the ringing chamber of St. George's.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston became secretary of the branch in 1904 and guild secretary three years later. He was a ringer and organiser of exceptional ability, and among the many able men who served the Guild during the present century his name stands out above all others. His counsel was much sought after not only in the Chester diocese, but by the

in 1919 when he was Mayor of Crewe. The Guild was very much the poorer by his death the following year.

The Wirral district of Cheshire, between Dee and Mersey, has many bells, and some 70 of its ringers had enrolled as members when the Guild was but a few months old. With a preponderance of six-bell towers a keen interest has naturally been taken in Minor ringing with St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, as the main-spring. Here, until the church was badly damaged during the war, Surprise Minor was a feature of service ringing, and many multi-method peals were also rung. Mr. J. W. Milner, of Wallasey, became Master in 1935 and although not a ringer, his sound judgment and genial manner made him a popular figure. His resignation last year was accepted with sincere regret.

The Eastern Branch is centred round the silk town of Macclesfield, and the Guild is justly proud of its only ring of twelve in the tower of St. Michael's. These fine bells were installed in 1923, and the first peal, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, was rung a few months later. The diocese gained another ring of ten by the augmentation of the eight at Christ Church. The opening ceremony took place on March 15th, following an ambitious restoration scheme which also provided for the lowering of the frame by some 30ft. This lofty tower, with bells hung high within, had, by its excessive oscillation, presented a very consider-

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

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able problem to ringers since the late 18th century. The fact that these bells had been kept going and peals rung gives some indication of the enthusiasm of the members of this branch.

The Northwich Branch was inaugurated largely by the efforts of Mr. H. Hatt-Cook, another instance of a non-ringer who interested himself in Guild affairs and who was for a considerable time a member of the committee. In one way or another, Mr. Hatt-Cook was actively associated with the Guild and branch for 35 years. Until recently peal ringing was not a feature of the activities of this branch, although there are a number of first-class rings within the area where service ringing has always been well done. Of late years, however, peals have considerably increased, and it is gratifying to note the large number of 'first pealers' during the last year or two, a certain pointer to future activity. The Rev. W. R. Ingham, Vicar of Middlewich, was Guild secretary 1931-5.

Ringling in the Chester Branch naturally centres round the Cathedral, and in its massive tower the first Guild peal, Grand sire Triples, was rung in June, 1889. The note of the tenor is as well known to the citizens as that of Big Ben itself, for the bell has been rung as the curfew every evening beyond living memory. Last summer, on the occasion of the royal visit to the city, the ringers were presented to their Majesties by the Dean, a happy incident which gave pleasure and satisfaction to the whole Exercise. The Central Council met in Chester in 1925 and its members had an opportunity of ringing on some of the fine bells in the neighbourhood. The eight at Eccleston are of outstanding merit, and the name of the late Mr. H. W. Wilde, eminent composer and conductor, was long associated with them. The Chester Branch is proud, too, of Mr. Robert Sperring, who at Over in 1923 conducted the record length of Kent Treble Bob Major, 17,280 changes, in ten hours, and who is the only member to ring over 500 peals for the Guild.

The year 1937 was a memorable one. The Guild celebrated its jubilee in a manner fitting to the occasion when it sponsored a project for the augmentation of the Cathedral bells and to which it gave very substantial help. At the annual festival, ropes attached to the new bells hung down to the crossing below and were handed by the Master to the Dean, who accepted them on behalf of the Cathedral. The Mother Church now possessed a fine ring of ten, and the B.B.C. broadcast a course of Caters, with a running commentary on the ringing, a few days later. A jubilee dinner was also held in the city and was attended by many Church dignitaries and ringers from all parts of the diocese, five of whom had been present at the inaugural meeting 50 years previously.

The Guild was now in its heyday. In 1938 no less than 124 peals were recorded in the annual report with 198 members taking part, a record of activity, progress and prosperity. There was no cloud in the sky save the cloud of war, which was so soon to stamp ringing temporarily out of existence. When the ban was finally lifted and a new start made, the Guild, like every other, found its ranks depleted and the old order changed. Its enthusiasm, however, was undaunted and it set upon the work of rebuilding with vigour. And what of the future? The Chester Diocesan Guild can look back with satisfaction over 60 years of achievement, and remember with pride the many stalwarts, ringers and non-ringers alike, who have given faithful service; signs are not wanting that it can look forward to the future with confidence.

EALING, LONDON.—On March 30th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: Miss M. Lidbetter 1, J. E. Churehill 2, A. Mark Stacey 3, P. E. Clark 4, J. P. Kent (conductor) 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, A. Harding 7, F. Miller 8.

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

BATH AND WELLS MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—It is not my usual practice to reply to anonymous letters, but in plain justice to those loyal and hard-working local secretaries of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, I feel that I must ask you to publish this reply. The strength of an association of ringers lies in the number of its men and women who Sunday by Sunday ring its bells for service, so that the figures I give are those of resident ringing members, and ignore honorary and life members.

In 1920, a year mentioned by your correspondent, there were 845 members; in 1931, 1,350; in 1932, 1,291; in 1933, 1,274; in 1938, 1,417. My figure of over 1,200 given at Easter, 1947, could not be definite, as returns from one branch had not come in, but here is the figure now. In 1946, 1,387. Indeed food for thought, and little sign of decadence. One item escaped, unaccountably, our critic's vigilance. More food for thought. Towers affiliated: In 1922, 106; in 1946, 158.

I regret that so far we have made only one ringer for every 310 of our Somerset population. But since our critic is so fond of figures, let him with Whitaker's Almanac and pencil and paper retire to a corner, and, using 310 as a divisor, work out some little sums. The results may surprise him. They may even teach him something.

I cannot prophesy the 1947 figures. We have raised our subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d., and that may make a reduction in numbers, but there are few signs of it yet. On the other hand there are signs of increasing activity in nearly all our branches.

To my Somerset friends I would say I miss William Cave, and you are going to miss him. For some years he printed your report at a price which left him little or no profit. From the time he got the copy no more than 10 days or so elapsed before he delivered the reports. How different it is to-day. Your report will cost you three times as much per page, and although the printer has had the copy for ten weeks, he wrote this morning regretting that he has not yet been able to send me more than half of the proofs.

Your association managed to live on its shilling subscription, and to give away some not inconsiderable sums. It did this only because of its comparatively large numbers, and if it is to remain solvent on 1s. 6d., either some of its expenses must be cut down, or it must increase its membership. You will no doubt think that the latter is preferable, so will you please lend your best efforts to that end.—Truly yours, J. T. DYKE.

LOUGHBOROUGH BROADCAST

Sir,—I enjoyed the broadcast from Loughborough last week, but I may I express the opinion that it seemed to me a mistake to broadcast the carillon again just after the Parish Church bells. The difference of the tone between the open and 'fired' bells was too much for the latter! Both are beautiful apart, but was it quite just to the carillon? I thought not.—Yours truly,

Bath. INA D. HUMPHREY.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—In the details you give of these bells the 3rd is recorded as W. Evans 1729. but I would point out that this bell was recast by Messrs. Taylor in 1915 after being cracked.

The correct weight of the 6th is 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. The 7th is given as W. Evans 1902, but although the original bell was by Evans in 1729, it was recast at Loughborough in 1902.

The founder of the half-tone 6th is T. Pennington 1630. The tenor 'Grandison' was named as a bell as far back as 1396, but it has been recast several times, by Pennington 1629, Evans 1729 and at Loughborough in 1902.—Yours faithfully, W. SHEPHERD.

22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey.

LOCAL PREJUDICE

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to note that you gave special prominence to the Easter Day quarter-peal at Standon, Herts, by mentioning it in Belfry Gossip, and I would like to be allowed to endorse your remarks regarding the efforts of Messrs. W. and S. Smith, and also the conductor, Harold Groom.

These people must have had a hard time against local prejudice alone, for when I lived there some years ago the ringing was performed by each ringer having before him a card showing which bells to follow. It must be admitted that, despite the fact that there was no indication of whether one was going up or down, or dodging (the ringers of that time didn't know what those terms meant, anyway) they rang their 120's tolerably well.

Woe betide the ringer, however, who lost his place on his card, for none could put him right and the ringing must inevitably stop. Mr. Groom, at the time of which I am writing, was but a lad and made a creditable effort to break away from tradition and learnt to ring without the cards. If anything went wrong with the ringing he was invariably blamed, but has evidently persevered and outlived the criticism levelled at him.

Mention of the cards reminds me that whoever printed them had no letters by which he could indicate that the ringer was required to lead, so he used the E sign. Thus the card for the second read ££34513451££, etc., and the other cards corresponded. This was always a source of amusement to visitors.—Yours faithfully, OLIVER G. BARNARD.

Stowmarket.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN SIXTEEN METHODS

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to congratulate Mr. J. A. Freeman and his band on their peal in 16 Spliced Surprise Major methods, which is a wonderful performance.

Perhaps later I will have time available to tackle further methods. There is no doubt that here is a field for composers.—Yours faithfully, A. J. PITMAN.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION REPORT, 1946

Sir,—May I, through the courtesy of your columns, draw the attention of all who possess, or are about to possess, a copy of the above report to the following:—

Page 54, Peal No. 5,168: The course S5, 16 (315462) is omitted. This immediately precedes 'C'.

Page 57, Peal No. 5,200: The composition is to be three times repeated.—Yours faithfully, NOLAN GOLDEN, Ringing Master, Norwich Diocesan Association.

CHILVERS COTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I, through 'The Ringing World,' bring to the notice of the Exercise the efforts of the Chilvers Coton Society of Ringers to provide two trebles to augment the very fine ring of eight to ten.

The church was destroyed on May 17th, 1941, in a blitz on Nuneaton, leaving the tower damaged. This was restored and the bells rebung on ball bearings in 1944.

As the parish is faced with a £20,000 rebuilding appeal fund, no direct appeal has been made for contributions from non-ringing members of the congregation.

We at Coton feel there are many members of the Exercise who, having enjoyed a visit to Coton belfry, would like to be associated with this effort. The target is £350, towards which £222 is already in the bank.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged by the treasurer, Chilvers Coton New Bells Fund, Mr. J. E. Moreton, 39, Coventry Road, Nuneaton.—Yours faithfully, DOROTHY E. BEAMISH, Secretary, Chilvers Coton Society.

Miss Jill Poole's 100 Peals

The Exercise will extend its congratulations to Miss Jill Poole on ringing her 100th peal at the age of 184. The century is unique by her calling Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, and her list is conspicuous by the large number of peals in higher methods. So far she has conducted on tower bells one peal each of Superlative Surprise Major, Stedman Cinques and Yorkshire Surprise Major. The list is as follows:—

Stedman Triples, handbells 4, tower 7; Stedman Caters, 7, 9; Stedman Cinques 11, 4; Grandsire Triples, 0, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1, 0; Plain Bob Major, 2, 0; Plain Bob Royal, 2, 1; Plain Bob Maximus, 1, 0; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1, 0; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1, 0; Cambridge Surprise Major, 0, 8; Cambridge Royal, 1, 4; Cambridge Maximus, 0, 6; New Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 0, 1; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 0, 3; Yorkshire Royal, 0, 3; Yorkshire Maximus, 0, 5; York Surprise Major, 0, 1; York Surprise Royal, 0, 1; York Surprise Maximus, 0, 1; Pudsey Surprise Royal, 0, 1; Pudsey Surprise Maximus, 0, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 0, 3; Superlative Maximus, 0, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 0, 5; London Surprise Major, 0, 3; total, 31, 69.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Quarterly meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at Brewood on April 12th, when more than 40 members and friends attended. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave the members a hearty welcome and an interesting address. A capital tea was served in the schoolroom, arranged by the local ringers' wives, which came as a pleasant surprise—as visitors had been asked to bring their own food.

A communication was received from Lichfield stating that the restoration of the Cathedral bells was to begin on the 14th inst., and it was therefore agreed that the annual meeting should be held at Burton on June 21st.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, to the caterers for tea, and to Mr. York for presiding at the organ was received with applause.

THE CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The meeting of the Society for April 12th at St. Peter's, Burnham, arranged by Mr. George Gilbert, attracted a company of 63 ringers. Ringing was comprehensive from Bob Minor and Major to Superlative.

Ten new members were elected—Mrs. G. Rolls, Miss M. D. Arnott, Messrs. F. J. Russell, H. W. Russell, A. E. Smith, J. Norsworthy and R. C. Howes, of the Bray band; P. B. Oldam, Hendon; E. F. Connock, Bath; and R. W. Kyte, of Evesham.

The Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, stated that the 200th anniversary dinner had attracted a large number of applications for tickets and advised those who wished to attend to get in touch with the secretary before it was too late.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION FIRST VISIT TO MARKSBURY.

When Bath Branch held their first meeting at Marksbury on April 12th over 100 members and friends attended and the service touch was rung by ladies. The Rev. Creswell conducted the service, the local secretary read the lesson, and the Rev. Beaumont Russell, chairman of the branch, gave the address.

At the meeting there was a discussion on the changing of dates of meetings because of the clashing with the neighbouring Frome Branch. It was finally decided to adhere to the second Saturday in the month for meetings.

New members were elected, and the votes of thanks included one to Mr. W. Prescott for having everything ready and making arrangements for the tea. The ringing ranged from Grandsire Doubles to an attempt of London Minor.

Lancashire Association

EXTENSION OF PRESENT YEAR.

A special general meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Rawtenstall on April 19th for an alteration of the rules of the Association to make the present association year stretch to 17 months.

Also on the agenda was the place of the next annual meeting. It was Liverpool's turn, but as there was no guarantee of the Cathedral bells being ready, it was put back. For a similar reason Lancaster was passed over and the Roothdale Branch was asked to find a tower in their area.

A vote of thanks was recorded to the various clergy for the use of the bells and the tower-keepers for meeting the members. A special vote was accorded the Rev. R. J. Coates for arranging the service at short notice, and to Messrs. W. Rideough and Parkinson who made local arrangements.

The four towers—Haslingden, Newchurch, Waterfoot and Rawtenstall—were available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., except for time off for service, tea and meeting, and 70 members and friends were present. A welcome visitor was Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who brought greetings from Yorkshire.

Some took advantage of the nice day to sit in the Memorial Gardens under the tower to tick off the course ends when they came up and sort out the methods. A suggestion which was favourably received was that a joint meeting should be arranged with Yorkshire later in the summer.

LADIES' GUILD

MEETING AT CHESTER.

The meeting of the Ladies' Guild at St. Mary Handbridge, Chester, on April 19th, a glorious spring day, well repaid some of the 20 members for their long journeys, those attending coming from Shrewsbury, Macclesfield and Manchester, as well as from neighbouring districts.

The Vicar, in an expression of gratitude to the ringers at the service, said probably no other service fulfilled the conditions of our Lord—'That which is done in secret shall be heard upon the housetops'—as does bellringing. He was struck by the fact that, although bellringing was a hobby, a Guild on a visit to a tower for ringing did not confine itself to mere ringing, but set aside a portion of time to prayer and praise to God in a short service.

Tea was partaken of at the Park Cafe, and after tea the business meeting was held, at which seven new members were elected, viz., A. Worth and R. Hough, Macclesfield; H. and J. Close, Chester; R. Lloyd and E. Duppa, Shrewsbury; L. Lawrence, Davenham. The meeting noted with regret the departure of their chairman (Mrs. A. Wolstencroft) for the South and hoped that she had now settled down in her new surroundings.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE S. TAYLOR.

With regret we announce the death on April 25th of Mr. George S. Taylor, of St. Ignatius' Bellringers' Guild, Sunderland. He was aged 74 years and had been in ill-health for a considerable time.

A keen churchman and bellringer, Mr. Taylor was, until prevented by failing health, a very active member of the Durham and Newcastle Association, having joined in 1898. He held various offices in the Association, having been a vice-president, secretary for eight years, and treasurer for three years. His peals numbered 58.

In the service of his own church, Mr. Taylor was for 30 years a member of the Parochial Church Council, had held the offices of both Vicar's and people's warden and had been secretary of the Bellringers' Guild since 1901.

Mr. Taylor was a contemporary of the late Joseph W. Parker; they were inseparable companions for more than 50 years. F.A.

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. —V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1293

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Peter's, Bushey Heath (8), 3 p.m., May 3rd. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 1273

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly, Burghill, Saturday, May 3rd. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers to J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer. 1286

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LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting Whalley, Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1306

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—St. Mary's, Lambeth. Ringing first Monday in each month (except August), 7-9 p.m., commencing May 5th. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers. 1191

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Evening practice at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Wednesday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Please make an effort.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 1339

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

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Freshwater, May 10th. Bells 2.20. Notify by 7th Mrs. Guy, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 1282

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting Bradford-Tone, Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 1285

LADIES' GUILD.—North Midland District.—The annual meeting will be held at Washingborough on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, May 6th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 1298

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting Bourne, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify, by May 8th, Mr. F. W. French, 90, West Street, Bourne, Lincs.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec. 1308

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Annual meeting Ambrosden (8), May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Bicester (8) available in evening. Names for tea to F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 1300

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting Ranworth (6), Sat., May 10th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Business meeting 5. Bring own eats; cups of tea provided. South Walsham bells (5) also available.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth 1277

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting St. Paul's, Burton, May 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by May 3rd to Mr. B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street, Burton.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec. 1292

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting Clanfield, Sat., May 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea by May 6th to H. C. Farmer, Standlake, near Witney, Oxon. 1280

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting Wolvey, May 10th. Names for tea by Tuesday, 6th.—Trevor, 32, King Edward Road, Nuneaton. 1340

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting South Kilworth, May 10th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only in reading room, 5.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1329

LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Enderby (8), May 10th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea and meeting at 5. Bring food and sugar.—W. A. Wood. 1328

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Houghton, May 10th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Masters, 27, Burns Avenue West, Houghton-le-Spring, by 8th.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec. 1326

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival Salisbury, May 10th. Meeting Assembly Rooms, the Canal, 2 p.m. Service Cathedral 3.30; preacher, the Lord Bishop. Tea Assembly Rooms 4.45 p.m., 1s. Towers available: 8 bells, St. Martin's, Amesbury (6-8 p.m.), Downton; 6 bells, St. Paul's, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Wilton, South Newton, Middle Woodford, Martin. Notify by May 5th, F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 1323

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Eccleston, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, May 6th, to Mr. A. Rigby, Tannersmith Lane, Mawdesley.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec. 1313

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting Cross-Stone, Todmorden, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m.—I. Kay, Branch Sec. 1314

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Next meeting at Ripponden, Saturday, May 10th. Important. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—F. Rhodes, Sec. 1309

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—West Hoathly (6), May 10th, 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall, 5 p.m. Names by May 8th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1310

LANCS. ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting St. John's, Blackpool, May 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1332

WEDNESBURY PARISH CHURCH.—Ring of 10 bells rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. A thanksgiving service will be held on May 10th at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Shrewsbury. Bells available after service, and tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. A. J. Hubble, 2, Mark Road, Wednesbury, by May 7th. 1305

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield District.—Meeting Alfreton, May 10th. Names for tea to W. T. Hopson, 2, Grange Street, Alfreton, by May 7th.—Sam Scattergood, Dis. Sec. 1331

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Dodford, May 10th. Advise Mr. V. Perry, Weedon, for tea by May 5th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 1315

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting Shipton-under-Wychwood, May 10th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxford. 1316

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting Edwinstowe (6), May 10th. Cafes close by church. All welcome.—H. Denman. 1317

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting Tortworth (6), May 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by May 7th to John W. Adshhead, Branch Sec., Police Station, Falfield, Glos. 1307

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.— Eastern Division.—Joint meeting with Northern District, Braughing, May 10th, at 3 p.m. Bells eight. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by May 7th to G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 1330

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting Nunburnholme, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Very important to notify Mr. F. Wilkinson, 1, Dean's Lane, Pocklington, near York, by May 8th. 1297

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting Ampport, Saturday, May 10th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Parish Room. Names to Rev. A. E. Russell, The Rectory, by May 10th. 1228

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting Sefton (8), May 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. It is hoped to provide cups of tea, so please bring a little food.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 1335

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting Hawkshead (6), May 10th. Bells from 2.30.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 1334

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Apsley (6), May 10th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following. Names to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, by May 7th.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1333

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting Thryberg, near Rotherham, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea provided only for those who notify me not later than May 9th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1338

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Meeting Abingdon, May 17th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 14th to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon. 1321

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting Scarborough, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Hornsey Dene Boarding House 5. Names for tea to Mr. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, by May 10th. All ringers welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1288

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.—Provisional date for the dedication of two new trebles to augment present peal of eight to ten is May 17th. Details later.—D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 1303

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting Sleaford, May 17th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Lion Hotel. Please notify Mr. G. V. S. Andrews, 12, North Parade, Sleaford, by Wednesday previous.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 1337

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—Meeting at Winthorpe, May 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Bring own food. Remember the date!—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 1319

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—Open day's ringing, May 17th. Names for tea before May 10th to B. Trueman, 6, Queen's Road, Bredbury, Cheshire. 1318

COVENTRY DIO. GUILD.—All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton. Dedication of two trebles to augment present octave to ten, May 17th, at 6 p.m. Ringing on eight, 3-4.30. Tea only for those who obtain tickets by May 10th from Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. Ringing on ten following service until 9 or 9.30. 1343

SALISBURY GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting Aldbourne, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Names by May 13th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 1342

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Guildford District.—Dunsfold, Saturday, May 17th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 1312

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—May 24th, Egerton (6), Charing (6). Bells 2.15. Service 4.45, Charing. Names to C. F. Good, Old Swan Flats, Charing. Buses, Egerton, leave Maidstone 12.43 (12A) and 1 (10, change at Charing) only.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 1324

HEREFORD DIO. GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival Ross-on-Wye, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service 3.30. Tea Valley Hotel 4.15. Business Church Hall 5.15. Bells, Ross (8), Bridstow (8) and Weston-under-Penyard (6) available 11.30 a.m. Meat tea (3s. 6d.) if notification before May 23rd.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 1322

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Northampton, Whit Monday, May 26th. Committee meet St. Giles' Rooms, 2.45. Service St. Giles' Church, 3.30. Tea in St. Giles' Room 4.30 for those who send names to Guild secretary by Saturday, May 17th. Bells: St. Edmund's and All Saints', 11 to 1; St. Peter's and Holy Sepulchre, 1 to 3; St. Giles', 1 to 3.30. After the meeting all the above, also Kingsthorpe.—R. G. Black, Guild Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 1304

LADIES' GUILD.—London District.—An outing through Herts and Bucks is being arranged for Wednesday, June 4th. Leave London Bridge 9 a.m. For further particulars write (enclose stamp, please) to Mrs. E. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12. Gentlemen welcome. 1327

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual shield contest, Royston, Saturday, June 14th. Open to all members. Entrance fee 6s. per company. Tower open for practice until June 8th. Each band allowed one practice only. All entries not later than June 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1289

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Will all members of the Guild and intending visitors please note that the annual festival will be at Oxford on July 12th. Full details announced a month beforehand.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 1276

UNIVERSITIES ASSN.—All communications should now be addressed to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec., Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone, Kent. 1325

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DEVIZES BRANCH AT WARMINSTER.

Warminster was a popular quarterly meeting for the Devizes Branch on April 12th, members being present from North Bradley, Melksham, Trowbridge, Westbury, Hilperton, Steeple Ashton, Southbroom, Holt and the local tower, and visitors from Kingston Magna, Fordingbridge, Breamore, Salisbury, Reading, Christchurch and Hempstead, Gos.

The Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar, was followed by tea at the Minster Schools, which was kindly provided by the local band.

At the business meeting, North Bradley and Keovil were selected for the next two monthly meetings, and Trowbridge for the half-yearly meeting.

Methods rung ranged from rounds for the learners to Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's on March 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: D. Thompson 1, J. Davy 2, G. Goodwin 3, A. L. Ford 4, N. J. Inskip 5, E. Sharp 6, J. Norton 7, C. A. Prindiville (conductor) 8.

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