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THE BELLS OF DEVON

In view of the visit of the Central Council to Exeter at Whitsuntide, a few notes on some of the rings of bells in the county may be of interest. Ringers have their favourite towers. The relative qualities of the Heavitree, Tiverton, and Tavistock eights are often debated, while the magnificent tones of Pilton (Barnstaple), South Molton and Crediton are acknowledged. Even so, amongst the 82 octaves in Devon there are many other fine examples of the bellfounders' craftsmanship, and we must not omit the fine ten at St. Andrew's, Plymouth (35 cwt.) and the splendid twelve at Buckfast Abbey (44 cwt.) The Cathedral twelve are famous.

Exeter is the natural centre of the county, and rail and bus routes radiate from it. To the east there are eights at Sowton (tenor 9 cwt.), Honiton Clyst (19 cwt.), Broadclyst (21 cwt.), Bradninch (20 cwt.) and Uffculme (24 cwt.), with a ten at Cullompton (19 cwt.). All these, except Bradninch, are good; the Cullompton ten, in a fine tower of the Somerset type, is of the highest repute. The fine old ring at Ottery St. Mary (20 cwt.) is out of action. In the Exmouth area there are eights at Withycombe Raleigh (15 cwt.) and Littleham (8). Both rings go well, though the ringing chamber at Littleham is rather cramped. Withycombe is one of the few Warner peals in the county.

On the bus routes from Exeter to Newton Abbot there are eights at Alphington (18 cwt.), Dawlish (14 cwt.), East Teignmouth (22 cwt.), West Teignmouth (14 cwt.), Kingsteignton (17 cwt.) and Chudleigh (15 cwt.). All these, except West Teignmouth and Dawlish, go well. East Teignmouth are difficult to hear inside the tower. At Newton Abbot are the eights at Highweek (14 cwt.), Wolborough (16 cwt.) and St. Leonard's (8 cwt.), a tower standing by itself in the main street. St. Leonard's bells do not go too well. A few miles west of Newton are the fine octaves of Ashburton (22 cwt.), Totnes (29 cwt.), Plympton St. Maurice (16 cwt.) and Plympton St. Mary (27 cwt.). Other eights on the borders of Dartmoor are Tavistock (24 cwt.), Bovey Tracey (4 cwt.), Moreton Hampstead (15 cwt.), Chagford (18 cwt.) and Okehampton (16½ cwt.), and within the moor the eight at Buckland-in-the-Moor (8 cwt.). All these go well, but to reach Buckland involves a drive through romantic country with precipitous inclines.

North of Exeter, along the Exe Valley, are eights at Silvertown (17 cwt.), Thorverton (14 cwt.) and Tiverton

(25 cwt.) The back bells at Thorverton go badly, but Tiverton is of real grandeur. To hear is to be impressed; to ring is to be convinced. A matter of eight miles north of Tiverton is Huntsham (15½ cwt.), made famous by Col. Charles A. W. Troyte, the first president of the Guild. Crediton has a fine eight (tenor 27 cwt.), but the circle is not too good. Further north, along the ridges of the Taw and Torridge valleys, are many octaves of high repute and quality. Of these, perhaps Pilton (25 cwt.), with tenor reputed to be one of the finest bells in the country, and South Molton (24 cwt.) are outstanding. Even so, the eights at Torrington (15 cwt.), Bideford (16 cwt.) and Northam (15 cwt.), are perfect in tone and go, and the dozen other eights will bear comparison with the best. Pilton are to be rehung. There are 224 six bell rings in the county, few of which can be classed as poor. Truly a ringer's paradise.—F.C.S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HORACE BELCHERTreble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
HERBERT LANGDON 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 8
JOHN E. CHILCOTT 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 4	REUBEN SANDERS 10
ALFRED B. PECK 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 11
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by HENRY G. MILES. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

TEN BELL PEAL

DERBY.

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

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb

HENRY H. FEARNTreble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER 2	JOHN PINFOLD 7
G WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	JOHN S. MASON 9
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 11½ cwt.

*NOREEN BRAINTreble	TREVOR REYNOLDS 5
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	GEORGE L. RODEN 6
GORDON HARRISON 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH 4	†W. FRANK TOPLEY Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung in honour of the 24th anniversary of the wedding of their Majesties the King and Queen.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBERG,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.) in E flat.

CECIL RADDONTreble	*WALTER ALLMAN 5
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM 6
*CYRIL VALENTINE 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
ERIC J. GILBERT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Rung to welcome Canon W. J. Gravell, Rector-designate of Warburton.

*SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRISTreble	J. LESLIE WILLARS 5
JOHN E. CLARKE 2	CHARLES MARSHALL 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... .. 3	ARTHUR PATRICK 7
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS 4	*FREDERICK WATSON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PATRICK.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor. Birthday compliment to ringer of the 4th.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES A. MILNERTreble	PETER LAFLIN 5
*ALAN A. POTTS 2	*JOSEPH WHITTAKER 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	JOHN WORTH 7
*BASIL JONES 4	*ARTHUR HIBBERT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. BESTTreble	HARRY PYE 5
JOHN HAYES 2	HENRY O. BAKER 6
JAMES S. WEBB 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 7
PERCY SWINDLEY 4	GEORGE F. SPERRING Tenor

Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWSTreble	JOHN LLOYD 5
JOHN BASS 2	WALTER E. MASTERS 6
THOMAS HEMMING 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 7
BERNARD LAWTON 4	REGINALD ALLPORT Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

In memoriam to William H. Potter, a ringer at this church for over 50 years, interred at Brierley Hill on the above date.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On April 13th at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Thrush (first quarter) 1, Michael V. Chilcott (conductor) 2, Donald Hayward 3, Joan Sansan (first quarter inside) 4, John E. Chilcott 5, Peter J. Woodger 6.



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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILFRED NEWMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	*PETER BAKER 5
†MICHAEL B. CLIFFORD... 2	*LESLIE E. ASTON 6
*CHARLES ROUSE 3	GEORGE W. WALTERS ... 7
†IVOR GOULTER 4	EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by B. ANNABLES (No. 1461).
Conducted by GEORGE W. WALTERS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,760 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Lincolnshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 4½ cwt.

WM. H. B. WILKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	BETTY SPICE 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
ALAN R. PINK 3	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 7
MARIE R. CROSS 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods by all the band.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15½ cwt.

MORRIS J. MORRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ... 2	FREDK. W. RISHWORTH 6
ALBERT WALKER 3	WM. C. DOWDING 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS 4	JOHN GILSON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

A birthday compliment to A. Walker and W. J. Meers.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DENNIS BLOWS <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST FURBANK 5
†REGINALD F. FUNNELL 2	*JOHN ARMSTRONG 6
*JAMES R. FLEETWOOD ... 3	HARRY TURNER 7
HENRY T. WILSON 4	ARTHUR C. CHAPLAIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. In memoriam Thomas A. Laybourn.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*SYDNEY C. EASTER ... <i>Treble</i>	*SYDNEY M. BAILEY 5
FRANK V. GANT 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
JOHN E. GROVE 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Surprise. In memoriam Thomas Laybourn, who met with a fatal accident while returning from a meeting at this tower on April 19th, 1947.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WALTER J. LEMON ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT... .. 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	JAMES E. BAILEY 7
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 4	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

HERBERT FIELDS <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 6
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND AND THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

BRO. A. R. LAWRENCE... <i>Treble</i>	BRO. L. A. GOODENOUGH 5
BRO. HENRY HODGETTS... 2	W. BRO. G. W. DEBENHAM 6
BRO. H. E. GOODENOUGH 3	BRO. G. E. DEBENHAM 7
BRO. WILLIAM NASH ... 4	*BRO. REGINALD F. EWER <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by W. BRO. G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Major.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

THOS W. TOMLINSON . <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD A. MAY 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 6
THOS. W. DENVER 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
C. W. R. GRIMWOOD... 4	WM. H. INWOOD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE SPERRING ... <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN W. BEST 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
*HARRY O. BAKER 3	HARRY PYE 7
*JAMES S. WEBB 4	PERCY SWINDLEY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. MORGAN. Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

* First peal in the method.

QUEDGLEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 9½ cwt.

TREVOR PRITCHARD ... <i>Treble</i>	†JOHN R. COTTERILL ... 5
*IVOR WHITING 2	*JOHN WHITING 6
†WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 3	LESLIE BARRY 7
†RONALD WATTS 4	PATRICK ALLEN <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25½ cwt.

*MARGARET D. PILCHER <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD A. NOBES 5
†EDWIN S. SMITH 2	ERNEST A. JURD 6
PHILIP H. SPECK 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
†AUBREY D. MILLS... .. 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*SYDNEY TUSON <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 5
*THOMAS BARKER 2	JOHN CHARNOCK 6
*JOHN JACKSON 3	F. ROGER MARTIN ... 7
*ARTHUR HATCH 4	*JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

SIX BELL PEALS

CARBROOKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Double Oxford Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*FREDK. W. WILLIAMS <i>Treble</i> ... 2	*ALBERT E. DIXON ... 4
GEOFFREY SMITH ... 2	FREDK. C. JOHNSON ... 5
*EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON <i>Tenor</i> ... 5

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.

* First peal in more than one method.

FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

LESLIE DAWSON ... <i>Treble</i> ... 2	ALFRED J. BENNETT ... 4
FRANK WHITE ... 2	ARTHUR FARRAND ... 5
HARRY NUTT ... 2	JOHN E. FIELDING <i>Tenor</i> ... 5

Conducted by LESLIE DAWSON.

In memoriam to Canon J. S. Smith, Vicar for 21 years.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST <i>Treble</i> ... 2	*WILLIAM H. TYLER ... 4
THOMAS PRICE ... 2	*FREDERICK PRICE ... 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD <i>Tenor</i> ... 5

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in the county, for the Association, and by all the band.

STOKE BISHOP BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS HARRIS ... <i>Treble</i> ... 2	REGINALD HOOPER ... 4
BRYAN HUDDLESTON ... 2	*RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 5
FREDERICK J. SAMPSON ... 3	FREDK. W. BROWN <i>Tenor</i> ... 5

Conducted by THOMAS HARRIS.

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

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE ... <i>Treble</i> ... 2	*DOUGLAS V. GARE ... 4
*MISS FREDA M. POOLE ... 2	†WILLIAM E. TURNER ... 5
HERBERT W. PEARCE ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER <i>Tenor</i> ... 5

Conducted by W. H. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

SUTTON, ISLE OF ELY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

ERIC SMITH ... <i>Treble</i> ... 2	STANLEY MURPHY ... 4
CLAUDE GIMBLETT ... 2	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... 5
WILFRED YOUNG ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON <i>Tenor</i> ... 5

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First Treble Bob peal on the bells.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES THORLEY ... <i>Treble</i> ... 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 4
*CHARLES THORLEY, JUN. ... 2	ERNEST THORLEY ... 5
THOMAS D. LEASK ... 3	CHARLES THORLEY, SEN. <i>Tenor</i> ... 5

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY, SEN.

* First peal.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ENID M. WAYMAN ... <i>Treble</i> ... 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... 4
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	JOHN WALDEN ... 5
FREDK. W. STOKES ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... <i>Tenor</i> ... 5

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Minor on tower bells. A compliment to Mr. G. E. Smith, of Eagle, on his completing 50 years as a ringer.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*N. B. FOVARGUE (13) <i>Treble</i> ... 2	WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... 4
ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 2	*JOHN P. MORRISS ... 5
WILLIAM G. SHORT ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... <i>Tenor</i> ... 5

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal.

SAXILBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Cambridge Surprise and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

P.S. FRED BISHOP ... <i>Treble</i> ... 2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4
MISS RHODA BROWN ... 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... <i>Tenor</i> ... 5

Conducted by J. R. YOUNG.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF

BIRMINGHAM.

On Wed., Apr. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

IN ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5074 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... 1-2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5-6
ALBERT WALKER ... 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7-8
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9-10	

Composed by CHARLES ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

OLAVE BROYD ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by E. W. PYE.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16.

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 1-2	*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5-6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3-4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* 150th peal. Rung as a compliment to Albert Walker on his 71st birthday.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

OLAVE BROYD ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	EDWARD JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by E. W. PYE.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's on April 20th, 1,260 Bob Triples: D. R. Judd 1, E. H. Kilby 2, J. E. L. Cockey 3, F. A. Finch 4, A. Cutler 5, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 6, L. H. Bowler 7. Rung half-muffled following a dedication of a children's chapel in memory of the children of Acton killed by enemy action.

APPLETON, ABINGDON, BERKS. — On April 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, A. G. Hollifield 3, F. A. White 4, F. Messenger 5, C. G. White 6, F. C. White 7, G. Hollifield (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10. Rung by Sunday service band on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. E. White (youngest son of 9th ringer) and Miss Betty Heredge.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On April 17th at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Single Oxford: Charles Lovett 1, Keith Lovett 2, Donald Walton 3, John W. Lowe 4, Stan Brewin 5, Horace Myatt (conductor) 6. Silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On April 13th at the Church of St. Michael, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wacey 1, E. Garbett 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Bull 5, H. Bird 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Bird 8.

BUCKLEY, CHESTER.— On April 20th at St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Lewis 1, F. Birks 2, Miss N. Birks 3, F. Evans (conductor) 4, S. Birks 5, D. Millward 6, J. C. Jones 7, I. Hayes 8. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Wingrove (conductor) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, E. Gosling 4, J. Howard 5, J. Harrison 6, W. Edwards 7, W. Lee 8. First in the method for 4 and 5.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.— On April 21st at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, M. Sindon 3, L. Harris 4, R. Jarvis (conductor) 5, J. Jarvis 6, J. Keyte 8. For Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On April 20th at St. Mary's R.C. Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. W. Taffender 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. W. Brighton 3, E. W. Furbanks 4, C. W. Ottley 5, H. W. Rogers 6, J. Bullock 7, E. D. Smith 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On April 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: Miss J. Newman 1, D. Beard 2, A. W. Beard 4, G. H. Sentance 4, G. W. Heley 5, J. G. Newman 6, H. G. Hillyard 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 2.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND. — At St. Mary's Church on April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marjorie Johnstone (first quarter of Triples) 1, W. Norman 2, G. W. Tembey 3, W. H. Cook (conductor) 4, A. Eilbeck 5, S. Richardson 6, W. Douglas 7, J. H. Rothery 8. Rung muffled in memoriam to Dr. Mitchell.

GRIMSBY, LINCS. — On April 6th at St. James', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Gwen Rusby (first quater) 1, C. Kannington 2, J. Parker 3, J. B. Budd 4, S. Bromfield 5, J. E. Kennington (conductor) 6, A. Pashley 7, A. Swain 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Clarke 1, R. Cochrane 2, D. Ellingham 3, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 4, A. Cull 5, D. Price 6, A. Lawrence 7, A. White 8. Rung for Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday.

HURST, BERKS. — On April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Wiggins 1, A. J. N. Rance 2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3, A. T. Fleet 4, B. C. Castle 5, E. W. Rex 6, W. J. Paice (conductor) 7, E. Humfrey 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's on April 20th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: E. Grimes 1, P. Whittell 2, E. Elfinger 3, C. Shemming 4, J. Munnings 5, K. Whittell 6, C. Woodward 7, E. Blomfield (conductor) 8.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On April 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: V. H. Russell (longest length on eight) 1, E. B. Smith 2, E. E. Davey (conductor) 3, F. Orriss 4, W. Rouse 5, V. W. Wildney 6, R. G. Bugg 7, W. A. Southgate 8.

LEYTON, LONDON.—On April 13th, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. A. Hughes 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. W. Brighton 3, C. W. Ottley 4, L. Bowler 5, E. W. Furbanks 6, A. W. J. Appleton (first of Surprise Major) 7, J. Bullock 8.

OTTERSLOW, SURREY. — On April 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Iris P. Ewins 1, E. Armstrong 2, W. Goldstone 3, R. Andrews 4, H. Chaffey 5, D. Sleet (conductor) 6.

PIRTON, HERTFORDSHIRE. — On April 16th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Doubles, being 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire: M. Lockey 1, H. Lawrence 2, R. Sharp 3, E. C. Jeffries (conductor) 4, A. Sinfield 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS. — On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Briggs 1, G. Ball 2, C. E. Turner 3, J. H. Bayliss 4, A. Ballard (conductor) 5, W. A. Wood 6, L. E. Towers 7, W. Briggs 8. A farewell to the Rev. H. A. Salter.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NEWARK.—On April 20th at All Saints', 1,260 Bob Minor, 7 and 8 covering: J. T. Shipley 1, Miss K. Burchnell 2, Miss G. Burchnell (conductor) 3, Mrs. N. Moxon 4, N. Moxon 5, E. A. Midwinter 6, R. Sleep 7, T. S. Chandler 8. In honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Chandler (eldest son of the tenor ringer) and Miss B. A. Pulfrey.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. T. Boomsma (first quarter of Triples) 1, G. Boomsma 2, T. G. Fox 3, L. J. Fox 4, T. Francis 5, J. Phillips 6, R. F. Deal (conductor) 7, J. Boomsma 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS. — At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Page 1, A. D. Steele 2, R. S. Anderson 3, W. F. Gibbons 4, P. Wilshaw 5, N. Holland 6, A. Peake 7, G. W. Biddulph (conductor) 8.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's on April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Collier 1, J. H. Botham 2, G. M. Kilby 3, M. Hodgson 4, R. G. Spears 5, A. Cutler 6, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 7, H. Kilby 8.

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

Mr. George Williams, who provides a sidelight on the Exeter peal in our correspondence columns, was honoured by the Salisbury Guild with a birthday peal on attaining the age of 90. In his own Guild a peal of Bob Royal was rung at North Stonellam, 720 Plain Bob at Titchfield and 720 Oxford Single at Wickham, Hants, with the ringers' best wishes to their revered Master.

Oswald Delight Major is published this week. It is Kent above the treble and Cambridge below. First performance was at Frodsham, Cheshire. Now for a second.

A memo for tower and guild librarians. Include 'College Youths,' by J. A. Trollope, in your additions for 1947. Price 5s. 6d., 'Ringing World' Office.

Tamworth ringers were unlucky over their quarter-peal in honour of Princess Elizabeth's birthday. After 15 minutes' ringing they were interrupted by a request to stop, as a play was to be given in a nearby hall. Two morals arise: 'Lock the door,' and let the town know why you are ringing.

Five first quarters of Bob Major was the tribute at Whiston, Yorkshire, to Princess Elizabeth's birthday on April 21st. The company was J. Curwin 1, W. Thomas 2, G. Preston 3, A. Stamp 4, P. Cooté 5, B. Thomas 6, T. Cuttis 7, N. Chaddock (conductor) 8. First quarters of Major by 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7.

Stoke-on-Trent have a young company, all of whom rang their first quarter, except the conductor, at Dilhorn on April 19th. It was Grandfire Doubles and was rung after the peal attempt failed. The ringers were Miss B. M. Brown (16) 1, Miss M. Flackett (16) 2, J. G. Burton (16) 3, G. Mountford (17) 4, F. W. Groot, jun. (16, conductor) 5, I. Wright (17) 6. The peal cannot be much longer delayed.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Peals of interest this week are a Freemason's at North Mynms, Herts, and a pensioner's at Erdington, Birmingham. In the latter peal the average age was 70½ years.

Sunday service ringers of Great Baddow, Essex, have frequently appeared in our quarter peal column. Now they have accomplished their first peal since the bells were recast in 1924.

Visiting Herisham, Surrey, on May 3rd, the London County Association rang a peal of Stedman Triples. Surrey's charms resulted in the conductor's and sender's names being omitted from the peal.

Mr. Frederick Page, by his peal of Bob Minor 'in hand' at Hove (reported last week), has now rung Minor to Maximus on both tower and handbells.

Next week's 'Ringing World' will contain a special article on Exeter for the benefit of visiting ringers by Mr. A. W. Searle, chairman of the Exeter District and a member of the Central Council from 1903-1927.

Two days before he was due to attempt his first peal, Michael Collett (14), of Burford Oxford, met with a serious accident at school whilst retrieving a missing ball on May 7th. He was taken to the Oxford Eye Hospital, where it was found necessary to have his right eye removed. His many friends extend to him their sincere sympathy and best wishes for his recovery.

When Mr. Patrick Cannon arranged his peal at St. Neots he nearly had an officers' peal for the Ely Diocesan Association. The company included the ringing masters of Hunts and Wisbech districts, the general secretary, auditor and Central Council representative of the Association and the district secretary of Wisbech branch. Non office bearers were Mr. R. F. B. Speed and Mr. Cannon.

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THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

Reorganises Finances to Meet New Situation

The Middlesex Association marked its jubilee meeting by an overhaul of its financial position to meet the increased charges of to-day. The meeting was held at Ealing on Saturday with the president (Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane) in the chair, supported by the Rev. H. Greatbatch (Vicar of St. Mary's, Ealing) and Mr. E. C. S. Turner (hon. secretary).

The annual report, presented by the hon. secretary, recorded the losses by death of Mr. C. T. Coles, general secretary and one of the leading men in the Exercise; Messrs. W. Fletcher (Beaconsfield), G. H. Gutteridge (Iver), J. H. B. Hesse (Wrighton), H. Hoskins (Greenwich), G. P. Mitchell (Hillingdon) and W. Watson (Romford).

The year had seen a great revival of activity and a full programme of meetings was held with an average attendance of 32. New members elected totalled 94, consisting of one honorary, 22 non-resident life members and 71 ringing members. Mr. W. C. Parker celebrated his 80th birthday in August by taking part in a peal of Grandsire Triples. Mr. A. Harding completed his 50th year of service as a ringer at St. Mary's, Ealing.

Peals rung during 1946 totalled 76, of which 39 were on handbells; there were 18 conductors. Methods rung for the first time by the Association were Hinton Surprise Major and Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples. Seven members rang their first peals. Quarter-peals totalled 51.

The Association was pleased to welcome the entire Hillingdon band as members and congratulated them on successfully augmenting their ring of six bells to eight.

In December, Mr. J. Thomas moved to Hinton-on-the-Green, near Evesham. During his many years in Middlesex he proved himself without equal in his success at teaching beginners. The handbell performances of the Edmonton and Enfield bands during the war were the admiration of the whole Exercise. They wished him many happy years of retirement. The report concluded with a list of the valuable ringing books left the Association by the late Mr. C. T. Coles. The report was adopted.

In the absence of Mr. W. H. Oram (treasurer), Mr. Turner presented the accounts, which showed a deficit on the year's working of £19 5s. 9d. The accounts were adopted.

Officers elected were as follows: President, Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H. and A. W. Coles; Master, Mr. Charles Roberts; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Oram; hon. secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner; assistant secretary, Mr. Leonard Bowler; auditor, Mr. E. M. Atkins; trustees, Messrs. T. J. Lock, W. H. Oram and E. C. S. Turner.

SUBSCRIPTION RAISED.

A series of resolutions to meet the increased costs and keep the Association solvent was submitted by Mr. Turner. These included raising the subscription from January 1st, 1943, from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d.; charging life members and honorary members 1s. for the annual report; that the sum of 6d. per ringer of a peal be charged for printing peals in the annual report. He explained that the last quotation he received for printing the report was 18s. a page, on which there were four peals. This worked out at 4s. 6d. a peal. In 1897 a charge of 3d. per ringer was made for printing peals.

These were seconded by Mr. C. Roberts. To the question of how much the extra 1s. subscription would produce, Mr. Turner replied £15, and to another question he stated that the assets of the Association were £192.

Opposition to the increased subscription was voiced by Mr. C. C. Mayne. 'We have accumulated £192 and have been putting money in the bank for a rainy day,' he said. 'Now it had come we should spend it.'

The Secretary: I shall refuse to do so. If the resolution is not passed I shall print the report every other year.

Mr. W. H. Coles commented that the subscription of 2s. 6d. was about what most members paid to go to the pictures, and Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey reminded the members that 2s. 6d. was not the price of a 'packet of fags.'

Mr. Jones suggested as an alternative a charge of 3d. be made for attendance at meetings.

The resolution to increase the subscription was carried by a substantial majority, as was that of charging life members and hon. members for the annual report.

Mr. Mayne was in opposition again over the charge of 6d. per ringer for printing peals. 'Peals will not be rung for the Association,' he said.

Mr. Turner replied that he was not frightened by that suggestion. They would find that other associations would adopt the same rule.

The new rule was passed and it was decided to make it operative as from July 1st next.

Mr. Turner: People will not be able to say in 10 years' time that they had a secretary who whittled away what had been saved up by his predecessor.

New members elected were Miss F. H. Friswell and Miss H. V. Hare (Upper Clapton), Mr. David Charnley (Isleworth), Messrs. N. G. Hollingworth, E. Prior and H. W. Barnard (Holloway), and Mr. F. Oakshott (non-resident life member).

ORIGINAL MEMBERS HONOURED.

Mr. Turner reminded the meeting that that was their 50th anniversary and they had still with them some original members of the Association. He proposed and Mr. A. W. Coles seconded that honorary life membership be conferred on these members. Those to be so honoured are Messrs. W. Baldwin (Barnet), H. Chandler (Heston), W. Honor (Hillingdon), C. H. Martin (Hendon), W. Pickworth (Richmond). The meeting expressed its approval by a hearty round of applause.

Returning thanks, Mr. Chandler said the spade-work for the formation of the Association was done in the Church Room, Heston. Most of them had now passed over—Mr. Pratt was one of them. He hoped the Middlesex would continue to flourish.

Mr. Pickworth also expressed his thanks and said the honour was quite unexpected.

The meeting decided to keep the books bequeathed by Mr. C. T. Coles to the Association at St. Augustine's, Kilburn.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

The hon. secretary reported that the committee formed to deal with the 50th anniversary proposed to hold a dinner at Slaters, The Strand, on October 25th, tickets 12s. Attendance would be limited to 120, and the first 120 who sent a remittance would be allotted tickets.

Another function in connection with the anniversary is the meeting at Acton on June 7th, at the invitation of the Rector, to be held in the Rectory or Rectory grounds.

Regarding the memorial fund to the late Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. Turner said it was proposed to provide one or two bells in one of the blitzed London churches. It was unlikely, however, that they would be able to spend the money for a long time as bell founders were booked up. They had been waiting at Christ Church 18 months for the bells to be rebung. He asked members to contribute towards the fund as generously as possible.

Clerkenwell was selected for the next annual meeting, alternatives voted upon being Fulham, Southgate and Holloway.

The best wishes and Godspeed of the meeting were extended by Mr. Lewis Cockey to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Botham, of Willesden, who are shortly proceeding to South Africa.

A message was received from Mr. W. G. Wilson conveying his best wishes and stating he would be pleased to see any visitors in an evening. The meeting sent to him its good wishes for a speed recovery.

The work of Mr. Turner as hon. secretary was recognised by a vote of thanks moved by Mr. C. C. Mayne.

From the chair, Mr. W. H. Coles, who presided at the latter part of the meeting, thanked the Vicar of St. Mary's for permitting the Guild service to be held in his church and also for the use of the bells, the Vicar of St. Stephen's for the use of the bells, Mr. Harding for splicing the ropes, and Mr. Clarke and Mrs. Miller for providing teas.

Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane conducted the Guild service, which was attended by about 120 members and friends.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

MR. W. F. MORETON THE NEW MASTER.

The annual meeting of the Society was held on April 29th at New College, the president, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, being in the chair. The treasurer's report, showing a balance of £12 8s. 8d., was approved.

The Master's report stated that last term had seen steady progress, there now being a resident band capable of Double Norwich. Surprise ringing by this band should be attained in the near future. Week-end outings had also been very successful. No tower-bell peals had been rung, although there had been two attempts, including one made without the aid of the Society's usual conductors. Four peals had, however, been scored 'in hand,' including the first peal of Winchester Bob Major to be rung on handbells.

An encouraging feature of the term had been the appearance of several potential conductors in the ranks of the Society.

During the vacation three peals were scored during a long week-end at Hereford, including the Society's first peal of Surprise, Bristol Surprise Major, at Ross-on-Wye. Two members were to be congratulated on ringing their first peals, and a third on calling her first, during the vacation.

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Kemble); vice-presidents, Mr. H. Miles, M.A. (St. Cath's.), Dr. R. E. Harvard (Kemble), Dr. L. E. Sutton (Magd.), the Rev. T. R. Milford (Magd.), Dr. J. E. Spice (New), Miss B. Spice, B.A. (Som.); Master, Mr. W. F. Moreton (St. John's); secretaries, Miss K.

Higgins (L.M.H.), Mr. C. J. Dickinson (Magd.); treasurer, Mr. H. von der Heyde (B.N.C.). A new office, that of steeplekeeper, was created and filled by the election of Mr. M. H. Barrow (Exeter).

A suggestion by Mr. Moreton that Miss Spice should remain in office as Acting Master during her remaining term in residence was rejected by Miss Spice, who felt that she would prefer to enjoy a term free from responsibilities. The President then thanked Miss Spice, on behalf of the Society, for the unfailing energy and enthusiasm with which she had held the office of Master during the past two years.

Mr. Moreton was elected U.A.C.R. representative. A suggestion that this representative should always be the Master, ex-officio, was held over until the Society's constitution is revised in the near future.

The term's programme was then outlined. Three tower-bell peals and five outings, one being a coach trip, are included, as well as the normal practices and service ringing. The Society's ringing week at Shrewsbury and the U.A.C.R. tour at Chester (both in August) were also mentioned, together with a harvest camp at Honeybourne.

Mr. Slade (Kemble) then suggested that some of the Society's large balance should be used as gifts to the churches where the Society rang regularly, to compensate for wear and tear. Miss Spice pointed out that the Society's bank balance was a very variable quantity, and the suggestion was not pressed, although a vote of approval of the general principle was passed.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

MR. JOHN A. FREEMAN THE NEW MASTER.

The annual meeting was held at Lincoln on April 26th. Ringing took place at the Cathedral and at St. Peter-at-Gowts in the afternoon, and the ringers attended evening school at the Cathedral. Tea at the Wesley Schoolroom, Gasketgate, was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by Canon Marsden, Vicar of Grimsby, in the unavoidable absence of the Dean of Lincoln (president).

Before the commencement of business, the chairman paid a tribute to the late Master, Mr. Rupert Richardson, who died in January last, and who had occupied the office since the death of the Rev. H. Law James in 1932. He said that besides being a great bellringer, Mr. Richardson was a great man in all respects.

Canon Carnegie, president of the Elloe Deaneries Branch, also spoke of the esteem in which the late Master was held, both as a ringer and as a good man and churchman. At the request of the chairman, the meeting stood in silence as a tribute of respect.

The Dean of Lincoln was re-elected president, and Mr. F. W. Stokes hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. John A. Freeman, the well-known Master of the Cathedral company, was unanimously elected Master of the Guild. Mr. Freeman brings knowledge and experience to his office, and it is felt that he will prove a worthy successor to the two previous Guild Masters. Mr. Richardson was also one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council, and Mr. Stanley Bennett, of Spalding, was elected to fill his place.

MEMORIAL TO MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON.

The question of a memorial to the late Master was brought before the meeting by Mr. J. A. Freeman, who said that at the committee meeting it had been suggested that a flat 6th bell should be added to the peal of twelve at the Cathedral, so as to afford a lighter eight for practice. This had been mentioned to the Cathedral authorities, who had signified their approval of the project. An estimate had been obtained for the work, which would cost £296, and in addition there would be the cost of a tablet in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral and also one at Surfleet Church. It was unanimously resolved to proceed with the scheme, and the Guild Committee was authorised to deal with the whole matter. It was decided to invite subscriptions from the Exercise generally, as well as from the Guild, so that the many friends of the late Master would have an opportunity of contributing. Fuller details of the scheme will be issued later.

Since the close of the year 1946, two 'record' peals have been rung for the Guild, one at Harmston consisting of 16 Spliced Surprise Major methods, and one on handbells in 29 Minor methods, and the congratulations of the Guild were extended to the members taking part in these two peals.

Further ringing took place after the meeting at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Giles. A notable feature was the large number of young ringers, and altogether the attendance approached the scale of the large pre-war numbers customary at the Lincoln meeting.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Bishop's Waltham on April 26th, with 50 members and friends present.

The eight bells were available at 2.30 p.m., as were also the ring of six at Swanmore. A short service at Bishop's Waltham was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. H. Stubbs), and one of the local ringers, Col. Clutterbuck, was the organist.

The business meeting followed tea, the Vicar presiding. The next meeting will be held at Catherington on July 19th.

Coventry Diocesan Guild

ANNUAL MEETING.

Coventry Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at Stoke, Coventry, on April 19th. The attendance was small compared with last year, there being only 50 members and friends present.

The Guild service was preceded by ringing in the tower, and in the absence of the Rector, the Rev. E. Armon officiated. A splendid tea was served in the Parish Hall. The Rev. Armon occupied the chair at the business meeting which followed.

The hon. secretary's report revealed a total of 28 peals in a variety of methods with ten conductors. Eleven rang their first peal and 41 their first in the method. Total membership was 334, 20 hon. members, 177 non-resident and 137 ringing members. The loss by death of Arthur Taylor (Bedworth), Harold Argyle (Nuneaton) and Charles Rayson (Chilvers Coton) was recorded with regret. The balance sheet showed a balance of £37 10s. 10d. and the Bell Restoration Fund £16 19s. 5d.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, the Rev. R. T. Murray (who sent a telegram apologising for absence); vice-presidents, Canon O. M. Jones, the Rev. J. H. Dingley, the Rev. F. S. Herbert, Mr. J. H. W. White and Mr. T. W. Chapman; hon. general secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; district secretaries, Coventry and Rugby, Mr. T. Sheppard; Nuneaton, Mr. L. Trevor; Warwick and Stratford, Mr. D. Stanley; hon. auditor, Mr. A. H. Beamish.

A grant of £7 was made to the Chilvers Coton New Bells Fund from the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund.

Stratford-on-Avon was selected as the July meeting place. Mrs. M. Rayson and Dennis George, of Coton, were elected members.

Further ringing on the tower bells concluded an enjoyable meeting.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

The annual meeting of the Guild was held in Clare College on April 23rd, when the president and treasurer (the Revs. A. C. Blyth and C. F. D. Moule respectively) were re-elected. The elections of junior officers resulted as follows: Master, R. Leigh (St. Catherine's), secretary, E. J. Lindley (Trinity); auditor, Lord Wrenbury (King's).

The statement of accounts was very satisfactory showing a total balance of £23. A discussion as to the best place to keep the library, bequeathed to the Guild by its founder, the late Rev. W. C. Pearson, was adjourned until the next meeting.

During the past year 12 tower-bell peals, including one each of Stedman Caters, Cambridge and Yorkshire Major, were rung. This is a record number for any one year. In addition 11 handbell peals, including one of Double Norwich, were rung.

The annual Guild Week will take place during the first week of September, in Birmingham and neighbourhood. Any members interested who have not received official notification are asked to communicate with the secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Thirty members, with welcome visitors from Wolverhampton, attended the quarterly meeting of the Western Branch, held at Ombersley on April 19th. The association service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Gillingham).

Tea in the Church Room was followed by the business meeting, at which nine new ringing members were elected. Crowle was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, with Hanley Castle as an alternative.

After votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the ladies who served the tea, a return was made to the tower and ringing, under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Camm. A large proportion of time was given to members not so conversant with the more advanced methods.

St. Martin's Guild

ASTON A SECOND HEADQUARTERS.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Aston Parish Church on April 19th. For many years it has been customary to do so, and judging by the number present and the spirit that permeated the gathering, it is as popular as ever. The bells (12) were kept going in various methods until 4.30, when about 70 attended service in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. F. Guy Warman).

An excellent tea, kindly provided by the ringers of Aston and their ladies, was partaken of in the Schoolroom. The Master (Councillor Paddon Smith) took the chair at the business meeting. Immediately after the minutes had been read, the chairman gave a hearty welcome to the Vicar, remarking that Aston was regarded by the St. Martin's Guild as their second headquarters, and he trusted that the happy relations which had existed for so many years would long continue.

The tower election of Mr. T. G. Myers, of Plymouth, as a life member, which took place prior to the peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral was duly ratified. Mr. Myers was also congratulated on ringing his first peal of Cinques on such a fine peal of bells.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Solihull on July 5th, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Shirley on June 7th, this being the occasion of the dedication of the two new trebles, making a peal of eight.

Mr. A. Walker, referring to the peal at Exeter, said he would like to congratulate the band on ringing such an excellent peal; it was a big job to ring a peal on these bells, and it was good to know that there were members now who could emulate those of July 5th, 1924, who rang the first peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral. He would also like to congratulate their Ringing Master, Mr. George Fearn, on the variety and quality of the peals rung during the past year, which included Yorkshire Royal and Maximus.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Aston ringers for providing such an excellent tea, and congratulated Mr. Fred Price and his friends on their efforts. This concluded the business, and whilst some returned to the tower others rang several good touches on the handbells, and so ended another good meeting at Aston.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

EARL OF SHAFESBURY'S INTEREST.

It was a pleasure for the Wimborne Branch to have with them for their quarterly meeting at Wimborne St. Giles on April 12th their president, the Earl of Shaftesbury. He read the lesson at the service, joined the company of over 30 at tea, and, last but not least, joined in the ringing in the tower. His lordship takes part in the service ringing on Sundays, and told the writer that St. Giles' bells always pull off punctually every Sunday morning and evening to ringing time.

At the service a short address was given by the Rector (the Rev. J. C. Meyer), the singing being greatly helped by the young ringers from St. John's, Bournemouth, who are also choristers. The president, in his address at the tea, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young members present.

Some German prisoners who work in the vicinity attended the service and were greatly interested on being invited to see the ringing in progress. A.R.M.

BANBURY BELLS

Sir,—While travelling from the Midlands in the early evening of Sunday, April 27th, I had occasion to stop at Banbury. To my intense delight the bells of the Parish Church were ringing out merrily, and I spent a most enjoyable half an hour listening to some very good touches of Triples. I would like, through the medium of your columns, to express my appreciation to those taking part.—Yours faithfully,

S. R. MEAGER.

6, Cross Oak Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.

FROM THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG

The Three Rejects

REASONS NOT LAMENTATIONS WANTED.

Dear Sir,—At its forthcoming meeting the Central Council will, no doubt, give serious consideration to the three peals which have been rejected by the Peals Analysis Committee in its total for 1946, viz., one each of Minor and Kent Major with the tenor covering and one with a non-ringing conductor.

There are, I know, many ringers who regard as harsh and unjust the somewhat odd rule which debars a keen conductor, who, by reason of infirmity, deformity or advanced years, cannot actually ring, from the pleasure of calling a peal. There are, also, others who, like myself, have at some time or other been confronted with the following three courses: (1) Calling a peal on an odd number of bells (above five) which would have performed a very definite service and amount of good to a struggling country band; (2) leaving out one of the members which would have done an equal amount of harm and created a local dissension; and (3) relinquishing the opportunity of a peal altogether for at least several years.

It is, therefore, highly desirable that the Council should approach these vexed problems with strict impartiality and, if it decides against a revision of the rules, give boldly the reason for its decision and not indulge in idle lamentations regarding Mr. Kippin's alleged 'stunts,' etc., or take refuge in worn-out dogma re not cutting across the well-established principles of the Exercise, etc.

In connection with the three peals under dispute it would be interesting to know whether the committee has actually acted according to precedent or whether any of the few similar peals rung in the past from time to time were recognised by the Council. If any such peal has been conceded previously members of the Exercise are, of course, justified in asking why the Peals Analysis Committee has suddenly gone 'all fussy' and become so particularly stringent in this matter and why 'fish' is made of some and 'fry' of others. Furthermore, is there a rule relating to 14-bell peals or did the famous and meritorious Birmingham handbell peal of Stedman Sextuples go unrecognised?

T. R. BUTLER.

27, Lynwood Gardens, Orrell Park,
Liverpool, 9.

EXETER IN 1902 RECALLED

Dear Sir,—I have been most interested in your two last leading articles, as one living in those times to which you refer.

The first on the silent peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) by Messrs. J. C. Mitchell, W. H. L. Buckingham, C. F. Winney and G. T. McLaughlin, brings to my mind my first peal on handbells, in which my late wife took part, in 1892, and the complimentary letter from Mr. J. C. Mitchell in the following week's issue of 'Bell News.' I also received many congratulations from members of the Central Council at the annual meeting held at Birmingham that year.

Re the peals mentioned on Exeter Cathedral bells, the records are not quite accurate, as Mr. J. Austen has passed on. He conducted the first peal of Stedman Caters, not W. Pye, who rang 'Grandison' single-handed. W. Pye, I am afraid, felt its effects ever afterwards; one day when we were out on a ringing tour he remarked, 'I never felt exactly the same after any other peal I had rung.'

In addition to myself and Canon Coleridge, Mr. A. W. Brighton is a survivor of the first peal on the bells in 1902. Mr. Brighton also took part in the Stedman Caters with Mr. J. Thomas, and they are the only survivors of that peal. The late W. W. Gifford, of Salisbury, also rang in both these peals and was very fond of telling the tale why we rang Grandsire instead of Stedman for the first peal and the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's remark.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Canada Replies

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World,' March 28th, I read, 'Information wanted from Canada,' per E. Barnett. Mr. G. W. Foster arrived in Vancouver about the year 1907 or 1908. He rang with our band of round ringers for six months and then went to San Francisco. Some six months later he returned and rang again as a round ringer. We gradually changed our band with the addition of other change ringers to a very good band of change ringers. For a few weeks his half-brother, Jack Tassell, was with us; he went to California and has not been heard of since.

As to the peal rung and conducted by him, he first had us ring each quarter-peal. When sure of his band the whole 5,040 Grandsire, Holt's Original, was rung on July 1st, 1911. He left Vancouver and resided at Port Haney some 36 miles up the Fraser River from Vancouver and was very regular in driving in for Sunday ringing until about two years ago, when he entered the Royal Columbia Hospital at New Westminster, B.C., and died a few months later. We rang handbells over his grave at Port Haney, probably for the first time in Canada.

It was not Mr. Foster who came several hundred miles to conduct the peal at the dedication at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, but Mr. E. Weatherby, from Los Angeles, California.—Yours truly,

A. C. LIMPUS.

208, Union Street, Vancouver, B.C.

NEW ZEALAND'S LOYAL GREETINGS

Dear Sir,—The bells of the Christchurch Cathedral were rung in honour of Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday at 7.30 a.m. and were 'fired' 21 times. Dean Warren cabled to Princess Elizabeth the congratulations of the ringers and informed her that the bells had been rung. He received a cable the next day expressing her thanks, so we propose to frame her reply and hang it in the belfry.

We received a lot of publicity in our newspapers, which stated that the time schedule of the Empire makes it likely that the bells of the Christchurch Cathedral (New Zealand) would be the first in the British Empire to be rung in celebration of her birthday.—Yours sincerely,

G. N. SLOAN, Deputy Master,

Christchurch Cathedral Bellingrers' Society.

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First rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, for the Chester Guild, on Jan. 17th, 1947, conducted by J. E. Bibby.

Bath and Wells Association

Dear Sir,—Before being too critical over this association's declining membership it would be as well to look again into the figures quoted by '1947,' as it so happens that the smaller total membership in 1946 represents 158 affiliated towers as against 151 in 1936. All things being equal this should be a healthy sign.

As '1947' suggests a little food for thought, I would suggest a reference to your issue dated April 4th, in which appears notices of two quarterly meetings on April 12th in neighbouring towers, which happen to be in different deaneries, but only two miles apart. Whilst it was plain to all that one of the meetings was doomed to failure, nothing was done to avert disaster. Surely either or both of these secretaries could have contacted the other and saved the situation. It can only be assumed that the whole thing was left to the survival of the fittest.

It does seem necessary for someone to ask how the meetings in the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery can be expected to survive with none, other than the secretary, attending.—Yours sincerely,

W. J. GAIT.

Hallatrow, Bristol.

CLASHING MEETINGS

Sir,—Some years ago the Saturdays of the month were, by mutual arrangement, divided up between certain Deaneries of the Bath and Wells Diocese, to avoid meetings clashing. It is to be regretted that the Bath branch, by appropriating the Saturday allotted to its nearest neighbour, should be the first to break this gentlemen's agreement.—Yours truly,

S. W.

Bath.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Sir,—Some few years ago a peal of Cambridge Minor was rung and a claim put in for seven different callings, with all 5.6's at back-stroke. I cannot remember the tower, but the figures were never published in 'The Ringing World.' We have just rung a similar peal and we would like to know if our figures are the same as those rung previously. Anyone interested can prick the figures from the following calling:—

6 ex 2 adding three bobs on 3.5 behind
6 ex 3 adding three bobs on 4.5 behind
6 ex 4 adding three bobs on 2.5 behind
5 ex 2 adding three bobs on 4.6 behind
5 ex 3 adding three bobs on 2.6 behind
5 ex 4 adding three bobs on 3.6 behind
6 ex 5 or 5 ex 6 as desired.

Thus the first six 720's each contain 12 bobs, and it does not matter which way the secondary observation pair are behind.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

86, Hartington Road, Preston.

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BIRTH

GRAY.—On May 11th, 1947, at 54, Wellington Street, Gainsborough, to Ethel (née Marshall), wife of Eric Gray, the gift of a son (Roger Eric). 1401

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby and Mrs. M. J. Corby, 83, Hurstbourne Road, Forest Hill, S.E.23. Phone Forest Hill 3683. 1384

Robert C. Heazel, 8, Brook Road, Tillingham, Essex. Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Essex Association of Change Ringers. 1399

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sat., May 17th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 1360

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. All ringers welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1288

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, postponed owing to snow and floods, will now be held at St. Neots on Sat., May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be arranged if possible.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots. 1366

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—A district meeting will be held at Woodbridge on May 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at King's Head at 5 to only those who notify Mr. C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 1336

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

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke Branch.—Combined practice at Wolverton (6), Sat., May 17th, 5.30. All welcome. 1347

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Tadcaster, May 17th. Tea 3s. 1363

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—North Elmham, Sat., May 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Only a village; catering difficult, so please notify at once.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 1352

BITTON, NEAR BRISTOL.—Eight bells, augmented 1936 by Taylor's. Open practice (by permission) alternate Tuesdays, 7.15. Next date, May 20th. All ringers invited.—A. Corrigan, Le Coteau, Bitton, Bristol. 1395

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Evening meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on Wed., May 21st. Bells from 6.30 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Perivale 5320. 1356

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

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick & Stratford-on-Avon District Branch.—Meeting on Sat., May 24th, 3 p.m., at Alderminster (6). Cup of tea provided, but bring your own food. Good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 1398

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting Broadclyst, near Exeter, Sat., May 24th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea before May 20th to Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. 1350

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mickleton (8), Sat., May 24th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 to those who notify me by Tuesday, May 20th.—W. J. Newman, Sec., 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham. 1382

WORCS & DISTRICTS ASSN.—Northern Branch.—Meeting Belbroughton, Sat., May 24th, 3. Tea 5.—B. C. Ashford, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1391

LANCS ASSN.—Next meeting will be held at Walkden, Sat., May 24th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1389

ESSEX ASSN.—N.W. Division.—Practice evening Sat., May 24th. Matching (6). Bells 6 to 8.30. All welcome.—G. Blake, Burford Street, Hoddesdon. 1394

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Chobham, Sat., May 24th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, by May 21st. 1358

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

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Long Sutton on Whit Monday. Bells available 2 p.m. Names for tea before May 19th to Mr. H. Harrison, Mill House, Roman Bank, Long Sutton. 1377

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

ESSEX ASSN.—68th annual general meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 26th. Service in the Cathedral at 11. Bells (12) from 10. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Meeting in the Chapter House at 12 noon. Light refreshments will be served at the County Hotel at 1.30 to those who notify me before May 19th. The following bells will be available for ringing from 3 until 9: The Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 8, Brook Road, Tillingham, Essex.

CUMBERLAND ASSN.—Meeting will be held at Carlisle on Whit Monday, May 26th. Bells available: Cathedral (8), 12 to 4.30 and 5.30 to 9; St. Stephen's (8), 12 noon to 9. Meeting in Frater 3.30. Lunch 12.30. Tea 4.30 at City Picture House Cafe. Names to Mr. R. Ling, 99, Denton Street, Carlisle, by May 17th.—S. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1365

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—

Leatherhead District.—Meeting Ranmore on Whit Monday. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 4.15. Notifications to 'Ringers Teas,' c/o Ranmore Common P.O. Stores, Dorking, as early as possible. 1387

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech District.—Walpole St. Andrew's (6), Whit Monday, May 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1392

DEVON GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Torquay, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service at 12.15 p.m. in Upton Parish Church. Meeting in Abbey Hall, Abbey Road, at 1 p.m. Bring food; coffee provided. Ringing at Upton (8), Babbacombe (8), Cockington (6) (10.30-12) and Tormohun (6). Friends welcomed.—F. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 1385

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Meetings Hutton May 24th, Burrington May 31st, 6.30.—E. J. Avery, Sandford. 1388

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh District.—Sproughton (6), Sat., May 31st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea, and business meeting after, Church Hall, 5. Please bring own food.—J. T. Corder, Sec. 1364

SUSSEX ASSN. (E.) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint practice Salehurst, May 31st, 2.30. Tea 5. Notify by 27th.—John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings. 1390

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting Earls Colne, May 31st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by May 28th to F. Ridgwell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, Colchester.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 1400

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Macclesfield on Sat., May 31st. Service St. Michael's 3.30; preacher, the Lord Bishop. Tea M.E.P.S. Beehive Cafe 4.45; tickets (limited) 3s. 6d. each, available from branch secretaries before May 24th. St. Michael's (12), Christ Church (10), Bollington (8) and Sutton (6). Towers open at 1 p.m. Enquiries to Mr. J. Tipper, 8, Arlington Drive, Macclesfield. 1397

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Navenby (6), Sat., May 31st, 2 p.m. Service 4. Welington (6) available after tea. Tea arrangements notified next week.—J. Freeman, Hon. Sec. 1396

Kent County Association

100 MEMBERS WENT TO ELHAM.

Approximately 100 members representing 23 towers attended the meeting of the Canterbury District at Elham on April 19th. The Vicar (the Rev. R. H. J. Williams) conducted the service and Mr. G. H. Spice (general secretary) read the lesson.

Tea in the Vicarage, at the Vicar's suggestion, was held in two sessions, and the business meeting in the church. At this 11 new practising members from Barham were elected; here the ring of five bells have been augmented with the addition of a tenor. Margate was chosen for the next quarterly meeting (July 26th), and Whitstable (May 31st) for the next by-meeting.

After the meeting those seated on the south side of the church went off to tea, generously provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Williams, and the remainder spent the time in a conducted tour of the church.

Further ringing followed, and the bells of Barham and Lyminge were also open.

MEETING AT MARDEN.

The meeting at Marden on April 5th was not very well attended, only 21 ringers being present. The standard of ringing was, however, generally high. Four new members were elected, Miss J. Waters and Mr. M. Kibblewhite, of the local band, and Miss J. Pankhurst and Mr. G. Hitchcock, of Leigh. The election of Mr. D. Wood, of Northiam, was confirmed.

The attendance was much improved for the meeting at Cranbrook on May 3rd. The bells were somewhat difficult to ring mainly because of the long draught and the newness of the ropes. Those present persevered, however, and a number of touches of methods up to Double Norwich, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples were rung successfully, the striking in some cases being of a very high standard in view of the difficulties of ringing.

At the business meeting four members were elected, Mr. O. G. Butler, the local captain, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Wilkes, both members of the Cranbrook band, and Mr. A. Beach, of Shipbourne.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On April 13th, 1,440 of Plain Bob Minor: K. Medhurst 1, R. Godfrey 2, Miss A. Holden 3, Miss B. Frost 4, A. Williams 5, A. Hall (conductor) 6.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting Newport Pagnell, Sat., June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names by June 2nd.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 1393

ST. CRANTOCK, NEWQUAY, CORNWALL.—Rededication of restored ring of six by Rev. Chancellor R. Roberts, 2.30, Sat., June 14th. All ringers welcome. Reply by June 9th to Rev. H. Trewella, Crantock. 1386

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOC.—Practices at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, will in future be on Tuesdays at 6.15 p.m. during terms, and not on Mondays as previously.—P. R. Blackman, Hon. Sec. 1383

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The Guild wishes to purchase, for its records, a copy of the 1929 jubilee photograph, and I should be grateful if anybody willing to sell a copy would notify me.—E. J. Lindley, Hon. Sec., Trinity College. 1381

Ladies' Guild

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The bells of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, were 'manned' by ladies for Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich during the successful meeting of the South-Eastern Division on April 19th. The Vicar gave an interesting address at the service and welcomed the Guild. Thirty-five sat down to tea, the ladies being in the majority by one.

At the business meeting, Miss Belcher presided and 17 new members were elected, which brings the total of new members since the division was started last October to 40. Miss Belcher, for Sussex, and Miss Colgate, for Kent, were elected to the Central Committee. Ashford (Kent) was selected for the annual meeting in April, 1948.

For the time being it was decided to ask Miss Colgate to do all she could to get together the lady ringers in Kent. The dividing of the county for working purposes is to be left until the next annual meeting. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Hairs to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Miss Colgate and Mr. B. Collison for arranging the meeting and having everything in readiness.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the North-Eastern Division at Woringford on April 19th was attended by 24 members.

The Vicar (the Rev. D. E. Gilbert) conducted the service and tea was served in the school by Mrs. Leggett and helpers. At the business meeting three new members were elected, and Colchester was selected for the next meeting. Mr. E. Leggett (the local captain) was unfortunately unable to be present, having met with an accident the previous Thursday. Methods rung ranged from Bob Minor to London Surprise.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Some 41 members attended the North Norfolk Branch meeting at Buxton on April 19th and were entertained to tea by Mr. W. C. Duffield and friends. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the Rev. E. W. Blyth presided at the business meeting, when Miss Bracey, Messrs. G. Moore, P. R. Banks and E. W. Martin were elected members. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to £2 9s. The next meeting will be at Kingham on July 5th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association at Thorne in conjunction with the Doncaster and the Selby District Societies on April 26th was attended by 25 ringers.

A short service in the church was conducted by the Vicar, and tea followed in the Church Room. Three new members, Miss Margaret Graves (Carlton), Mr. A. Tate (Howden) and Mr. C. Thorley, jun. (Thorne), were elected at the business meeting. Goole was selected for the June meeting, and a collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 12s. 9d.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The nice light ring of six at Walsham-le-Willows was made good use of by the 28 members attending the meeting of the Bury St. Edmunds and Eye districts on April 19th. Ringing ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the chief item of interest was the appointment of a district secretary for Eye District. After several names had been proposed, Mr. A. Lock, of Yaxley, was invited to stand, and it can now be reported he has accepted office.

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