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### YORKSHIRE

News from Yorkshire predominates in this issue. Outstanding is the decision of Canon C. C. Marshall to resign the presidency of the Yorkshire Association, an office he has held with distinction since 1910. Next year Canon Marshall will have completed 50 years in the ministry, of which 40 years were spent as Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds. His resignation from both offices has been prematurely advanced by an unfortunate car accident last January. The Exercise re-echoes the sentiments of the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, that a 'restful retirement will restore him to good health in the shortest possible time.' Since its foundation in 1875, the Yorkshire Association has had only three presidents. The first holder of the office was the late Jasper W. Snowden, whose great contributions to the art of ringing were, until the war intervened, commemorated by an annual dinner. So far it has not been possible to revive this function which brought ringers from all over the country to Yorkshire to pay homage to the memory of one of the giants of the Exercise. The next president was his brother William.

Ringling to-day in Yorkshire, as in most parts of the country, is progressive. The Association made last year 156 new members, and has now a record total of 1,357. The annual report indicates that in most towers there is no dearth of ringers, some having sufficient for two companies. Mentioned in the report is the young band at Whiston, near Rotherham, and it is a pleasure to feature in this issue as our illustration a photograph of these boys. We trust that, encouraged by their good start, the company will keep together and advance. Peal ringing in Yorkshire during 1946 was again satisfactory, with 96 on tower bells and one in hand. There were 36 members who rang their first peal and 167 instances of members who rang their first peal in one particular method. That nearly one-fifth of the members have taken part in the peals spread over 65 churches indicates that peal ringing still has a wide appeal, which the report suggests is a healthy sign.

The variety of Surprise methods is a feature of the peal analysis, and Aldenham Surprise Major appears for the first time. In other parts of the country ringers will be surprised to note that the peal of Oxford Bob Triples is recorded as the first by the Association. This, comments the report, is a very old method and one which is widely practised in some parts of the county, but Triples have never been as popular as Major in Yorkshire, which is,

perhaps, the explanation why Oxford Triples has not appeared in the Association's records before. The year has seen first peals having been scored on the bells at Middleham, Bedale and Sprotborough, and on the present bells at Doncaster and Bawtry. Three towers appeared again after long absences—Kildwick after 18 years, Wetherby after 24 years, and Fishlake, where the only other peal on the bells was rung in 1910. Thus from the broad acres of Yorkshire is told the story of vigorous and enthusiastic ringing in many centres. The zenith of Yorkshire ringing has not yet been reached, and if proper attention to attracting young people to the belfry is fully encouraged, the present membership could be substantially enlarged.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM C. DOWDING <i>Treble</i> ...	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	7
†ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	*LEONARD TUFFREY ...	8
†RICHARD C. INGRAM ...	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	9
*DANIEL T. MATKIN ...	*BARNABAS J. KEY ...	10
*GEORGE E. OLIVER ...	*HOWARD HOWELL ...	11
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Bob Maximus. † First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

### TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

*JOHN SCOTT ... <i>Treble</i> ...	ALAN F. THIRST ...	6
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	JOHN S. MASON ...	7
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ...	JOHN PINFOLD ...	8
HENRY H. FEARN ...	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	9
*JOHN S. WALTON ...	WM. T. FROGGATT ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEO. R. FARDON. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal of Stedman.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*ALLAN CARVETH ... <i>Treble</i> ...	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	6
HARRY MILES ...	H. FREDK. MYERS ...	7
G. HARRY MYERS ...	CYRIL E. LANXON ...	8
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	A. WILLIAM MYERS ...	9
†GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM ...	THOMAS G. MYERS ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

\* First peal on ten. † First peal of Bob Royal. First peal on ten as conductor. First peal of Bob Royal in the county and for the Guild. Rung to commemorate the diamond jubilee of Truro Cathedral.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... <i>Treble</i> ...	HAROLD W. ROGERS ...	6
THOS. H. TAFFENDER ...	FRANCIS D. BISHOP ...	7
GEOFFREY DODDS ...	F. DONALD BOREHAM ...	8
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	JAMES BULLOCK ...	9
WM. J. PAICE ...	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 9th.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Heywood's Transposition.

WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... <i>Treble</i> ...	LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	FRANK E. HAWTHORN ...	6
*SQUIRE CROFT ...	†A. W. J. APPELTON ...	7
THOS. W. TAFFENDER ...	ROBERT H. BEGRIE ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... <i>Treble</i> ...	FREDK. J. CULLUM ...	5
*FREDK. A. COLEY ...	HARRY HOVERD ...	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
ALFRED G. HILL ...	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

EDWARD BARKER ... <i>Treble</i> ...	*ARTHUR ROLFE ...	5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ...	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	CLAUDE COUSINS ...	7
WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... <i>Treble</i> ...	CHARLES R. BELTON ...	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	ALFRED BALLARD ...	6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ...	GEORGE A. NEWTON ...	7
THOMAS K. DEACON ...	ERNEST E. PICKERING ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Half-muffled, in memoriam to Mr. C. H. Belton (father of the ringer of the 5th), who was a ringer at the church for 56 years, and captain of the band until his death on May 1st.



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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... .. 5
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... .. 6
CHARLES H. WEBB ... .. 3	CHARLES S. AYLETT ... .. 7
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... .. 4	GEORGE GARDNER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. H. W. WHITE.  
\* First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight. All are Sunday service ringers.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PETER R. LAYTON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ... .. 5
†GEOFFREY F. CARTER ... .. 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... .. 6
*JANET MATTINSON ... .. 3	VERNON J. BENNING ... .. 7
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... .. 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.  
\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Bob Major.  
The first peal of Bob Major for the Society.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS... <i>Treble</i>	MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... .. 5
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD 2	FREDERICK BOREHAM ... .. 6
*MISS OLIVE B. LAMBERT 3	LAWRENCE POULSON ... .. 7
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL... 4	FREDK. A. POULSON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.  
\* First peal.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN WILLIS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*HUBERT FURMINGER ... .. 5
WALTER C. CHANDLER ... .. 2	FREDK. A. RYE ... .. 6
TIMOTHY J. ANDERSON 3	CHARLES TURNER ... .. 7
*CYRIL GEORGE ... .. 4	EDWARD J. WALKER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

\* First peal.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

LESTER GRAY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 5
JOHN F. BIBBY ... .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 6
MISS F. BEDFORD ... .. 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.  
Rung for the first birthday of the niece and godchild of W. Allman.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. <i>Treble</i>	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 5
*MARY WALLSHAW ... .. 2	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... .. 6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 7
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. 4	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. TROLLOPE. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.  
\* First peal in the method. A commemoration peal for Mr. J. Myles, late leader of the Eccles tower.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. ADDISON ... <i>Treble</i>	KENNETH ARTHUR ... .. 5
JOHN E. PLANE ... .. 2	†HENRY A. WARD ... .. 6
THOMAS W. CROWE ... .. 3	†CHRIS. HETHERINGTON... 7
*MISS M. ADDISON ... .. 4	†F. RAYMOND ADDISON... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by K. ARTHUR.  
\* First peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to H. A. Ward.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

HAROLD A. MAY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 5
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	*HERBERT G. ANDREWS... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. E. BULWER. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
\* First peal in the method. A welcome home to the King, Queen and Princesses on their return from South Africa.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2	FRED A. COLEY ... .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 7
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 4	WALTER LEMON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES E. BAILEY.

A welcome home to the royal family.

HARWELL, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Twelve-part.

*G. BISHOP ... .. <i>Treble</i>	H. BISHOP ... .. 5
*J. GORDON ... .. 2	†R. BLOND ... .. 6
F. JAMES ... .. 3	A. WEBB ... .. 7
*A. GREENOUGH ... .. 4	*J. NAPPER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. JAMES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*MISS BETTY BROWN ... <i>Treble</i>	†KENNETH W. MAVER ... .. 5
†CYRIL WARD ... .. 2	FREDK. W. STOKES ... .. 6
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 7
HAROLD MARCON ... .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*MISS STELLA WICKENS <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT E. LAKER ... .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 2	R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

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

\* First peal of Major, aged 15.

## DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-part.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	SIDNEY DABINETT ...	5	
JOHN T. LOCKE ... 2	GEORGE E. JEANES ...	6	
REGINALD BEALE ... 3	PETER CROOK ...	7	
EDMUND DABINETT ... 4	*ALBERT BAILEY ...	Tenor	

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* First peal.

## SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, PRITTLEWELL,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
*RODERICK W. CROUCHER Treble	THOS. E. LOXTON ... 5
†FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 2	SYDNEY C. EASTER ... 6
FRANK V. GANT ... 3	ARTHUR HUBBLE ... 7
FREDK. SOUTER ... 4	HORACE J. MANSFIELD... Tenor

Composed by WM. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Kent. † 100th peal for the Association.

## ENDERBY.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	5	
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 2	SHIRLEY BURTON ...	6	
*LESLIE E. RIVERS... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ...	7	
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 4	*WILLIAM SALT ...	Tenor	

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal.

## EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... Treble	A. E. F. TROTMAN ... 5
BETTY SPICE ... 2	H. VON DER HEYDE ... 6
FRANCES M. MARTIN ... 3	†PETER W. B. SEMMENS 7
FRANCES E. EDGAR ... 4	*C. JOHN DICKINSON ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS (C.C.C., No. 34).

Conducted by C. JOHN DICKINSON.

\* First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. † First peal on eight tower bells. First peal as conductor.

## DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's 12-part (7th the observation).		Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.	
FRANK T. WAITE ... Treble	WILLIAM SIDWELL ...	5	
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 2	WILLIAM COX ...	6	
GEORGE CASE ... 3	LESLIE BARRY ...	7	
HARRY BARNETT ... 4	HARRY NEWMAN ...	Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on completing 50 years as a ringer, and a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Chesterfield Branch.)

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
*LEONARD COE ... Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD ... 5
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 2	GORDON C. BIGGS ... 6
STANLEY SLANEY ... 3	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 7
*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 4	†ARTHUR B. COOPER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by ARTHUR B. COOPER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major as conductor. First peal scored for the Chesterfield Branch of the Derbyshire Association. Six of the band are members of the local company.

## SIX &amp; FIVE BELL PEALS

## ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents, being Nos. 34, 35, 28, 50, 29, 37, 36, in C.C.C., 3rd edition.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
*THOMAS W. HARRIS ... Treble	†J. W. SPRULES ...	4	
†MARY P. HILLIAR ... 2	†GILBERT SPRULES ...	5	
†JOHN W. OWEN ... 3	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ...	Tenor	

Conducted by ANDREW J. CORRIGAN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor. To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI.

## CORLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.		Tenor 5 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lb.	
IAN A. MORRISON... Treble	ALBERT E. BRISTOW ...	3	
HAROLD FOLWELL ... 2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ...	4	
		WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

First peal on the bells.

## BEEDON, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.		Tenor 6½ cwt.	
*GRAHAM R. KERR... Treble	*DAVID WATSON ...	4	
*MICHAEL A. C. FREWER ... 2	PETER C. WRIGHT ...	5	
ANNA SELLORS ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON... Tenor		

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Sat., May 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor and four 720's of Plain Bob.		Tenor 6 cwt.	
GEORGE WAUD ... Treble	WM. ARTHUR HUDSON... 4		
HAROLD DRAKE ... 2	*JACK WAUD ...	5	
CHARLES HILL ... 3	LESLIE WOODHEAD ...	Tenor	

Conducted by LESLIE WOODHEAD.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. A farewell peal to the Rev. E. H. Lawson-Brewis.

## DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.		Tenor 12 cwt. in G.	
WILFRED BOOTH ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ...	4	
ARTHUR F. LEWRY... 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5		
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	Tenor	

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

## PERLETHORPE, NOTTS.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Notts Branch.)

On Sun., May 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.		Tenor 6 cwt.	
*LEONARD FISHER ... Treble	FREDK. JACKSON ...	4	
†FREDK. BOAM ... 2	FRANK BRADLEY ...	5	
ARTHUR SMITHSON ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ...	Tenor	

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal on six. Farewell peal for F. Jackson, who is joining the R.A.F.

**BROMHAM, BEDS.** — On May 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss P. L. Gilbert 1, G. White 2, Miss M. Watson 3, K. W. Spavins (first on eight) 4, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 5, F. C. Tysoe 6, C. Branson 7, R. Chapman 8.

**BRUTON, SOMERSET.** — On Sunday, May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles in 10 different callings: A. E. Deverell (first quarter) 1, W. P. White 2, E. H. White 3, W. J. Tiley (conductor) 4, H. G. White 5, F. Pinnions 6. A compliment to W. Tiley on leaving the parish after having been a ringer at the church for 24 years.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.** — On May 11th, as a welcome home for the royal family, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Witts 1, Miss Sparshott 2, J. M. Turner 3, E. Hinton 4, Mrs. Williams 5, G. Preston (conductor) 6, H. Harrison 7, L. Stone 8, G. Scragg 9, H. Gillard 10.

**CHERTSEY, SURREY.** — On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Iris Ewings (first quarter of Triples) 1, D. Sleet 2, W. Shepherd (conductor) 3, R. J. Andrews 4, E. Armstrong 5, W. A. Goldstone 6, J. Crocker 7, T. Warden (first quarter) 8.

**DINDER, SOMERSET.** — On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hull (conductor) 1, R. Thorne (first quarter) 2, R. Smith 3, R. Morgan (first quarter inside) 4, F. Griffen 5, F. Harvey 6.

**GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.** — On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Rowe (first quarter) 1, A. W. J. Butler (first of Doubles and conductor) 2, E. T. Chapman 3, D. Harman 4, T. Bevan 5, J. O'Dell 6.

**HENLOW, BEDS.** — On May 10th, 1,272 Bob Minor: Miss J. Dear 1, G. Dear 2, Miss D. Hare 3, J. Church 4, F. S. Beaumont 5, L. H. Bywaters (conductor) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

**HUGHENDEN, MIDDLESEX.** — On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 1, R. Biggs 2, W. Heyward 3, D. Cox 4, A. C. James 5, R. Blaby 6, P. Newton 7, V. Evans 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HAWKHURST, KENT.** — At St. Lawrence's Church on April 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: N. Rummery 1, Miss H. Gorrings 2, M. Cloke 3, F. Rummery 4, W. Gorrings 5, R. Tappenden 6, L. Pope 7, G. Waters (conductor) 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. M. A. Jenner and Miss P. J. Cogger.

**KINGSDOWN, BRISTOL.** — On May 1st, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Leaker 1, Mrs. A. Bennett 2, W. Rawlings 3, G. Pearce 4, J. Stallard 5, L. Pearce 6, A. Bennett 7, C. H. Wood (first quarter as conductor) 8. First quarter in method by 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. W. W. C. L. Orpwood.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.** — At St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Bullock (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft (first in method inside) 3, T. W. Taffender 4, C. W. Otley 5, L. H. Bowler 6, A. W. J. Appleton 7, J. Bullock 8.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.** — On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. T. Symonds 1, W. Andrews 2, W. R. J. Poulson 3, W. Jarvis 4, F. Boreham 5, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 6, L. Pryke 7, L. Offord 8. Birthday compliment to the Rector, Preb. M. Fountain Page.

**LOCKING SOMERSET.** — 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 240 April Day): Miss M. Hutchings (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Hutchings (first inside) 2, Miss M. Legg 3, Miss M. Legg 4, G. Prescott (conductor) 5, Martyn Hutchings 6. First quarter since new treble added and first in three methods by all except conductor.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.** — On May 6th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: W. P. Deane (conductor) 1, R. H. Tyler 2, F. Price 3, W. J. Chester 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler 7, S. Hughes 8. The first quarter in the method by all the band except the conductor. Farewell to W. H. Tyler, who is joining H.M. Forces.

**OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.** — At St. Matthew's Church on April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles, consisting of three extents each of Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob and one and a half of Grandsire: P. Marriott 1, A. J. Marriott (aged 15) 2, W. G. Soar (conductor) 3, T. J. Marriott 4, P. W. Grice 5, G. A. Patrick 6. A birthday compliment to the 12-year-old treble ringer.

**ROCHDALE, LANCs.** — On May 8th, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Oddie 1, Miss M. S. Greenwood 2, D. Pugh 3, J. Taylor 4, A. Smith 5, A. Hoyle (conductor) 6. For the second anniversary of VE-Day.

**STAGSDEN, BEDS.** — On Thursday, May 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Brightman (first quarter) 1, W. Izzard (first inside) 2, J. Davy 3, A. Waller 4, C. Izzard 5, M. Stephens (conductor) 6.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.** — On May 7th at St. Peter's Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss Amy Wren (first quarter) 1, H. V. Frost (conductor) 2, D. A. Bayles 3, C. F. Sayer 4, A. D. Dale 5, R. W. Darvill 6, F. J. Spicer 7, T. J. Southam 8, W. Ayre 9, G. W. Debenham 10.

**SCUNTHORPE, LINC's.** — On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Eileen Lings 1, Mrs. H. May 2, Mrs. J. Finn 3, Albert Lambkin 4, Fred Lacey 5, Harold Judd 6, Frank Lord (conductor) 7, Williams Lings 8.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.** — On May 6th at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Ellis 1, J. R. Cotterhill 2, J. Cooper 3, E. Parish 4, W. A. Partridge (conductor) 5, M. Turner 6, A. Mills 7, F. Pickering 8.

**WESTBURY-SUB-MENDIP, SOMERSET.** — On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Green 1, R. J. Webb 2, P. H. Hull (conductor) 3, W. Dunkerton 4, F. Bird 5, G. Lawrence 6.

**WRINGTON, SOMERSET.** — On May 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Miss A. Brown 1, Mrs. H. W. Knight 2, L. Derrick 3, E. P. Hancock 4, G. Prescott 5, W. H. Kingcott 6, H. W. Knight 7, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 8. First of Bob Major by 2, 5 and 6.

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To the memory of the eight heroic Mumbles life-boatmen who sacrificed their lives in the gallant attempt to save the crew of the ill-fated 'Samtampa,' a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandshire Doubles was rung at Sketty Church, Swansea, with 1 and 2 leading, by W. Meredith, F. Buttery, F. Thorne, J. T. Williams, L. Knight, A. Edwards, A. Hoare (conductor) and W. Rees.

Mr. Ernest J. Padgett, of Barnby Don, rang the most peals for the Yorkshire Association in 1946 with 24 to his credit. He rang his first peal as recently as May, 1945.

The band at Henfield congratulate Miss Stella Wickens on ringing the treble so faultlessly to the peal of Double Norwich. They would also like to thank Mr. Cruttenden, the local captain, for providing the excellent tea afterwards.

The peal at Cheriton, Kent, on May 10th, was rung by the ringers of 'Ye Olde Cinque Ports' and commemorated the presentation of the Medaille Militaire to Mr. Winston Churchill by the French Government on that day.

Good wishes are extended to Mr. Norman Chaddock, of Broom, Rotherham, who will be entering Peterborough Teachers' Training College in June. We have a number of ringers in Training Colleges; it is surprising that Mr. P. Cannon has not assembled six or eight of them together for a peal.

Our suggestion that Mr. Trollope's book, 'The College Youths,' should be in Guild libraries has brought forth a letter from Mr. A. C. Hazelden stating that the manuscript of the book is stored in the library of the Guildford Guild. The library has also an unpublished manuscript of his 'London Ringers of the 17th and 18th centuries.'

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

Apart from the footnote published in our peals column, the peal at Truro Cathedral had several points of interest. It was the 60th peal together of the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, the 50th together of Messrs. T. G. and A. W. Myers, and recalled to Mr. G. H. Myers that he rang the 9th to the first peal on the bells on December 26th, 1911. Shortly before the peal commenced the infant daughter of the conductor (Mr. C. E. Lanxon) was baptised in the Cathedral by the Rev. A. S. Roberts.

In this issue we record the dedication of the bells of Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Yorkshire. The first peal on the bells was rung on May 17th.

The three Beresford children who recently rang their first peal are appearing in the B.B.C. 'Midland Magazine' programme tomorrow (Saturday) at 5 p.m. They have made a record of Mavesyn Ridware bells to be used during the programme. Wavelength 296.2 m.

Latest applicant for the brochure for beginners issued by Mr. A. E. Sellers of the Beverley and District Society comes the Holy Trinity Bellringers' Association, Hobart, Tasmania. An active society has existed at Hobart for many years; their bells came from the Whitechapel Foundry in 1846.

Mr. E. Bishop, sen., now in his 83rd year, rang the 23½ cwt. tenor at Rotherfield, Sussex, to 1,260 Stedman Triples on May 4th, when Bishop Horden dedicated the new side chapel. He has been a regular Sunday service ringer for 65 years and has completed 40 years as treasurer to the Rotherfield Guild of Bellringers. Mr. Bishop informs us that the Rotherfield band has never missed ringing for morning and evening services (except during the ban) for 40 years. Can any other church equal this?

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# THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## Canon Marshall Retires

With very real regret and sorrow, the Yorkshire Association at their annual meeting at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, received the resignation of their president, Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A., due to the effects of injuries sustained in a motor-car accident last January. For the same reason he recently resigned the living of St. Chad's.

The decision was first announced to a special meeting of the committee, and Canon Marshall suggested as a possible successor the Rev. C. O. Ellison, who possessed great qualities and was keenly interested in the art.

Mr. L. W. G. Morris (general secretary), after expressing regret at hearing the president's decision, hoped that a restful retirement would restore Canon Marshall to good health. He supported the president's nominee as successor.

Mr. P. J. Johnson recalled that Canon Marshall had held office since 1910 and was regarded by them all as a very old friend. He assured the Canon of their kindest thoughts and said no doubt steps would be taken to place on record their great appreciation of his work.

Mr. W. Barton (peal secretary) spoke of a keen personal loss and said the Canon combined the qualities of friendship with the office of president.

Thanking the speakers for their kind references, Canon Marshall said it was a very sad day for him. Throughout his tenure of office he enjoyed the friendship and loyalty of his fellow officers and the rank and file.

A resolution that a sub-committee should interview the Rev. C. O. Ellison, of Wetherby, to discuss with him the matter of his accepting office as president and to report back to the next meeting was later submitted to the general meeting and carried.

### 'HARD WORK AND LOYALTY.'

A brief service took place at 4 p.m., at which Canon Marshall in a farewell address drew attention to words which would be found in the annual report—'hard work and loyalty.' That, he said, had been the watchword underlying the growth and development of the Association from its earliest days to its present greatness. Without it no association could succeed, and the responsibility for this hard work and loyalty is one which rests with each individual member.

After a splendid tea, Canon Marshall presided at the general meeting, supported by the general secretary, the hon. treasurer (Mr. S. F. Palmer) and the hon. peal secretary.

The annual report recorded another successful year, during which 156 new members, a record, were elected, and the membership now stood at 1,357, also a record. A substantial part of the new members were from the Northern District, which reflected great credit on the district secretary, Mr. E. Hudson, and his fellow officers.

The peal secretary's report showed that 96 peals had been rung on tower bells and one on handbells at 65 churches and one handbell centre. The calling had been shared by 32 conductors and 36 members had rung their first peal.—An increased balance, which stood at £418 10s. 1d., was shown on the balance sheets.

Mr. P. Birkett moved and Mr. W. Critchley seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried with applause.

A vote of thanks to the treasurer and hon. auditors, who gave a brief report, was carried on the motion of Mr. S. Briggs, seconded by Mr. J. W. Moxon.

Acknowledging his re-election as peal secretary, Mr. W. Barton pointed out the importance of conductors seeing that the subscription of members elected in the tower were paid at the time, as much extra work was inevitably caused in tracing such members at the end of the year.

Mr. L. W. G. Morris was re-elected general secretary for a further period of three years. In thanking the members, he said that he had now held office for nine years and was a believer in official posts going round more. He had derived much pleasure in doing what he could and spoke of the team spirit that existed generally throughout the Association—a cardinal factor underlying its success.

The next general meeting was fixed for September 20th at Barnsley.

Considerable discussion took place on a motion of the General Committee 'that the committee shall have power to consider applications and make grants from the Bell Repair Fund up to a maximum of £5 in approved cases, always provided that such grant or grants do not when made reduce the balance of the fund below £20.'

Mr. E. Hudson moved and Mr. J. W. Moxon seconded the recommendation. An amendment, moved by the President and seconded by Mr. W. Barton, that no action be taken and the matter be referred back to the committee for further consideration, was carried. New members elected were R. Towler (St. Chad's) and Mary Shearsmith (Pudsey).

Mr. P. J. Johnson reported that he had made enquiries in the matter of the Snowden Dinner, but regretted that up to the present he had not found anything satisfactory at Leeds.

The usual votes of thanks included a special one to the local company and Mr. H. R. Parkinson in particular for their excellent arrangements. Replying to a vote of thanks to the chairman, Canon Marshall referred to the many kindnesses, happy memories and immutable friendships he had made during his tenure of office.

Ringings was comprehensive in character, extending from Bob Major to Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise.

## OBITUARY

### MR. FRED BARBER.

The Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost their strongest and most hard working supporter by the death of Mr. Fred Barber, of Doddington Ridge. He died rather suddenly at his home on May 16th, aged 74 years.

Born at Wilby, Mr. Barber, who was in the choir of St. Mary's Church for over 50 years, was also attached to Wellingborough band of ringers for many years. He left Wellingborough to live at Mablethorpe in 1934, but had to return to the district owing to the war. From July, 1921, to January 19th, 1935, Mr. Barber was branch secretary of the Guild, where he did most valuable work and was esteemed by all who knew him. His last act for the branch was organising a free tea for the last quarterly meeting of the district.

The funeral took place at Wilby on May 19th. The branch president, the Rev. W. R. Flex, assisted the Rector at the service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by four members of the Irthingborough band. The bells of the Parish Churches of Wellingborough, Wilby, Great Doddington and Earls Barton were afterwards rung half-muffled. Members present at the service were the Rev. W. R. Flex (branch president), Messrs. A. Bigley (branch secretary), W. G. Callis (branch ringing master), C. W. Partridge (committee), C. H. Chambers, J. J. Mawby, W. Perkins (Irthingborough), A. W. Lovell and S. Frost (churchwardens, Doddington), C. Sharp (Doddington), H. Plowman, J. Stratford and H. Lilley (Wellingborough), Mrs. W. G. Callis, Messrs. H. J. Smith and J. Mabbutt (Mears Ashby), H. Saddington (Higham Ferrers), G. Basford (Finedon) and T. Towler (Wilby). Amongst the numerous wreaths were one from the Wellingborough Branch members and one from the choir and ringers of Wilby. A.B.

## Leicester Diocesan Guild

### A PROGRESSIVE YEAR.

A progressive year with 174 new members, making a total membership of 743, was reported by the general secretary (Mr. H. W. Perkins) at the annual meeting of Leicester Diocesan Guild, held on May 3rd.

The Lord Bishop of Leicester presided, supported by the president (Mr. H. J. Poole), the vice-president (Mr. E. Morris), the general secretary and the treasurer (Mr. A. E. Rowley). In a word of welcome to the company—there were 160 sat down to tea arranged by Mrs. H. J. Poole and helpers—the Bishop said how pleased he was to see such a large gathering from all parts of the diocese. He hoped the Guild would continue to progress.

Other points mentioned by the secretary were that 16 new towers had affiliated and the number of towers with members in the Guild was 91.

The peal secretary (Mr. E. Morris) said that 95 peals had been rung, 64 on tower bells and 31 on handbells, ranging from 5 to 12 bells. All the standard methods of Major were rung, and two new methods—Bognor and Syston Delight—were scored. Much progress had been made in all districts.

The general officers were re-elected en bloc, and Market Harborough was chosen for the next meeting on July 19th.

The President reminded the members of the Guild Festival, to be held on October 25th. The De Montfort Hall had been booked for that date and he asked for the fullest support from every member of the Guild. The election of 36 new members was confirmed.

The Bishop, in closing the meeting, congratulated the general and district officers on the excellent work they had done. It was quite clear to all, he said, that the Guild was being conducted in a very businesslike manner. The Guild Festival had his fullest support and it was appropriate that it should begin the week of celebrations on the coming of age of the Leicester Diocese.

A social evening followed, which included handbell ringing with a course of Stedman Cinques and three leads of Spiced Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Some excellent tune ringing was rendered by ten members of the Guild under the leadership of Mr. S. Harrison. The members very much enjoyed a bit of nonsense by five members of the Guild, which was a ringer's version of 'Ignorance is Bliss.'

Much fun was also derived from a quiz on ringing. The evening concluded with a dance.

Earlier in the day there was ringing at the Cathedral, St. Margaret's, St. John's and All Saints'. The Guild service was held at St. George's Church, the address being given by the Bishop of Leicester, and the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Adams). Mr. H. J. Poole read the lesson.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### MEETING AT BUNWELL.

Thirty-nine ringers supported the spring meeting of the South Norfolk Branch at Bunwell on May 3rd. Numerous methods were rung, including London and Cambridge and Spiced Minor in eight methods.

The service was conducted in St. Michael's Church by the Rector, the Rev. I. G. Jones, assisted by the Rev. Heard, and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow at the organ.

Mr. W. L. Duffield presided at the business meeting, supported by the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary), Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master), the Rev. I. G. Jones, Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Messrs. S. G. Bennett and C. E. G. Banham (committee members).

It was decided to hold the next meeting on July 19th at Saxlingham. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, local ringers, and ladies, who provided a bountiful tea.

## A New Yorkshire Six

### CARLTON BELLS DEDICATED.

An interesting and historical event was celebrated on May 10th, when a new ring of six bells was opened at Carlton, near Snaith, Yorkshire.

When the war-time ban on bellringing was lifted it was discovered that three centuries of use had left the three bells, then hanging in the tower, badly worn and damaged and hanging so dangerously that even climbing had to be stopped. The three ancient bells have been recast in facsimile and rehung as an act of thanksgiving, as expressed in the service of rededication.

Three new bells, at the treble end, have been added to complete the ring of six bells. These bells have been given by Dr. J. B. and Mrs. McGranahan, in memory of their two sons and all other men of the parish who gave their lives in the last war.

The tenor bell (weighing 6 cwt.), upon which the hours are struck, bears the date 1623 and the prayer, 'Fili dei miserere mei' (Son of God, have mercy upon me). The fifth bell, also dated 1623, bears the inscription of 'Glory to God: Soli deo Gloria.' The fourth bell is inscribed, 'Jesus be our speed, 1652.'

The new bells are inscribed: Bell No. 3, upon the collar 'Dona eis requiem.' Upon the waist, 'Ad glor, die et in mem. Charles Cromack, Albert Dunn, Henry Brian Hague, Robert Pierson, Roy Richardson.' Bell No. 2, upon the collar 'Quis Separabit.' Upon the waist, 'Ad glor, die et in mem James Michael McGranahan.' Treble bell, upon the collar, 'In morte non divisi.' Upon the waist, 'Ad glor, die et in mem Hugh Benson McGranahan.' The regimental crest of the London Irish Rifles is embossed on the second bell and that of the Northants Yeomanry on the treble. Above the soundbow of each bell is inscribed, 'The gift of J. B. and L. O. McG. 1946.'

The work of recasting and providing the bells has been excellently carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Carlton Parish Church was filled to capacity for the service of dedication of the three new bells and rededication of the three old bells, together with a memorial tablet, the Archdeacon of Doncaster officiating.

Following the dedication, ringers from Carlton, H. Longbottom, Margaret Graves, R. Coggan, W. Longbottom, E. Smith, and Joyce Hubv (tenor), rang call changes. At the end of the service two teams from Carlton, consisting of Margaret Graves, Jean Turton, W. Graves, Joyce Hubv, S. Watson and F. Sykes (tenor), and H. Longbottom, Jean Turton, W. Graves, W. Longbottom, G. Graves and E. Smith (tenor), also rang call changes, following which the first 720 changes of Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung by G. Waud (Goole), C. Hill (Goole), J. Waud (Goole), W. A. Hudson (Hemingbrough), J. Taylor (Eastrington) and L. M. Woodhead (conductor) (Goole). Ringers were also present from the Abbey Church, Selby, Hull, Thorne, Fishlake, and Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. Fidler (Loughborough), representing Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The Carlton teams only commenced to learn the handling of a bell in October last, under the tuition of Goole ringers. There is no doubt that an excellent light peal of six bells has been added to the Yorkshire Association (Selby District), and great credit is due to the Rev. E. H. Lawson-Brewis, Vicar, for his painstaking efforts in the organisation of a very successful and enjoyable event. L.M.W.

## Young Yorkshire

### PROGRESS AT WHISTON.

Until last year there had never been an established band of change ringers at Whiston Parish Church, near Rotherham, with its light ring of eight (tenor 14½ cwt.). With the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chaddock, all the present band have learnt change ringing since January, 1946. Now the band is ringing simple touches of Plain or Little Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

One of the band, George Preston (aged 13), has called his first 720. Nine have rung a 720 of Minor, six their first quarter-peal of Major and four their first peal during the last 12 months. A few months ago the first peal on the bells by a local band (Bob Minor) was rung and they hope to attempt Major.



Whiston's (Yorks) young ringers (from left to right): Bryan Thomas, Tony Willis, Philip Coote, Jack Curwin, Billie Thomas, Malcolm Head, Robin Rhodes and George Preston.

Of the 12 members all are members of the Sheffield and District Society and 11 are members of the Yorkshire Association. Recruits are still being enrolled, the latest being two young ladies.

The whole eight bells have, with few exceptions, been rung for every service since January, 1946, though in the early months service ringing had to be call changes. Practices are held weekly and it is now customary to raise not less than six and lower eight in peal, moderately well, whenever they ring.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### DEVIZES BRANCH AT NORTH BRADLEY.

Good weather, a good attendance, excellent going bells and a great welcome by the Vicar and local band all made for a successful monthly meeting at North Bradley on May 3rd. An excellent tea was made possible by the collective efforts of the local band under the leadership of Mr. Percy Harding with the assistance of the ladies.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor and rounds for the learners.

Over thirty members, including the local band, attended. Ringing was kept going by the energies of the two Branch Ringing Masters.

Members of the Young Wives Club, after being conducted around the belfry, clock chamber and bell chamber of St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Sheffield, moved a warm vote of thanks to Mrs. Kelly for acting as their guide. One thing they had learnt, said the mover of the vote of thanks, was that all the ringers were not called Bob!

## Kent County Association

### LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Fortunate representatives from Beckenham, Bexley, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Erith, Lee, Lewisham, Penge, Sidcup and the local band, a total of 44, attended the quarterly meeting at West Wickham on April 26th, enjoying an ideal spring day in an apt rural setting.

Ringling during the afternoon preceded the Association service in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. F. Hough), who gave an interesting address. Tea was served in the Assembly Hall, members being the guests of the local ringers and friends.

At the business meeting seven ringers from Erith and Penge were elected members, and the election of one non-resident member was ratified. Shoreham was chosen as place of next meeting, to be held on July 19th or 26th. The choice of Saturday, July 5th, for a combined meeting with N.W. District, Surrey Association, has since proved unsuitable, and the meeting has now been deferred to a later date.

A brief review of formal proceedings in committee at Canterbury on Easter Monday was given by Mr. P. A. Corby and Mr. J. E. Bailey, and members recorded their thanks and congratulations to Mr. G. H. Spice (general secretary) and his helpers for the excellent arrangements made for the annual general meeting. It was suggested that Dartford, having all the desired amenities, would be a suitable place for the next annual general meeting due to be held in the Lewisham District.

The meeting decided to ask the committee to prepare and publish a handbook for the instruction of beginners in the art of ringing, and to recommend the appointment of a peal secretary, to be elected annually.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. C. H. Walker on his fine recovery from a serious accident, and to Mr. H. Warnett, sen., on conducting a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on his 84th birthday! Both of these stalwarts have been connected with St. Mary's, Lewisham, for 57 years, both have held office for 53 years, Mr. Warnett as towerkeeper, Mr. Walker as secretary. Mr. Warnett has rung 114 peals on the bells in his charge!

By a resolution of the meeting, the sum of 17s. 6d. collected at the service was paid into the West Wickham church funds.

## SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On May 3rd some 30 members of the Association visited the six-bell towers of Montford and Bicton for the first time since pre-war days. The afternoon ringing was at Montford and the evening at Bicton, the bells being kept going in each case and the following methods rung at each tower: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court and Cambridge.

The splendid tea provided by mine host of the Wingfield Arms was greatly enjoyed and much appreciated by all present. The pre-peal election of Mr. Arthur V. Pearson as a life member was confirmed.

The next meeting will be a joint one with Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Market Drayton on June 7th.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE. — On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss June Griffiths (first quarter) 1, H. Folwell 2, L. M. Callow 3, F. W. A. Smith (first quarter inside) 4, W. A. Stote (conductor) 5.



**Beverley and District Society****MEETING AT NUNBURNHOLME.**

Spring time at Nunburnholme with bluebells and primroses at their best added to the enjoyment of this meeting on May 10th at the ancient church with well-preserved examples of Saxon and Early Norman architecture. In the tower are one of the best rings of six in the North of England, and these were installed by John Taylor and Co. about 40 years ago.

A warm welcome was extended by the Rector (the Ven. T. M. Laing), who conducted the service, attended by over 40 members. This was followed by a substantial tea, provided by Mrs. Wilkinson and the local ladies.

The president (Mr. G. F. Williams) took the chair at the business meeting, supported by the Rector, Mr. Clem Glen (Ringing Master) and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary). An application requesting membership to the Beverley Society was received from five ringers from Barton-on-Humber, Barrow-on-Humber and Goxhill and was granted. Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw and Mr. W. Middleton were elected to honorary membership. Mr. Middleton is the late captain of Beverley Minster ringers and he retired owing to infirmity. He was present and thanked the members for their ovation.

Meetings arranged were Market Weighton, June 14th (with Selby and District), Beverley Minster, July 12th (annual).

After votes of thanks, including a special one to Mr. F. Wilkinson and the ladies, there was more ringing in the church, which included Kent, Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob and rounds. The Ringing Master announced that the striking by the society had recently improved and some of the touches that day were the best he had heard since coming to the district.

**MILDENHALL'S TWO NEW TREBLES**

'O'er moor and fen,  
'O'er crag and torrent.'

Travelling from the south-east to the north-west of Suffolk by way of the East Anglian Heights, the words of the famous hymn came to mind as it probably did to the hundred or so ringers who assembled at Mildenhall on May 3rd for the dedication of two new treble bells. On the edge of the flat fen country this tower is visible from several miles.

As a memorial to those who lost their lives in the war, Mildenhall has increased its ring of eight bells to one of ten. The ceremony of dedication by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese was largely attended, and Dr. Brook, in his sermon, congratulated Mildenhall on their choice of memorial and intimated his fondness for bells, and what they stood for.

Immediately following the Blessing, the voices of the ten bells rang out from the high tower sounding over the four counties of Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge and Essex.

The bellfounders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, are to be congratulated on a splendid splice. To a peal of eight bells with a tenor of 17 cwt. in E flat they have added two of the sweetest toned trebles one could wish to hear, weighing 4½ cwt. and 4¾ cwt. respectively.

A word of congratulation is due to the Rev. J. B. Sawbridge (Vicar), who has been largely instrumental in completing the project. A lover of bells and a great friend of all who ring them, ringers will find a welcome from him when visiting Mildenhall. Congratulations are due also to Mr. Percy Fordham, the popular captain, who says he has attained his life's ambition in seeing the day his beloved church possesses 10 bells. C.P.

**STAFFORD.**—On April 30th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Eley 1, E. J. Warrilow (conductor) 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, W. G. Curtis 4, A. E. Garbett 5, J. J. Taylor 6, E. Vaughan 7, H. Bayley 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Elkington, a regular ringer at St. Mary's Church.

**Sussex County Association****A RECORD ATTENDANCE.**

The annual meeting was held in Brighton on May 3rd, when a record number attended from the Sussex towers and the neighbouring counties. Among the visitors was the Master of the Winchester Guild, Mr. G. Williams, the Rev. K. Felstead, of St. Michael's, Southampton, and Mr. C. Parkes, of the Surrey Association.

The two peals of ten at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' were available during the afternoon and evening, and the eight at the Good Shepherd for a short period in the evening.

Service was conducted by the Vicar of Brighton, who also gave the address. The tea, under the able organisation of Mrs. Hairs, took place in St. Peter's Hall, about 150 being present.

New members elected included Miss Barbara Secome, of St. Peter's Brighton; D. E. Durrant, Varndean School; E. Farmer, W. Akehurst, Mrs. T. A. Russell, Mrs. J. Hill, Rotherfield; the Rev. David McGregor, J. H. Houghton, Chiddingfold; and Miss D. E. Colegate, of Sevenoaks, non-resident member.

After the balance sheet had been adopted, a discussion took place on the question of affiliation fees, the case for individual subscriptions being put forward by Mr. G. P. Elphick, supported by Mr. R. G. Cross and others. Members were urged to pay individual subscriptions in addition to the tower affiliation fees.

The Treasurer announced the levies to be drawn from the divisions as 65 per cent. of income, being Northern £12 8s., Southern £12 15s. 5d., Eastern £13 3s. 11d., and Western £12 7s. 8d.

At the election of officers, the president and vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of Bishop Horsem and the Vicar of Brighton.

Other officers were as follows: Master, Mr. F. I. Hairs; hon. treasurer, Mr. O. Sappets; hon. general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; peal secretary, Mr. J. Dearlove; hon. auditors, Messrs. R. Overy and G. Cecil; hon. trustees of funds, Messrs. H. R. Butcher, F. B. Tompkins and F. Dallaway. A vote of thanks for past services was made by Mr. White to the retiring auditor, Mr. W. C. Hart.

After some discussion the three proposed alterations to rules were carried in a slightly amended form in order to clarify the wording.

Under 'Any other business' a long discussion took place regarding the rights of the Executive Committee to refuse rail fares and tea allowance to the meeting. Finally, on the proposal of Mr. H. Stalham, it was resolved to allow these sums to be paid to those who desired them. The motion was carried by 43 to 16, a large number abstaining.

**THE LADIES' GUILD**

A very successful meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Daybrook on May 17th, attended by 36 ringers. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, after which there was a delightful tea arranged in the Church Hall by the wives of the local ringers. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung immediately after tea.

Before the meeting a vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and the hall, to which the churchwarden replied; also to the ladies who provided such an appetising tea.

Owing to the annual meeting being held in July, it was proposed that the next meeting be arranged on September 27th at Oxford. If these bells were unobtainable the alternative proposition was to go to Aston on the same date.

**LETTERS****CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Dear Sir,—Mr. Martin's figures merely give us two different 720's. His first six extents are the same composition begun at different leads, Nos. 4—6 being reverse variations of the first three.

These figures were published in 'The Ringing World' some years back following correspondence by 'The Mad Hatter' and 'Major Ringer.' I have called them myself on five occasions at least, the first being at Wroxham on February 3rd, 1934, when I, too, was held enough to call them 'different!' — Yours faithfully,

NORWICH.  
NOLAN GOLDEN.

**BATH AND WELLS MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to correct any wrong impression which my letter in your issue of the 16th inst. may have given by withdrawing the word 'declining' in relation to the above? My attention has been drawn to the fact that whereas in 1936 the membership was 1,323, the final figure for 1946 was 1,387.

I can only say my letter was written before Mr. Dyke's appeared in your issue of the 2nd inst.—Sincerely yours,  
W. J. GAIT.

Hallatrow, Bristol.

**EVERCREECH BELLS**

Dear Sir,—The bells of St. Peter's, Evercreech, are to be recast and rehung in ball bearings, and the local ringers have undertaken to bear the cost of one bell, by their own subscriptions, those of ringing friends of Evercreech, and any others of the ringing fraternity who may be interested.

There are many ringers up and down the country who have rung peals, practised or in one way or another enjoyed the hospitality of Evercreech, and we feel sure there are many who would like to be associated with our scheme.

The bells are composed of an old six of varying ages, and by a number of founders, and two inferior trebles which were added about 40 years ago. They hang in one of the finest towers in the county and we hope to have a peal in keeping with their home.

All contributions will be most gratefully received towards our target of £100, and should be sent to me or to our treasurer, Mr. R. Whitehead, Southville, Evercreech.—Yours,

H. J. SANGER  
(Captain, St. Peter's Ringers).  
Rockyville, Evercreech, Somerset.

**BEACONSFIELD. BUCKS.**—On May 11th, 1,280 Bob Major: D. R. Wingrove (conductor) 1, J. W. Wilkins 2, D. R. Fletcher 3, A. Bridges 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Harrison 6, W. Edwards 7, R. Buckland 8.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN. — Half-yearly meeting Darlington May 31st. St. Cuthbert's (8), Holy Trinity (6). Service Holy Trinity 4.45 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) 5.30 p.m. 1404

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD (Farnham Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Combined meeting at Bentley (6) on Sat., May 31st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Women's Institute. Look up St. Clements.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 1402

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Spring meeting Henley Sat., May 31st. Bells available 3.45. Service 6. Own arrangements for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec. 1417

DERBYSHIRE ASSN. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting Etwall, May 31st, 3. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food. Business meeting after.—W. A. Parsons, Dist. Sec. 1421

GRANTHAM.—The recast peal of 10 bells at St. Wulfram's Church will be opened to visiting ringers on May 31st from 2 to 8 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at the Angel and Royal Hotel, 3s. 6d. per head. 1411

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting on Sat., May 31st, at Thorley. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. 1422

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Woodford (8), May 31st, 3 to 9. Interval 5 to 6 for light refreshments. This is a practice meeting. Anything from rounds up. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, Hon. Sec. 1425

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks.—May 31st (note date), Lane End (6), 3-5; High Wycombe (12), 6.30. No tea.—A. D. Barker. 1430

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—St. Mary's, Lambeth. Practice ringing Monday, June 2nd, 7.15 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers. 1437

BITTON, NEAR BRISTOL.—Eight bells, augmented 1936 by Taylor's. Open practice (by permission) alternate Tuesdays, 7.15. Next date, June 3rd. All ringers invited.—A. Corrigan, Le Coteau, Bitton, Bristol. 1395

KENT COUNTY ASSN. — Canterbury District.—By-meeting Whitstable, Sat., June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names for tea must reach Mrs. C. C. Dilnot, Lingfield, Old Bridge Road, Whitstable, not later than Wed., June 4th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1406

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Nether-ton, Sat., June 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.15, tea and meeting following.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec. 1403

MIDDLESEX ASSN. — Fiftieth anniversary meeting, St. Mary's, Acton, June 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea in Rectory Garden. Names to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5. 1407

GLOS AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Childswickham (6), June 7th, 3. Tea 5.15. Names by June 2nd.—C. Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 1409

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC.—Harthill (8), Sat., June 7th, at 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield, 8. 1412

LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.—Leicester District.—Newtown Linford (5), Sat., June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Plenty of tea rooms, also cups of tea provided if required.—W. J. Root, Dis. Sec. 1445

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting Hawk-hurst (8), June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify Mr. W. Gorrings, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, not later than June 4th. 1424

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting Yate (6), June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than June 4th to John W. Adshead, Branch Sec., Police Station, Falfield, Glos. 1444

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Hythe, Sat., June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1427

ELY DIO. ASSN.—Ely Branch.—March (6), Sat., June 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 1423

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—Cotgrave, meeting June 7th, 2.30. Names for tea to Rev. A. Inglis, Cotgrave, Notts, by June 3rd. 1420

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, West Hoathly, Sat., June 7th, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1441

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Wigan Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Parbold on June 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must let Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, know not later than June 3rd. Tea 3s. per head. All welcome; make it a good meeting.—N. Heaps, Branch Sec., 24, The Crescent, Crossens. 1442

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.—Meeting at Kingsley, Sat., June 7th. Names for tea (2s.) to Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunny Side, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1440

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Joint meeting with Market Harborough Branch at Welford (8), 3 p.m., on June 7th.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec. 1458

Huddersfield and District Assn.—Meeting New Mill, Huddersfield, Sat., June 7th. Bells 3 to 8.30. Cups of tea provided.—F. Rhodes, Sec. 1459

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting Padigham, June 7th, 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1453

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly, June 7th, Paulerspury (6). Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names to P. Foster, Paulerspury, Towcester, by 4th.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, 1455

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Hythe, Sat., June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 at Little Railway Cafe.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1451

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Waltham St. Lawrence (6), Sat., June 7th. Bells 3. Service 4, tea following. Names for tea by June 3rd.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfields Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 1450

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol City Branch.—Next meeting June 7th, St. Stephen's. Tea and business St. Michael's Parish Hall, 5.—C. H. Wood. 1457

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Bedford District.—Meeting at Pavenham (5) and Felmersham (5) on Sat., June 7th, 3. Tea (if possible) 5.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1452

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Crewe Branch) and **SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Joint meeting, Market Drayton (8), Sat., June 7th, 2.30. Own tea arrangements. 1448

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting Bampton, Sat., June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by June 2nd to H. Farmer, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 1460

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Lancaster Branch.—Next meeting June 7th, St. Peter's Church, Scorton. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Metcalf, Station Road, Scorton, near Garstang. 1463

**HERTFORD and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSNS.**—Joint meeting at Stanmore, Sat., June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea; names to be received by previous Wednesday.—S. H. Hoare and T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 1443

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 14th, at Marsden, near Huddersfield. Bells (8) 3. Tea 2s. 3d. Apply H. V. Shaw, 5, Bankfield, Marsden, before June 6th. Reports for 1946 now ready.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1446

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Contest at Royston, June 14th. All entries must reach me not later than June 7th. Draw 2.45. Ringing commences 3. Notifications for tea to Mr. W. Halling, 32, Church Hill, Royston, near Barnsley, not later than June 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1447

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Hopton, near Diss, on Sat., June 14th. Bells (6) available 3. Names for tea to A. Gillings, Horringer, Bury St. Edmunds, not later than June 9th. 1454

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

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN.**—Sat., June 14th, Merton (Colliers Wood Station), 1.15. St. Leonard's, Streatham, 2.30. Tea and business 4.20. St. Immanuel's, Streatham, 6.15. Names for tea, H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1438

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Prittlewell, Sat., June 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. Lufkin, 73, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell, Essex, by June 10th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1449

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury on Sat., June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 if it can be arranged.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton. 1465

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Tring (8), June 14th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following. Names to W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, by Wed., June 11th.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1466

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (12), Sat., June 14th, 2.15. St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's and St. Clement's (6) also available. Service in St. Mary-le-Tower at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Tudor Cafe, St. Margaret's Plain. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea must be sent to me by Wednesday, June 11th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1435

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 14th, 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided. New members and visitors welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9. 1434

**SOC. FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Annual meeting Burton-on-Trent, June 21st. Bells (St. Paul's) 3. Tea 1s. 3d. to paid-up

## Oxford Diocesan Guild

**EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.**  
The sturdy grey tower at Cookham with its fine ring of eight bells, set in a picturesque daffodil churchyard, seemed to breathe the spirit of joyous happiness to the ringers from some 20 different towers who attended the annual meeting of the branch. The Vicar of Bray (the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman) officiated at the service.

Tea was a happy informal affair, taking place on the Vicarage lawn in glorious sunshine. For the business meeting the Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz) was voted to the chair. The sum of 10 gns. was voted for Slough augmentation and rehangng, plus £2 5s. collected at the meeting.

Officers elected were as follows: Branch chairman, the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; branch secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; branch representatives on General Committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. W. Welling, Mr. W. Birmingham, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. R. Reid, Miss J. Broomfield.

Capt. A. R. Poyntz and Mr. W. Hibbert, general secretary, wished the branch every success, the latter causing some laughter over his experiences in office. Good wishes were also sent by the president, the Bishop of Buckingham, and Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. E. Wigg.

### PRESENTATION TO THATCHAM FOREMAN.

In the presence of the 40 members of the Newbury Branch who attended the spring meeting at Thatcham on April 26th, the Vicar (the Rev. B. Thackeray) presented Mr. Smith, the late foreman of Thatcham, with a note-case containing £21 as a token of appreciation from ringers and friends of his 20 years' service as foreman of Thatcham tower. A short business meeting followed, at which Kintbury was chosen for the next meeting place.

The service was conducted by the Vicar and good use was made of the bells.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bigley 1, A. Y. Tyler 2, G. La Marquand 3, J. J. Mawby 4, J. Skerritt 5, B. Lewis 6, C. H. Chambers (conductor) 7, S. Foskett 8.

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On May 4th, 1,344 Grandire Triples: Miss M. D. Pilcher 1, E. A. Jurd 2, Miss E. Landon 3, H. A. Nobes 4, W. Tate 5, F. W. Burnett 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

members, to others 1s. 9d. Names for tea to B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street, Burton, by Monday, June 16th. Special coach (7s. 6d.) from Technical College, Wolverhampton, 1.30; John Harper and Co.'s Works, Walsall Street, Willenhall, 1.45; St. Paul's Church, near bus station, Walsall, 2.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 1464

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Quarterly meeting Melksham, Sat., June 21st. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea by May 16th if possible.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath. 1461

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—Preliminary Notice.—Great ringing day will be held on Sat., June 28th, at 3.—Leonard E. Pitstow. 1419

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