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RINGERS AND THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

BY appointing a Festival Sub-Committee, the Central Council recognised both its responsibility and opportunity for giving a lead to the Exercise, and last November our report was submitted to the Standing Committee. Now, over five months later, and only a few days before the Festival opens, an announcement from the Council is still awaited. In these circumstances we feel the necessity of issuing a statement in order that ringers should enjoy some measure of guidance before the historic moment of May 3rd passes.

OPENING THE FESTIVAL

Subsequent to writing our report the Festival authorities approached us to convey a request from the Director-General, Mr. Gerald Barry, that all the bells of Britain should ring out at the opening. This is on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 3rd, when His Majesty the King broadcasts from the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral at the close of a great service at noon. As the King ends his message the bells of St. Paul's, and of cathedrals and churches throughout the land, will herald the inauguration of the Festival, and the co-operation of you all is invited in order that, as ringers, we shall fulfil this honoured role with distinction. Where it is not possible to do so in the early afternoon it is suggested that evening ringing would be appropriate; while throughout the opening week-end of the Festival it is hoped there will be much general ringing, as well as many peals and quarter peals, to celebrate in the traditional manner of our Exercise.

AT THE FESTIVAL CHURCH

The main opportunity of ringing at St. John's, Waterloo Road, will be on weekdays from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. prior to the afternoon service, and on certain days from 7 to 8 p.m. before the evening service. In order to attempt some degree of organisation invitations are extended as follows :—

(1) To ringers in the London area who would be prepared to form a pool from which to draw personnel as required.

(2) To bands of ringers prepared to undertake the complete manning of the bells on specific days (possibly in conjunction with visiting choirs singing at afternoon services).

(3) To individual ringers visiting the Festival from the provinces.

Please write with all relevant particulars to :—

The Festival Committee, c/o Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher,
Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent.

There will be two peal attempts only at St. John's during the Festival period, the first on May 3rd.

RINGING IN LONDON

We commend with pleasure the initiative of the Middlesex Association in compiling a list of members offering hospitality to ringers visiting London for the Festival, as well as providing details of Sunday ringing and practice nights at a selection of their affiliated towers. Full information can be obtained from the Association's General Secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore, Middlesex.

COUNTRYWIDE FESTIVAL

The publication of the Festival Report in 'The Ringing World' on December 29th enabled the Exercise to know the outcome of the Committee's deliberations, and its members have been much encouraged by the warmth of its reception. One expression of this is the mounting evidence of widespread local activity to celebrate the Festival. It is indeed true to say that we, as ringers, have caught the spirit of the Festival. Nevertheless, it will only be in the future that we shall begin to appreciate the underlying worth of this national venture to put the whole of our way of life on show in our Festival of Britain.

E. S. JOHN HATCHER
GEORGE H. SPICE
Members of the Central Council Festival Committee.
April 21st, 1951.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT DISERENS ..	..*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	3	*ARTHUR D. COOK	9
JOHN PINFOLD	4	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS ..	10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	5	LEONARD TREVOR	11
TERRY R. HAMPTON ..	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT	*Treble*	HENRY STALHAM	6
*WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ..	2	MAURICE O. THOMAS ..	7
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ..	3	ROBERT W. E. DAWE ..	8
*BASIL WHITE	4	*RAYMOND WOOD	9
FREDERICK PAGE	5	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung in memoriam Oliver Sippetts.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. LEECH	6
NOREEN BRAIN	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
JOAN BERESFORD	3	DENNIS BERESFORD ..	8
ALAN FOSTER	4	GEORGE L. RODEN	9
PETER BERESFORD	5	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Noreen Brain, this being her first peal of Stedman Caters.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*MISS G. BURCHNALL ..	*Treble*	CYRIL WRIGHT	6
*MISS K. BURCHNALL ..	2	GORDON C. BRIGGS ..	7
SAM SCATTERGOOD	3	STANLEY SLANEY	8
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	4	FREDERICK FLINT	9
JOSEPH SAXTON	5	†HERBERT T. ROOKE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Royal. † 100th peal. First peal of Royal as conductor. Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to D. H. Rooke.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 11, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ..	*Treble*	HARRY G. WAYNE	6
TERENCE A. THORNBER ..	2	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY ..	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	3	HARRY POYNER	8
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	9
*SHIRLEY BURTON	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 100th peal together.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Apr. 12, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	..*Treble*	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ..	6
FRANK E. HAYNES	2	HENRY H. FEARN	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	3	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ..	8
*ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER ..	4	LEONARD TREVOR	9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

FREDERICK ROBSON ..	*Treble*	JOHN ANDERSON	6
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	2	THOMAS W. CROWE	7
*ERIC N. HARRISON	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	8
ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	ROLAND PARK	9
MARGARET FIDELL	5	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal on ten bells. 75th peal as conductor.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

*CLAUDIA A. HARDING	..*Treble*	RONALD H. BULLEN ..	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ..	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ..	7
REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ..	3	FRANK H. HICKS	8
WILLIAM BUTLER	4	NORMAN V. HARDING ..	9
†ERNEST H. MASTIN ..	5	‡ROBERT H. BROOKER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 1,120 London, 800 Bristol, 640 each of Ealing and Rutland and 480 each Wembley, Superlative, Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

PHILIP J. COWARD	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ..	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ..	7
*ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in eight Surprise methods.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's Four-part (No. 5). Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS LEE	..*Treble*	THOMAS ROBINSON ..	5
PERCIVAL W. CAVE	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
JOHN ROBERTS	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH ..	7
ALAN P. CAVE	4	JOHN STEVENSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

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ALPHINGTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*JOHN L. GLANVILL	*Treble*	‡ARTHUR J. SCOTT	5
†NORMAN MALLETT	2	STAFFORD H. GREEN	6
ROGER KEELEY	3	*BRIAN PIDGEON	7
CUTHBERT W. POWELL	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Surprise 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Brian Pidgeon and also to Mr. C. Mallett, father of the 2nd ringer.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*NORMAN J. SMITH	*Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES	5
*BLANCHE M. BALL	2	BRYAN C. STIRLAND	6
*MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
JOHN W. MEADE	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method. Rung in memoriam Oliver Sippetts.

BARNSLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 7. 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*ARTHUR CHAMPION	*Treble*	*PETER CARBUTT	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	*STANLEY DANCE	6
ALBERT W. BOND	3	BURLEY WALSHAW	7
*ERIC STAINROD	4	†HARRY MANN	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. Rung to mark the retirement of Mr. N. Brown, verger.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*CHARLES WILTSHAW	*Treble*	JOHN COOKE	5
†DAPHNE M. WAIN	2	‡STANLEY D. SUTTON	6
CHARLES C. HULSE	3	JOSEPH GODDARD	7
‡A. TREVOR SUTTON	4	§ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method. § 50th peal. A 76th birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Goddard.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

PETER WOODWARD	*Treble*	*W. GEORGE TURNER	5
*FRANK POPPLEWELL	2	*CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	6
HAROLD CHANT	3	*JOHN PEARSON	7
*ARNOLD COLE	4	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal of Oxford Major. A welcome to Rev. Donald Moxon, M.C., who was inducted Vicar of Brighouse on March 31st.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Treble*	CLARENCE R. STEED	5
*JOHN A. PRINT	2	*HAROLD HUXLEY	6
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING	7
*WILLIAM H. MALE	4	FRED C. LYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.
* First peal of Stedman.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5152 MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN W. BEST	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
FREDERICK H. BIRKS	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged by J. W. GRIFFITHS. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
The first peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 9½ cwt.

M. ANGELA CARTER	*Treble*	*JOHN W. SEYMOUR	5
*MICHAEL BISHOP	2	ALBERT E. LOCKE	6
MRS. A. E. LOCKE	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
JAMES P. BLOND	4	†C. JEFFREY JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

DOREEN COKER	*Treble*	*ERNEST GOSLING	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	*E. DENNIS POOLE	6
*MRS. E. D. POOLE	3	WALTER LEE	7
ANTHONY E. COX	4	ROLAND BIGGS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* First peal in the method.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING	*Treble*	HORACE BENNETT	5
EDWARD BARKER	2	WILLIAM ROSE	6
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	3	HORACE HARRISSON	7
FRANK WARRINGTON	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (reversed). Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK C. PRICE	*Treble*	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	5
TONY PRICE	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
*FRANK T. BLAGROVE	3	DENIS N. LAYTON	7
*PETER A. LAWRENCE	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by S. THOMAS. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal of Surprise.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

DEREK SANDERSON	*Treble*	STEPHEN LL. PARRY	5
JOHN T. WALMSLEY	2	*DAVID JOHN GAY	6
J. ALWYN TAYLOR	3	IVAN KAY	7
JAMES TAYLOR	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.
* First peal of Bob Major. Rung to mark the reopening of the bells.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Apr. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. in D.

*ERNEST CHARLES	*Treble*	FRED J. BAILEY	5
PERCY JONES	2	THOMAS YEOMANS	6
STANLEY G. BECK	3	WILLIAM DARE	7
REV. R. A. SLUMAN	4	†ARTHUR LLEWELLYN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.
* First away from the tenor. † First peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part (7th observation). Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*ROSEMARY STANFORD	*Treble*	DENNIS SCOTT	5
†DAVID MELLOR	2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	6
NORMA HOWES	3	GEORGE H. PAULSON	7
JEAN D. DUNN	4	‡JOHN HODGSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples on a working bell. ‡ First peal of Triples. A birthday peal for John, son of tenor ringer. All are Sunday service ringers at St. Helen's Church.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	HAROLD A. MAY	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	T. MARK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Oliver Sippetts.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
WALLACE W. COUSINS	2	NORMAN V. HARDING	6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	3	ERNEST H. MASTIN	7
*JOHN E. FOX	4	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. S. Bartlett, as Vicar.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN	*Treble*	DR. P. J. SPENCER-PHILLIPS	5
GEORGE SCHLUETER	2	*DR. LEWIS CASTLEDENE	6
GEORGE SAUNDERS	3	H. WALTER SMITH	7
ERNEST FURBANK	4	DR. P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS.
* First peal in method. A welcome to the Rev. J. A. Kingham, who was inducted on April 8th.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DILHORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN BEARDMORE	*Treble*	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	4
ARTHUR PEAKE	2	‡RONALD BARLOW	5
†ERIC NIXON	3	EWART H. EDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. ‡ 50th peal. Rung as a mark of respect for the late Mr. Edward Steele, a generous benefactor to the North Staffordshire Association.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Pitman's Composition. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT G. GODDARD	*Treble*	*DONALD J. CROUCHMAN	4
FRANCIS R. GODDARD	2	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
FREDERICK J. WOOD	3	FREDERICK W. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS R. GODDARD.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to Frank Hubert Crouchman, Master of South Weald ringers, and Jean Mary MacLeish, married at the R.C. Cathedral, Brentwood, on Easter Monday.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRID F. MORETON	*Treble*	WILLIAM POSTON	4
REGINALD POSTON	2	ALFRED T. POULTON	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	JOHN E. FOX	4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	5
*CYRIL COUSINS	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal 'inside' in seven Minor methods.

GLEN MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and the
HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
On Wed., Apr. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 120 each of Southrepps, Grandsire and St. Dunstan's, Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew, Canterbury, April Day, eleven 120's of Plain Bob and twenty-six 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*JEAN A. KIRKMAN	*Treble*	†DIANA SEAL	4
MARY A. CARPENTER	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
F. KEVAN THOMPSON	3	JOHN CHAMBERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal in seven methods by all the band and for the Society.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Plain and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN CUTHBERT	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	4
GEORGE BERRY	2	JOSEPH W. H. PREASTNER	5
†GEORGE W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal. † 100th peal, aged 15.

BARMING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt.

*William R. Manser	*Treble*	Peter C. Wright	4
*Edna M. Sills	2	Luther J. Honess	5
Lewis Newman	3	†David Manser	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter C. Wright.
* 25th peal together. † First peal.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Charles Sangwin	*Treble*	Henry W. Stoveld	4
*E. Winifred Keys	2	Peter R. Blackman	5
Norman J. Smith	3	Peter N. Bond	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter N. Bond.
* First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Ten callings. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*Alan Cattell	*Treble*	*Colin A. Kirk	4
	2	Ernest Morris	5
*Michael E. Brown	3	†John E. Plant	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Cattell.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*James W. Forder	*Treble*	†Peter Kindred	4
*Joy Rawding	2	Arthur E. Long	5
A. William Bird	3	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in two methods.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, 12 callings. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Jack R. Worrall	*Treble*	Frederick J. Bailey	4
Ronald C. Lucas	2	Donald G. Clarke	5
Leonard I. Hulbert	3	George E. Monk	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
The first peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band except the conductor. First peal of Stedman Doubles as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the balls. A wedding compliment to Mr. Leonard Farr, a member of the local band, and Miss Barbara Berrow.

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Ipswich, York, Durham, London, Wells, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Allen Morgan	*Treble*	George E. Large	4
R. George Morris	2	Cyril Tansell	5
Wm. H. A. Compton	3	Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Large.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 1,200 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, 2,400 Grandsire, and one 240 of Grandsire, Morris's arrangement.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

John H. Hicks	*Treble*	Gerald L. Bowen	4
Eric C. Lucas	2	Alfred W. Glazzard	5
Cecily C. Roberts	3	George Lewis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred W. Glazzard.
First peal in three methods by all.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ROY TAYLOR (13)	*Treble*	†ROBERT DOWDESWELL	4
GEORGE E. BANNER	2	CHARLES ROUSE	5
*DUDLEY SURMAN	3	*CHARLES W. HARVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung in memoriam P. A. Richardson, died April 1st, 1951, aged 66 years.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

ERIC NAYLOR	*Treble*	*ERIC EADES	4
GEORGE KENWARD	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
STANLEY RAYFIELD	3	BERT W. MAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal in two methods.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 Plain Bob, two 720's Single Court, Cambridge Surprise and Ipswich. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

RAYMOND WADE	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
*LYDIA CROWSON	2	ALBERT SCOTT	5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung half-muffled for the Rev. Charles W. E. Horne, who died a few days after his retirement as our beloved Vicar of Bourne for the past 15 years.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS and
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM STAITE	*Treble*	RONALD WATTS	4
*BASIL MEADOWS	2	*TONY COOKE	5
GEORGE GOULDING	3	CLIFFORD LAUNDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GOULDING.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*MISS J. M. S. COOKE	*Treble*	‡ELIZABETH MORTON	4
†BERNARD J. ONGLEY	2	†ALFRED WILKINSON	5
NORMAN HOUGH	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside.'

HOBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of April Day, six extents of Plain Bob, twenty-two extents and six 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JAMES R. BURNHAM	*Treble*	MARY C. PAYNE	3
MARY A. CARPENTER	2	†ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE. Witnessed by DAVID BOULTER.
* First peal. † 50th peal.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven extents each of New Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

*JOHN BEARDMORE	*Treble*	ERIC NIXON	3
†FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	†RONALD BARLOW	4
†FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.
* First peal in six methods. † First peal in six Doubles methods.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	4
HENRY H. FEARN	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5
N. DAVID LANE	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

JAMES WEBB	*Treble*	*BERYL TYLER	4
*ROBERT GILSON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
DENNIS TOON	3	CYRIL TYLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells since augmentation to six.

STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 360 each of April Day and Canterbury Pleasure, 1,440 of Plain Bob and 2,880 of Grandsire. 10 callings in all. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*RAYMOND P. ARMSTRONG	*Treble*	THOMAS CHARITY	3
FREDK. W. PINCHBECK	2	FREDK. S. PARSONS	4
H. REGINALD WOODS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. REGINALD WOODS.
* First peal. First peal of Doubles in four methods by all the band.

THURNBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being twenty-two 120's of Grandsire, eight 120's of Canterbury, and twelve 120's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	H. LESLIE WYKES	3
GEORGE PICKERING	2	*PETER HALLAM	4
JOSEPH TAYLOR	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.
* 25th peal.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

MICHAEL J. GOSS	*Treble*	MAURICE J. DODD	4
*MRS. ANN STRADLING	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
PHILIP E. DODD	3	†ANTHONY C. TILLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

JAMES T. LAKER	*Treble*	ERIC H. KNAPP	4
LESLIE G. JUPP	2	ALBERT E. LAKER	5
KENNETH SNELLING	3	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
Rung in memory of Oliver Sippetts, hon. treasurer of the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOUTHWARK, S.E.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 10, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in D.

G. DODDS (Emmanuel) .. 1-2 | R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) .. 5-6
B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) .. 3-4 | A. B. STOCKDALE (Girton) .. 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 15, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
IN ST. GILES' BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor size 16¼ in B flat.

RONALD BARLOW .. .. .. 1-2 | FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT .. 3-4
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

First peal of Minor in four methods 'in hand' by all and for the Association.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 6, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*HARRY POYNER .. .. .. 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD 7-8
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. 3-4 | TERENCE A. THORNBER .. 9-10
PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 5-6 | HAROLD J. POOLE 11-12

Composed by S. WOODS. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus as conductor.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 8, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 18 in G.

*RONALD BARLOW .. .. 1-2 | *FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3-4 | †ERIC NIXON 7-8
†O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. 9-10

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal on ten 'in hand.' † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Caters as conductor.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 9, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT RED ARCH, WARNER STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 38 extents of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE 3-4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor. First in five methods 'in hand' by all.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 11, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of April Day and Spliced Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew and St. Dunstan's, two each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 36 of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE 3-4
*ROYSTON WILMORE 5-6

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LOWE.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal in six methods by all 'in hand.' First peal as conductor 'in hand.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Something new has been given to the Exercise by a peal of 5,040 Kent Treble Bob Fourteen rung 'in hand' by Mr. Harold J. Poole's band. This is the first peal of Treble Bob ever to be rung on 14 bells.

Seventy peals have been rung on the six bells at Wistaston, Cheshire. Mr. Albert Crawley, the tower keeper at Wistaston, has had the distinction of ringing in each of the peals.

The Rev. J. M. Turner has resigned the benefice of Washfield, Devon, and is now living at Moulton, Northamptonshire. In 1934, when he was Rector of Moulton, he had the bells rehung, retuned and augmented to eight.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Wisbech was a happy reunion for the Rev. John P. Pelloe and Mr. A. H. Pulling. It was 12 years since they last met, the occasion being a peal in the same method at Bedford.

This week we record a peal at Packworth, Warwickshire. The conductor, Mr. A. W. T. Cleaver, would be pleased to near of other peals in this tower. The first peal in the tower is believed to have been rung for the Worcestershire Association about 30 years ago.

While Bedford ringers were ringing at Christ Church, West Bromwich, during their outing on April 7th, they were peremptorily stopped as it was noticed that the pinnacle on the south-east corner of the tower was rocking to and fro and it was feared that it might fall and damage the telephone exchange which adjoins the church.

To welcome the Kingsworthy band into the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, four members visited the tower on April 12th and rang a quarter peal of Minimus on the four bells there. The ringing consisted of 20 extents of Reverse Bob, 20 extents of Double Bob and 13 extents of Plain Bob. This novel welcome was rung by R. M. Currie, H. D. Buckingham, J. A. C. King and Peter N. Bond.

The 'Rochdale Observer' carried a three-column feature article of the 'Under Twenties' ringing class at St. Thomas' Church, Newhey, supervised by Mr. Irvine Kerr, assisted by 80-year-old Mr. Richard Thompson. For 63 years Mr. Thompson has been ringing at Newhey and he is the only survivor of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung there in 1898.

Mr. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, has been bereaved by the death of his father, Mr. Thomas Butler, of Ellesmere, Shropshire, on April 12th.

Mr. Albert Gilbert, for many years a member of the Royston, Herts, band, who had to give up ringing three years ago on account of heart trouble, has been elected churchwarden. He has served the parish church for over 50 years as choirboy and, afterwards, as ringer.

Ottery St. Mary, Devon, has lost a promising young ringer in Richard Trestain, who has left the parish for Cornwall. He started ringing in 1949. A farewell gift of a fountain pen was handed to him on April 10th by the Vicar (the Rev. D. R. Price), followed by 1,260 Grandsire Triples rung by R. Trestain 1, J. Asbury 2, C. J. Turner 3, L. Hine 4, V. Pyne 5, E. Marks 6, Preb. E. V. Cox (conductor) 7, R. Wood 8.

On Sunday, April 15th, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Ald. A. Paddon Smith, J.P., accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, attended morning service at Edgbaston Parish Church, where they received a warm welcome from the Vicar and churchwardens. Before the service the Lord Mayor took part in three courses of Stedman Triples in which he rang with his usual graceful ability and he expressed his thanks to the band for inviting him to take part in the ringing. This was reciprocated by the Ringing Master on behalf of the Edgbaston band for the honour conferred on them by having the Lord Mayor to ring with them.

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THERE was a large attendance of ringers at the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at St. James', Clerkenwell, on April 14th. Following the service and tea, the Rev. P. Gough (president) was in the chair for the meeting, supported by Messrs. A. W. and W. H. Coles (vice-presidents) and E. C. S. Turner (general secretary).

The meeting stood in silence in memory of the following who had died since the last meeting:—Messrs. W. H. Barber (Newcastle-on-Tyne), C. S. Bird (Heston), I. Corvill (Stanstead), H. Chandler (Heston), G. Charge (Holloway), C. Dean (Croydon), J. Lovell (Twickenham), C. H. Marten (Hendon), G. S. Mayers (Norwich), W. Pickworth (Richmond), J. Radley (Broxbourne), W. H. Seabrook (Surbiton), G. W. Steere (Sutton).

The secretary presented the annual report which stated that the most important event of the year, from the Association's point of view, was the installation of the new bells at Finchley to complete the octave. One of the bells, the second, was a memorial to the late general secretary and bore the following inscription:—'In memoriam. Charles T. Coles, 1882-1946, secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers, 1910-1945.' The committee thanked all who had generously subscribed to the Fund. The balance of the cost of providing the bells was subscribed locally, mainly due to the efforts of Mr. B. F. Tubb.

New members elected totalled 64, consisting of 18 non-resident life and 46 ordinary members.

NEW METHODS RUNG

Fifty-nine peals were rung, ten more than last year. They included the first peals in four Surprise methods and the first peals for the Association in eight others. Of these, Stanmore Surprise was rung at St. John's, Stanmore, conducted by H. G. Cashmore, to celebrate the centenary of the present church.

All the others were rung at Willesden—Radlett, conducted by H. G. Cashmore, Camden and Devon, conducted by P. A. Corby, Bedford, Berkshire, Bolton, Dublin, Eastbourne, Rochester and Watford, conducted by C. W. Roberts, and Whitminster, conducted by R. F. B. Speed. Twelve members rang their first peals and three members (J. G. Nash, F. C. Price and R. E. W. Wenham) their first as conductor. Mr. W. J. Nudds rang his 500th peal on November 28th at Stanmore. Two peals worthy of mention were nine Spliced Surprise methods 'in hand' and twelve methods at Willesden. The total number of quarter peals recorded was 145 with the Holloway band heading the list with 20.

They were pleased to welcome two new bands—Hampton, largely due to the energies of Mr. T. Price, and Barnet. Towers where progress had been reported were Brentford, Hornsey, Hounslow, Stanwell, Sunbury, Upper Clapton and Wood Green.

The treasurer's report showed an excess of income over expenditure of £3 8s. 1d. and a credit on the general fund of £170 14s.

Officers elected were:—President, the Rev. P. Gough; vice-presidents, A. W. Coles and W. H. Coles; general secretary, C. E. S. Turner; assistant secretary, W. N. Jenner; Master, Mr. Tony Price (vice Mr. C. W. Roberts); treasurer, W. H. Oram; auditor, M. Hodgson; trustees, T. J. Lock, W. H. Oram and E. C. S. Turner; Central Council representatives, E. C. S. Turner, F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock and C. W. Roberts.

INDEBTEDNESS TO MR. C. W. ROBERTS

The president proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Roberts for his great services to the Association and hoped that they would have his services in an advisory or in any other way for years to come

Mr. T. Price seconded and said he did not expect to be elected against Mr. Roberts. They had always been firm friends but he did not consider himself in Mr. Roberts' class as a ringer. He promised to do his best to build up the Association.

Mr. C. C. Mayne: We must not lose sight of the fact that we have two ringers of outstanding ability in Mr. Turner and Mr. Roberts. They have done more for ringing than any other two men.

Returning thanks, Mr. Roberts said all he had done for the Association had been with the greatest of pleasure and had been done in order that the ancient art would carry on and increase in usefulness. He hoped the Society would carry on, particularly on the higher methods as in 12-bell ringing.

Mr. Tony Price moved an amendment of rules that a condition of membership be capable of ringing the treble to 120 of Doubles. He said he did not want to be misunderstood; he was not against call changes; if there was a tower doing call changes now, the amendment was not intended to interfere with its membership.

Mr. C. W. Roberts supported the amendment and said the tendency of to-day was for people to get a smattering of the art—just as much knowledge so that a bell was not dangerous. They then thought that they had the right to march into any tower and generally spoil the ringing. In every other art there was a standard and many associations had rules to that effect.

A question was asked of the position of a member who rang the tenor to a peal of Triples and could not hunt the treble.

Mr. W. H. Coles pointed out that if the amendment was accepted it would be necessary to have a new class of membership—probationers.

By a substantial majority the meeting voted in favour of no change of the rules.

Clerkenwell was selected for the place of the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. C. Brown for conducting the service, and also to Mr. W. Prockson for making the local arrangements.

FESTIVAL PLANS

The general secretary said last year it was decided that the Association should organise some ringing for the Festival of Britain. A questionnaire had been sent out to all towers and those who did not ring twice on a Sunday in their own church were asked to ring in a London church. Some 30 or 40 had replied and it was possible to ring at St. Giles' each Sunday evening and for some Sunday mornings at St. James', Clerkenwell. They also asked if anyone had accommodation for ringers coming to London to submit names. Some 12 or 13 ringers had responded and to anyone interested he would be pleased to send the list Thy had also prepared a list of all towers where there was ringing on Sundays and giving the practice nights. This was available for anyone visiting London.

Mr. Hodgson asked if St. John's, Waterloo Road, was to be the Festival Church.

Mr. Turner replied in the affirmative but said it was outside the area of the Association.

The meeting conferred honorary membership on Mr. Harry Kilby, of St. Mary's, Willesden, in appreciation of his services to the Association, and also on Mr. E. M. Atkins, who was in charge of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, and had recently left for Teignmouth.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

Peal Booking Fee Introduced

A very successful quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at the Parish Church, Aston, on April 7th. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon F. F. G. Warman) who also acted as organist and gave a very helpful address. Fifty members sat down to an excellent tea, after which the business meeting was held, presided over, in the absence of the Master, by Mr. Albert Walker (vice-president).

Reference was made to the passing of Mr. James George, a vice-president of the Guild. In doing so, Mr. Frank E. Haynes said that although Mr. George had lived away from Birmingham for the last few years of his life, he had been closely associated for many years with most of the older members of the Guild and had been a very fine heavy bell ringer. The chairman asked all to stand for a moment as a last tribute of respect.

Miss Freda Morton (Handsworth), Mr. Douglas Harrison (Hatton) and Mr. Harry Dickens (Sutton Coldfield) were elected full ringing members and the tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified:—Mrs. T. Francis (Camden) and Messrs. Roydon Davies, Frank E. Darby, E. W. Razzell (Croydon), Noel J. Diserens (Reading), Thomas J. Southam (St. Albans), Eric Edmondson (Hatfield) and Hubert E. Ashley (Bulkington).

The problem of meeting the cost of recording peals was introduced by Mr. John Pinfold, who considered that, in view of the increase in the number of peals rung, the time had come when peal ringers should bear a portion of the cost of writing up the peal book. It was unanimously decided to institute a peal booking fee of sixpence per ringer for each peal, the conductor to be responsible for its collection In this connection the chairman mentioned that the Guild had been the recipient of a new peal book, beautifully bound, the very generous gift of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, and he asked the secretary to record the gift in the minutes.

A letter from the manager of the Imperial Hotel was read, stating that the Connaught Room was in great demand for 1952 and that the only suitable date that could be offered to the Guild for the Henry Johnson Dinner was March 15th. The chairman regretted the necessity of departing from the custom of holding the function on the first Saturday in March, but there seemed no alternative, and he hoped that everyone would make a note of the date.

The chairman referred to the proposed summer meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths which would be held in Birmingham on June 9th and he hoped to see a good attendance from members of the Guild particularly those who were also College Youths.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Guild be held at Yardley Parish Church on July 7th, subject to the approval of the Vicar.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. J. Fitter, to the Vicar for conducting the service, and to the ringers of Aston for organising the tea.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

When the Bristol Rural Branch met at Olveston on March 31st, Mr. C. R. Harding, who was voted to the chair, as the Association's Master (Mr. J. G. Jefferies) declined the honour, commented on the branch's strong official position. He pointed out that Mr. F. Skidmore was again hon. secretary and Mr. J. G. Jefferies Master of the Association.

John Pitt (Tytherington) and Donald Meredith (Olveston) were elected members and the forthcoming meetings suggested were Warmley (6), April 28th, and Tytherington (5), May 26th.

Dr. Lowe (Vicar) conducted the Association's new form of service assisted by the Rev. Allan (chairman of Wotton-under-Edge Branch). Ringing to satisfy all tastes was provided

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

New Form of Service: Other Associations Invited to Co-operate

HOPES that special ringing in every tower would mark the opening of the Festival of Britain were expressed in the annual report presented to the Guildford Diocesan Guild at its annual meeting at Guildford on April 7th.

Previous to the meeting there was ringing on the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells and the Guild service was held in the Saxon church of St. Mary, where the six bells are shortly expected back from the foundry after retuning. Canon R. G. Clitherow conducted the service and gave the address. Tea was served in S. Nicolas' Hall, arrangements being made by Miss W. Oliver assisted by other helpers.

The Master (Mr. A. Harman) presided at the business meeting, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. L. Grover), the assistant secretary (Miss W. Oliver) and the hon. auditor (Mr. Leslie Hunter). The officers were re-elected and a ballot resulted in Messrs. G. Grover, A. Harman, A. C. Hazelden and A. H. Pulling being returned as representatives of the Guild on the Central Council.

The Executive Committee's report, presented by Mr. G. L. Grover, gave a total membership of 577 (ringing 465, honorary 112). Restorations reported were the augmentation of Esher ring from six to eight, recasting of Ash bells, work on Ockley bells, Capel's and Frensham's in the hands of the bell founders, and St. Mary's, Guildford, bells shortly to be rehung.

Losses by death included Mr. Jonathan Corbett (Guild treasurer and chairman of the committee that promoted the foundation of the Guild in 1927), Messrs. C. Edwards and T. Upshall (Farnham), W. Holden (Cobham), G. W. Steere (one-time member of the band at Guildford Cathedral).

There was a marked decrease in peal ringing activity. Only 34 peals were rung as against 42 in the previous year. The Guild's first peal on 12 was achieved by the way of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin-in-the-Fields as an 'In Memoriam' peal to George Steere. The fresh methods added were Banstead Surprise Major (by the local band at Banstead) and Aldenham Surprise Major rung at Ewhurst. There were 17 conductors.

The accounts presented by Mr. L. C. W. Hunter showed balances of £86 9s. 1d. (against £40 5s. 5d.) on the Guild account, £110 15s. 7d. in the Benevolent Fund and £58 5s. 4d. in the Cathedral Bell Fund.

Seventeen new members and two compounding members, Mrs. B. C. Castle and Mrs A. J. N. Rance, were elected.

The main business was the revision of rules which were accepted with an amendment that live ringing membership should be abolished and honorary ringers' life subscriptions be one guinea. A new rule was added on the proposition of Mr. T. W. White that all moneys in the possession of the Guild and District should be banked in the name of the Guild and Districts respectively.

Mr. G. S. Joyce reported on the revision of the Guild's form of service and that the draft form was acceptable to the Norwich Diocesan Association, some very good suggestions having been made by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. Other Guilds were invited to join in and costs would be appreciably reduced if the initial printing order was substantial.

On the proposition of Mr. A. J. Lindley, the Executive Committee was authorised to spend up to £15 on printing the form of service when authorised by the Bishop

RELATIONSHIP WITH SURREY ASSOCIATION

A discussion was initiated by Mr W. Simmonds with a view to the Executive Committee meeting the Surrey Association and defining boundaries so as to prevent overlapping.

Mr. T. W. White pointed out that the Central Council were concerned over this matter.

Mr. A. H. Pulling commented that the matter had been in dispute since he was a boy.

Mr. Dan Cooper expressed the view that there was no solution to the problem.

Mr. R. Whittington thought a lot more harm than good would be done by re-opening the discussion. It generated bad feeling and had been talked about 40 years ago, when Guildford was part of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

On the proposition of Mr. H. V Young it was agreed to approach the Surrey Association with a view to the two executives meeting and seeing if some plan could be formulated.

Another discussion ensued on the question of whether or not the Guild should make official appointments of instructors. Mr. Simmonds, who advocated this step, said progress would not be made until they tackled the question from the bottom—in the towers themselves.

The hon. secretary pointed out that Districts were empowered to spend 2s. 6d. a time on instruction.

Mr. Young proposed that, if possible, those wishing to be instructors in the Guild should have that recognition. The matter was left to the Executive to make any such appointments.

Guildford was selected for the next annual meeting and it was decided to hold the Guild Dinner on October 20th.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

RINGERS in Cumberland and North Westmorland made their way in a snowstorm to St. Bees on Easter Monday for their annual general meeting and were joined by ringers and their ladies from Barrow.

Ringing up to Double Norwich preceded the meeting, which was presided over by the president, the Rev. C. E. Last (Vicar of St. Bees). On the motion of the secretary, those present stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. G. W. Tembey, a staunch supporter of change ringing in Cumberland for 50 years.

The secretary, in his report, stated that the activities of the Association had been good especially in the Western Branch, but the Eastern Branch had great travelling difficulties which was the reason for Penrith and Kirkby Stephan having withdrawn from the Association. This also accounted for the slight decrease in subscriptions in the treasurer's financial report which, however, showed an increase of just over £2 in the balance as compared with 1949, although expenses had occurred which would not happen again for some years.

The ringing secretary reported that several peal attempts had been made without success but the prospects for 1951 were much better. The ringing at meetings had been good and the number of methods rung had been increased, but he stressed the need for more care in the striking.

Before the election of officers, the retiring president was thanked for his very keen interest in the Association, he having been to every meeting during his year of office. The Rev. G. D. Jackson, Keswick, was elected as president for the ensuing year, and the following were re-elected:—Hon. general secretary, J. W. Brownrigg, Keswick; hon. treasurer, R. F. Grisdale, Keswick; ringing secretary, S. Richardson, Hensingham.

A long discussion followed on the motion that the proposed first annual report of the Association should be printed and the amendment that owing to the cost it should be typed and duplicated; it was eventually decided to print the report.

The service which followed was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Last who, in his address, thanked the ringers for the fine work they were doing, but not to forget, in their enthusiasm for ringing, that it was work for the Church, and if there was no Church there would be no ringing.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies of St. Bees ringers and the day finished with some more ringing on this rather moderate-going but lovely-toned eight.

ST. IVE, CORNWALL, REOPENING

On Easter Monday, despite the inclement weather and the fact that the county football cup finals were in progress, a good number of ringers gathered at St. Ive to attend the opening of the six bells

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. R. G. Martin, who also gave the address.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, where the Rector thanked the ladies for providing the tea.

The visiting ringers were from Liskeard, Callington, Linkinghorne, Crantock, Kea, Kenwyn and Truro Cathedral. All were thanked by the captain, Mr. G. Hoskins, for helping to make the gathering a success.

After tea the ringers returned to the tower where the ringing was held up for a time to allow ringers to inspect the work done by the local bellhangers. Numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5 have been fitted with new headstocks and ball bearings. The tenor is also on ball bearings. The whole frame has been strengthened and some parts renewed. The work has been carried out by R. H. Libby and Son.

SOME SPRING OUTINGS

BEDFORD AND NORTHANTS

Leaving St. Peter's, Bedford, at 6.30 a.m., Bedford and Northants ringers visited four 12-bell towers and two 10's on April 7th. Ringing took place at West Bromwich, Coalbrookdale (where is the grave of the late ringing captain with an unusual stone showing ten bells complete with ropes and sallies) St. Chad's and St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, St. Matthew's, Walsall, and St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

At tea, at Shrewsbury, Mr. W. A. Farmer and Mr. Russell (formerly St. Paul's, Bedford) were welcome guests. After tea, Mr. Ernest Whitmore expressed appreciation to Pat Chapman for arranging such an ambitious programme.

The writer left the coach at Kettering at about 1.15 on Sunday morning and some of the other had still 40 miles to go. P.I.C.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guilsborough and Daventry Branches had a full but rainy day on Easter Monday leaving Long Buckby at 8 a.m. Ringing took place in the towers at Welford-on-Avon (6), Norton (8), Bretforton (8), Broadway (6) and Mickleton (8).

THAKEHAM

Seven six-bell towers in Surrey were visited by Thakeham (Sussex) ringers on Easter Monday. The party included guests from Washington, Storrington, Itchingfield and Horsham.

The towers were Ockley (newly rehung but care required on the back two bells), Newdigate (a light six in a 15th century wooden tower), Charlwood (a grand six in a Norman central tower), Leigh (ringing here under difficult conditions, as ringing chamber is on the ground floor under a west gallery), Buckland (a light six in a wooden turret), Merstham (where one rope broke and another cast wheel), Burstow (good ringing here, although the treble proved difficult to hear). The thanks of the party are due to the captain of the Thakeham band for his excellent arrangements.

The Oxford Society will be broadcasting on Thursday between 9 and 10.15 p.m. Bells to be heard are Carfax (6), Magdalen College (10), Merton College (8) and Christ Church (12).

VETERANS WHO RANG IN THE LAST CENTURY

We have this week some interesting names to add to our record of veterans who rang in the last century.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, of Kington Magna, Dorset, writes that he thinks his first peal was of Bob Major on handbells at Cambridge on December 1st, 1896. On May 2nd, 1897, he rang 9-10 at Cambridge in the first handbell peal of Bob Royal ever recorded in the College Youths' peal book. Both these were conducted by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse.

'My few tower bell peals,' he adds, 'include Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Cinques. One of Grandsire Triples was at Colerne, Wilts, the first rung by Royal Arch Masons.

'Recollections of a personal interest to me are that I rang at St. Saviour's, Southwark (as it then was) for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee; at Westminster Abbey for Queen Alexandra's funeral; at St. Margaret's for King George V.'s Jubilee visit to Westminster Palace and at St. Paul's Cathedral for the Christopher Wren Tercentenary. I have rung or chimed church bells in eleven different countries.'

SURREY FIRST PEALERS

Mr. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead, has supplied us with the following list of Mid-Surrey ringers who rang their first peal in the 1890's:—

David Anscombe, Ashtead, 1894; John H. White, S. Nicolas', Guildford, 1894; Alfred A. Dobinson, Dorking, 1894; Thomas Newnham, Ashtead, 1897; Arthur C. Otway, Ashtead, 1898; John Hoyle, Christ Church, Epsom, 1898.

William R. Crockford took part in a peal at Leatherhead in 1896 but Mr. Winch is not certain whether it was his first. In addition John Crawford and Alfred Mann rang in several peals at Christ Church, Epsom, in the late '90's.'

Mr. Alfred E. Reeves, of Totterdown, Bristol, 3, rang his first peal on October 6th, 1896, at St. Giles', Reading, and by the end of 1899 he had rung 77 peals.

ESSEX 'OLD TIMERS'

Mr. Harry Allen, of Chelmsford, and Mr. George Green, of Great Baddow, rang their first peal together at Widford, Essex, on February 14th, 1890. The method, Grandsire Triples (Penning's one part), was conducted by the late Arthur Edwards. Now, at the age of 81 years, Mr. Harry Allen still takes an active part in ringing at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Chelmsford.

Mr. George Green is Master of the band at St. Mary's, Great Baddow, where for the past 63 years he has taken his place to ring the bells on all occasions. At 79 years of age Mr. Green still has a very keen ear and when they are well and truly rung a smile is a sure sign that George is satisfied.

Mr. T. East, of Gidea Park, Essex, who rang several peals with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. J. W. Washbrook, rang his first peal at St. Andrew's, East Hagbourne, Berks, on St. Andrew's Day, 1892.

Mr. Arthur Saunders, of Greenstead Green, near Halstead, Essex, rang a peal in seven minor methods at Stisted, Essex, on January 16th, 1898. Mr. Walter Burst, of The Green, Earls Colne, also took part in this peal.

MACCLESFIELD VETERANS

There are three Macclesfield veterans of the last century—Mr. William Gayes (leader of Christ Church) Mr. Wilfred Matthews (leader of the Parish Church) and Mr. John Minshall (who stills rings occasionally). Mr. Gayes' first peal was Grandsire Triples, on January 10th, 1983, and he rang in Mr. Wilfred Matthews' first peal (Grandsire Triples), on February 7th, 1893. Mr. John Minshall scored his first peal on May 16th, 1893 (Grandsire Caters). All the peals were rung at St. Michael's, Macclesfield.

THREE LADY RINGERS

Mr. W. T. Tucker, of Eastleigh, writes calling attention to the omission from the list of veterans of the last century of the Misses Dora and Alice White. He had the pleasure of ringing his first touch of Bob Major with them in 1899 conducted by their father, Mr. Henry White.

THE MISSES ALICE AND DORA WHITE
From a photograph taken in the last century.

Miss Alice White was the first lady to ring a peal on tower bells. This took place at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on February 12th, 1896, when, at the age of 15, she rang the treble to Holt's ten part of Grandsire Triples. She rang in many peals and is now Mrs. Y. C. Sullivan, Box 457, Georgetown, Ontario.

Mrs. E. D. Mack (née Dora White) of Keswick, London Road, Basingstoke, has sent us details of her first peal, rung at the age of 13, at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on July 17th, 1897, the method being Grandsire Triples. She writes: 'My sister and I rang our first peal of Stedman Triples together in 1902 with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. I was made a performing member of the Winchester Guild at 11 years of age and rang a tower bell at nine years. When I was a school girl my father had a very small set of handbells made that he could put in his coat pockets when he took us away ringing. We (father and myself) rang four each. He taught me to ring a plain course of Treble Bob Major four-handed. We also did a good deal of tune ringing. My sister and I still both love tower and hand bells.'

There was a third lady who rang a peal with them in the last century—Miss Frances Whyley, daughter of the Rev. F. Whyley, Vicar of Alton. She rang her first peal at Basingstoke (Grandsire Triples) on December 8th, 1898. Our correspondent does not know whether she is still alive.

BOLTON'S FIRST PEAL

The first peal for the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association was Grandsire Triples on December 16th, 1895, at St. George's, Bolton. It was the first peal for all the band except the tenor man. There are three survivors, viz., Messrs. Henry Moss (conductor), William Tebay and Alfred Rushton.

Mr. Frederick J. Lambert, of Horsmonden, Kent, rang six peals in the last century, his first being Grandsire Triples, on April 15th, 1893.

GLOUCESTER'S VETERAN

Mr. Sidney E. Romans, vice-president and Past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who is now in his 83rd year, is still a regular service ringer at Gloucester Cathedral. He joined the Association in 1885, and rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples in 1887. During the last century he rang just over 100 peals.

Mr. H. Miles, of Carbis Bay, writes that his elder brother and himself both rang peals of Stedman Triples with the Rev. F. E. Robinson in the 19th century, the first having been rung in the autumn of 1899. His brother still rings in an Oxfordshire village. Mr. Miles is the last survivor of the band that rang in the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 1,000th peal.

Mr. George Halksworth (aged 84), of Scarborough, and formerly of Doncaster, rang his first peal on February 13th, 1897 (Holt's 10 part, Grandsire Triples) for the Doncaster Society of Change Ringers. He is now the only survivor of the band. Mr. Halksworth has rung about 100 peals and but for a bad knee which prevents him climbing the belfry steps would still be an active ringer.

From Los Angeles, California, Mr. Ernest Weatherby writes that he learnt to ring with the late Mr. W. H. Shuker at Market Drayton in 1887 and rang his first peal in that tower in 1895. Mr. John Gibson, of Whitchurch, who is now 96, walked 14 miles to take part in the peal.

A BRIGHTON TRIO

Three members of St. Nicholas', Brighton, rang peals in the last century, viz., G. Ades, 1890; H. Stalham, 1896; and F. Bennett on March 2nd, 1889. All were Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Harry Warnett, of Lewisham, took part in 72 peals during the last century, his first being on February 28th, 1891.

Mr. George Daynes, of Greenwich, rang his first peal on April 18th, 1891.

Mr. Henry G. Miles, of 31, Aldersley Road, London, W.6, took part in three peals during the 19th century, all at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and conducted by Mr. W. E. Garrard. 'The first,' he writes, 'was in November, 1899, the others in 1900, one being in May for the relief of Mafeking. I cannot understand why some people think that the year 1900 was in this century; a cricketer out for 99 has not scored a century.'

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Over 100 members attended the District's annual meeting at Coleraine on Easter Monday when Mr W. Pratt (president of the Association) presented the Attendance Shield to St. Donard's Society, who won it in the first year of their existence.

Officers re-elected were:—Messrs. W. Rogan (Belfast) vice-president of the Association and chairman; J. T. Dunwoody (Holywood) hon. secretary; J. Dixon (Coleraine) hon. treasurer; H. Brown (Holywood) Ringing Master; J. J. Fielding (Londonderry) assistant hon. secretary.

The Festival of Britain programme was outlined by the hon. secretary; it includes ringing in all towers on May 3rd from 7—9 p.m.; peal attempts in all towers by best ringers; special peal attempts at St. Donard's on June 1st and at Hillsborough on June 2nd for the visit of H.M. the King to the Northern Ireland Festival Exhibition. The B.B.C. are co-operating with the District for broadcasts on April 10th, the bells of St. Colomb's, Londonderry, will probably be heard on May 3rd as well as the bells of Enniskillen.

Placings in the competition for good striking which followed lunch were:—1, St. Donard's (Belfast), 2, St. Thomas' (Belfast), 3, St. Patrick's (Ballymena).

OBITUARIES OF THE WEEK

MR. CHARLES DEAN

Mr. Charles Dean, of Croydon, whose regretted death on April 9th, at the age of 79, was reported a fortnight ago, was one of the oldest members of the Central Council, which he joined in 1898. He served to 1911 as representative of the Surrey Association and again from 1914-1932. He became an honorary member in 1933 and served until 12 months ago. For many years he was convener of the Peals Analysis Committee and evidence of his thoroughness was the tabulated tables that have appeared annually in 'The Ringing World,' which give such an accurate picture of peal ringing.

Born at Highworth, Wilts, on April 25th, 1871, he started ringing at Benhilton in 1891. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Christ Church, Epsom, on June 23rd, 1894, and had rung approximately 120 peals. He conducted one peal—Stedman Caters.

His work for the Surrey Association was outstanding. From 1897-1911 and again from 1922-25 he was secretary of the Association. He had also held the posts of treasurer and auditor. From 1912-1938 he rang at St. Peter's, Croydon, and afterwards at St. John's, Croydon.

Mr. Dean was managing director of the Anglo-American Pharmaceutical Co., where two of his sons are employed. Previously he was accountant at Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The funeral service at Croydon Parish Church on April 12th was conducted by the Rev. A. C. F. Davies, a ringing colleague. In a brief address he spoke of Mr. Dean's services to the Church as a ringer, and added, 'It is a long record of distinction, and the Church has much to be grateful to him for in this wealth of voluntary service, which he gave so willingly, so quietly and so unassumingly.' Interment was at Green Road Cemetery.

Among the ringers present were:—Mrs. C. F. Johnston, Messrs. B. Newson, H. M. Howard and —. Stephenson (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.), J. F. Smallwood, A. B. Peck and W. Passmore (Ancient Society of College Youths), H. Langdon (St. Paul's), J. Chapman (St. Leonard's, Streatham), A. Lancaster (Borough), W. J. Rawlings (Beckenham), I. Blow (St. Peter's, Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury (Walton-on-Thames), Messrs. D. D. Cooper, F. E. Collins, R. Abbott, G. Lodge, G. H. Humphries, W. F. Oatway, C. Parks, R. Davies and Mesdames D. Cooper and H. E. Oatway (Croydon Parish).

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by H. Langdon 1-2, D. D. Cooper 3-4, J. F. Smallwood 5-6, R. Davies 7-8.

The tower bells were also rung half-muffled before and after the service.

MR. WALTER GORTON

Bolton, Lancashire, has lost an old stalwart by the death of Mr. Walter Gorton. He joined The Saviour's band, Bolton, when the bells were installed in 1895, and rang in the first peal on the bells. Mr. Gorton rang his first peal in 1883 and his last at the age of 85. He would have been 90 next June and was eagerly looking forward to hearing a peal rung for that occasion.

The funeral took place at Bolton Cemetery on April 11th, where handbells were rung by A. E. Sandiford 1-2, E. B. Webster 3-4, Peter Crook, sen., 5-6 and J. Frederick Hilton 7-8.

A muffled peal was rung at The Saviour's on April 18th.

TO OLIVER SIPPETTS

And there we leave him Beneath the chancel window, with his feet towards the dawn, where the sound of his beloved bells float over his grave. So ring them well, you Crawley ringers, and keep the standard of striking that he set you. A. B. P.

MR. GEORGE HOLMES

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. George Holmes which took place at Blackpool on March 29th in his 90th year.

Born at Dronfield, he lived in Sheffield from the age of four, and for many years worked as an edged tool forger. He came from a bellringing family and joined the old Parish Church company (now the Cathedral) in 1879 and his membership of the Yorkshire Association dated from the same year. For the Association he rang 58 peals and conducted four of them. He was a member of the old Midland Counties Association and one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

His peal ringing career extended from the end of the Franco-Prussian War in 1871 up to VE Day, 1945, and he took part in the ringing for the coronations and deaths of all the sovereigns since Queen Victoria.

Mr. Holmes was a staunch Sunday service ringer and although afflicted with approaching blindness in his latter years, he was able to attend fairly regularly up to the time of his death. He possessed a remarkably easy style when ringing and his handling of heavy bells was an example that others admired.

Being of a musical turn of mind he taught many the art of handbell tune ringing and was for many years conductor of the Sheffield Hallamshire Handbell Ringers. For a time he was a member of the St. Marie's (R.C.) Company.

A widower, he had only just gone to live with his married daughter at Blackpool when he had a stroke and passed peacefully away.

S. E. P.

MR. C. CHILDS

A bellringer since his boyhood days, Mr. Charles Childs, of Queen Street, Godalming, died on April 16th at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, aged 77. For more than 50 years he had been associated with Godalming tower and he took part in a peal at Godalming to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. For a long period he had been captain of the tower.

The bells of Godalming Parish Church were rung half-muffled previous to the funeral service on April 19th. The Vicar (the Rev. A. C. G. Oldham) who officiated, spoke of Mr. Childs' devoted and faithful service to the church, to which he was attached not only as a ringer but as a worshipper.

Ringers attending were:—Messrs. A. H. Pulling and A. C. Hazelden (Guildford Diocesan Guild) W. Balchin, C. Steele, H. G. Steere, G. Savage, A. J. Booker, A. Edwards, C. E. Smith, C. J. Pugsley, V. H. Smith and Miss S. Steere (Godalming), Messrs. A. J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold) and E. Stenning (Dunsfold).

Wreaths included those from Godalming ringers, Guildford Guild and Dunsfold ringers.

MAYOR'S VISIT RECORDED

A plaque was unveiled in the tower of Dagenham Parish Church on April 12th recording the first visit to the belfry of a Mayor of Dagenham.

This unusual ceremony was preceded by a course of Grandsire Triples by the local band, rung in the presence of the Mayor (Mrs. A. E. Prendergast) and her chaplain, who is the Vicar (the Rev. H. Siviter).

Before unveiling the plaque, Mr. Chalk (Master of the S.W. Division, Essex Association) expressed his pleasure at the Mayor's interest in ringing matters and of acceptance of life honorary membership. He gave the Mayor a comprehensive account of ringing societies and mentioned the spirit of friendship prevailing throughout the Exercise.

The Mayor, in reply, said she considered herself to be not a visitor but a great friend of the ringers.

The ringers afterwards entertained their distinguished visitor in the Parish Hall with handbell ringing followed by refreshments.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

Sixteen New Members Elected

The 19th annual meeting of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers was held at St. James' Church, Paisley, on April 7th when there was a good attendance of ringers. The bells were rung to rounds, call changes, Grandsire, Stedman, Erin, Plain Bob and Kent during the course of the afternoon and evening.

A short service was held in the church and conducted by the minister, the Rev. Sydney Still. After the service the ringers sat down to a sumptuous tea which had been kindly supplied by the St. James' ringers.

At the business meeting the Master reported on the ringing activities of the past year, which included the scoring of two peals (the only other time this has been done by residents was in 1932, the year of the founding of the Association) and seven quarter peals. In both peals there were several firsts.

The secretary reported that at the end of the year they had an active ringing membership of 60 which was drawn from five of the eight towers where bells were rung at present in Scotland and a life ringing membership of 33. There had been a fair amount of publicity given to ringing in the local papers and particularly a half-page article in the 'Scottish Daily Mail'; and the Editor of the Year Book of the Scottish Episcopal Church had readily agreed to give space to the Association in the Year Book, and it was only because the Church of Scotland had gone to press somewhat earlier than usual that they had missed being in it too. The treasurer reported that the funds had increased from 13s. 6d. to £4 10s., largely due to the fact that the expense of teas and peal writing had not been taken from the funds this year.

The names of 16 new ringers were put forward for membership and were unanimously approved. Of these, eight came from St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, and several from St. James', Leith, both of which towers wished to rejoin the Association, thus leaving now only one ringing tower not affiliated.

Both the president and Ringing Master had given notice that they did not wish to be re-elected and they were thanked by Mr. Pickett for all the work they had done for the Association in their several ways during the tenure of their respective offices. Mr. W. H. Pickett was elected Master in place of Prof. R. O. Street and Mr. C. R. Raine Ringing Master in place of Mr. John Marshall. Mr. Beardsall, of East Retford, was elected as Central Council representative for the next three years. It was also agreed that the Bishop of Glasgow (the Right Rev. J. C. H. How) and Dr. W. White Anderson, of St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, be asked to become patrons in place of the late Duke of Argyll.

The next meetings are to be held at Alloa in October and at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, next April.

Several of the Paisley and Glasgow ringers entertained the ringers to tunes on handbells before a return to the belfry.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South-Western District

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Rayleigh on April 7th when about 50 members enjoyed ringing on this musical eight.

The Association's form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. S. Carver), who extended a cordial welcome to all the ringers. Among the large number of new members elected was the Rector, who consented to become an honorary member. He mentioned that his interest in bells went back a long way and that he was a founder member of the Guildford Guild.

Ringing was in charge of the Master, Mr. J. Chalk, who saw that everybody was well catered for from rounds upwards, all the standard Surprise methods being brought round.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On April 5th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chilvers 1, H Drury 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, A. O. Nichols 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5, R. Armstrong 6. Longest length for 1 and 6.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—On April 5th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Tomlinson 1, B. A. Tomlinson 2, J. Skeats 3, J. A. Tomlinson 4, A. Swindlehurst 5, L. Henrys 6, T. Wilson (cond.) 7, J. E. Wilson 8, C. M. P. Johnson 9, H. Anderton 10.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On April 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Wright 1, Miss J. Wright (first quarter) 2, L. Coe 3, Miss P. J. Leaning 4, J. Saxton 5, Miss B. Moss 6, S. Slaney 7, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 8.

BOLTON, LANCS. — At Holy Trinity on March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. F. Hilton 1, J. W. Kay 2, J. Kay 3, T. Bratby 4, E. Iddon 5, R. Edge (first of Triples) 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, A. Pendlebury 8.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,320 April Day Doubles: F. W. Lewis 1, E. W. Keys 2, N. J. Smith (cond.) 3, H. W. Stoveld 4, C. Sangwin 5, P. N. Bond 6. First quarter peal in the method for all the band.

BRAMPTON, CUMBERLAND.—On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): A. Hodgson 1, Miss A. Bousfield 2, G. McKay 3, A. Forsyth 4, J. Butterfield (cond.) 5, C. Lightning 6. First quarter on the bells.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS. — On March 25th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Roger Willis (12 years) 1, Audrey Castell 2, F. Castell 3, H. A. Jarvis 4 J. C. Berry (cond.) 5, S. J. Turley 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose on April 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Clarke (first in method) 1, A. C. Baker 2, Miss M. Bennett 3, N. Denson (first in method) 4, F./ Skidmore 5, Miss M. R. James 6, Eric Sutton 7, R. G. Hooper (first as cond. in method) 8. Rung on St. Ambrose's Day.

BUCKLAND, BERKS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. A. Rose 1, H. Taylor 2, Miss H. J. Holloway 3, T. Stone 4, E. Boardman 5, A. R. Peake 6, P. Angers (cond.) 7, B. Bladon 8. First Triples for 1, 4, 5.

CARDIFF.—At St. John-the-Baptist's, on April 5th. 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Price (first on ten) 1, Jaqueline Evans 2, D. G. Clarke (first on ten) 3, W. Dare 4, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 5, F. J. Bailey 6, L. I. Hulbert 7, D. J. King 8, T. Yeomans 9, S. R. Barker 10.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Vaughan (first as cond.) 1, A. Wiggins 2, M. L. Baughan 3, D. R. Jones 4, E. L. Baughan 5, H. Tucker 6, H. Osborne 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. First in the method for 1, 3 and 5.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Proctor 1, Shelagh Proctor 2, Joyce Bray 3, Dinah Benford 4, A. Ballard 5, E. Sowman 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, C. Clarke 8. A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. E. W. Clarke.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On April 15th, at St. James's, 1,280 New Gloucester Surprise Major: W. Prockson 1, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 2, Anne B. Stockdale 3, L. H. Bowler 4, M. Hodgson 5, J. G. Prior 6, B. D. Threlfall 7, W. Williams 8. First in the method by all.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Clarke 1, J. Worrall 2, W. Dare 3, T. Yeomans 4, F. Bailey (cond.) 5, H. Blick 6, R. E. Coles 7, I. Jones 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Gwyneth Clarke.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On April 1st, at St. John-the-Baptist's, 1,297 Stedman Caters: D. Cooper 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. Razzell 3, P. Humphries 4, R. Davies (cond.) 5, R. Abbott 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins 9, W. Oatway 10. First quarter of Stedman Caters by 4 and 6.

DODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Deacon 1, K. Deacon 2, F. Robinson 3, V. Perry 4, M. Chown (cond.) 5, B. Hill 6. A farewell to the treble ringer, who is joining the Army.

EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Allum (first quarter) 1, R. Lester (first of doubles) 2, D. Mitson 3, F. Sterry (cond.) 4, V. Lockwood 5.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On April 4th, 1,344 Spliced Grandsire, Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and College Triples: J. Segar 1, Miss W. Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, H. Denman 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. First in 5 triples methods by all the band.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Mumford 1, J. F. Atkins 2, J. N. Lindon 3, A. Jones 4, J. Eaton 5, A. Timmins 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, T. Russell 8. Rang half muffled as a tribute to Col. F. C. Danielson, C.B., D.S.O., a former churchwarden.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Horton (first of minor) 1, N. J. Smith 2, Enid Lonnen 3, G. W. Holliss (first of minor 'inside') 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, H. J. Peskett 6.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Ellis (first quarter) 1, R. Mackerll 2, H. Belcher 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, J. Stephenson 5, R. F. Deal 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.—On April 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Everitt (first quarter) 1, L. Toseland 2, Miss J. Walklate (first quarter) 3, G. E. Watson 4, B. S. Cope (first quarter of Doubles as cond.) 5.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On April 8th, 1,296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss F. Clapton 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, E. Thurlow (first in the method) 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, C. C. Mayne 8.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Davey 1, Mrs. Gould 2, A. Jaques (first quarter) 3, H. Bromfield 4, B. Huddleston (cond.) 5, H. Baguley 6.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On April 8th, 1,488 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Wood 1, A. Bowers 2, H. Rowley 3, J. W. Milner 4, J. Dews 5, M. T. J. Axford 6, M. Hunt 7, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1, 2 and 7. To mark the 62nd anniversary as a regular service ringer at St. Peter's of 83-year-old Herbert Rowley, who rang the 3rd.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandside Triples: I. Windwood 1, L. Stilwell (cond.) 2, D. Paice (first 'inside') 3, F. W. Garner 4, J. Smart 5, J. Branch 6, S. A. Paice 7, C. Denyer 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—1,280 London Surprise Major: J. D. Kape 1, A. E. Cox 2, F. D. Boreham 3, A. R. Blaby 4, E. F. Timpson 5, W. Lee 6, P. Newton 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the Misses Doreen and Sylvia Coker.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On April 1st, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 1, L. J. Fox 2, Frances A. Edgar 3, T. G. Fox 4, D. W. Beard 5, G Dodds 6, W. Williams 7, N. J. Diserens 8, C. H. Kippin 9, B. D. Threlfall 10. First of Surprise Royal 3 and 5.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hollingsdale 1, C. D. Linington 2, P. F. Romney (cond.) 3, J. Backshall 4, A. Backshall 5, F. Cox 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Backshall.

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.—At the Cathedral on April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan McKinlay 1, J. Fielding 2, Lily Hughes 3, W. Young 4, J. Campbell (cond.) 5, A. D. Fielding 6.

LUTON, BEDS. — On April 1st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Enid Preston (first quarter) 1, J. Wing 2, H. Burton 3, A. Smith 4, J. Herbert 5, R. Kendall 6, L. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, C. Mann 10.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Chaplin 1, C. Green 2, S. Summers 3, E. Orland 4, L. Townsend (first quarter as cond.) 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Eales on their wedding anniversary.

MAPLETHORPE, LINCS.—On April 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Pat Brealey 1, T. Asquith 2, G. Paul 3, H. C. Caunt (cond.) 4, L. Mason 5. First quarter for all except 4.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT. — On April 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. M. Mitchell 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 3, F. A. Cluett 4, H. Argent 5, R. A. Constant 6, J. Burles (first as cond. in method) 7, W. Gorringe 8. Rung for the dedication of the new lych gate in the churchyard and a birthday compliment to Mr. F. A. Mitchell.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hope 1, J. Pinchin 2, R. Grove 3, R. Cummins 4, E. Belson 5, H. Wells (cond.) 6. First quarter by local band, and farewell to R. Grove on joining H.M. Forces.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Lathall 1, Miss M. E. Roe (first of Triples) 2, N. Beard 3, I. Dickin (15) 4, R. Evans 5, K. M. Grayson 6, E. G. Bennett (first of Triples as cond.) 7, K. Perkins (first of Triples, 13) 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's, April 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Payne 1, Miss M. Valentine 2, S. Earl 3, F. Benfield 4, E. Frost 5, G. Valentine (cond.) 6, H. Bryan, cover bell. A birthday compliment to H. Clarke, of Kingsthorpe.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.—On April 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. E. Salter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. J. Lock 2, P. J. Coles (first in method 'inside') 3, J. R. Lofty (first in method) 4, G. Spencer 5, T. J. Lock (cond.) 6.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Hancock 1, G. Turner 2, W. Noble 3, Jack Turner (first quarter) 4, W. Geo. Turner 5, L. Healey (first 'inside') 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, F. Jagger 8.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Simon, Northrepps, Cliffords Pleasure, St. Culum, Southrepps, Kennington, Canterbury, Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob, 60 of Grandsire): K. D. Perkins 1, K. M. Grayson 2, Miss M. E. Roe 3, I. Dickin 4, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Cozens 6. First in 11 methods for all; a 15th birthday compliment to the 6th.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. R. Carlsson 1, C. Knight 2, G. Watts (cond.) 3, L. Allen 4, F. Neate 5, R. Haskins 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a farewell to the Rev. C. R. Forrester.

PURITON, SOMERSET.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. T. Jeanes 1, H. Emery 2, E. Reasons 3, M. Farthing (cond.) 4, A. Turner 5, T. G. Burge 6.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): B. Chaplin (first quarter) 1, S. Summers 2, R. Spring 3, L. Townsend 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Ward 1, B. Pike 2, A. A. Livings 3, B. G. Burton (cond.) 4, F. Wright (first quarter 'inside') 5, J. Terry 6. A compliment to Mr. H. J. Shaw on 38th anniversary as organist.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Hall (first quarter) 1, W. Holland 2, R. Birch 3, J. S. Woodhouse 4, B. Holland 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Maurice Proctor, accidentally killed on Easter Day.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Rathbon (first quarter) 1, B. Moore 2, Stella M. Wickens 3, P. F. Romney 4, C. D. Linington (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. W. Garner 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rector of Itchingfield (the Rev. A. Godfrey).

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, on April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Faithfull 1, W. Glasspool 2, Alan Jaques 3, G. Craine 4, R. Spittle 5, D. C. Williams 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, Miss Joyce Cox 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor. Miss Cox has now rung a quarter peal from every bell in the tower.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. G. Nash 1, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 2, W. J. Bowden 3, Miss E. M. Fadden 4, Mrs. N. O. Manchip 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, H. Miller 7, M. Fensom 8, S. G. Peck 9, S. Wade (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal for 4 and 8, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Manchip.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George the Martyr's, on April 8th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Ealing, Rutland, Bristol, Pudsey, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge): T. G. Fox 1, R. F. B. Speed 2, D. W. Beard 3, W. Williams (cond.) 4, B. D. Threlfall 5, R. H. Begrie 6, N. J. Diserens 7, J. H. Crampion 8. First quarter in eight methods by all except 2nd.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jackson 1, W. Schofield 2, G. Crowdy 3, F. Allthorp 4, J. Jackson 5, F. Hodge (cond.) 6, V. Turner 7, A. Brownhill 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On April 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: J. P. Stocker 1, G. Nicholls 2, H. W. Pratt 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, W. Noble 5, L. W. Fisher 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, S. Clements 8.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—On April 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Charge 1, Miss M. Jackson 2, F. J. Matthews 3, W. J. Ellis 4, S. Howard (first quarter in the method) 5, C. D. Nichols 6, J. W. Chapman (first quarter in the method as cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. A 58th birthday compliment to S. Howard.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On April 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. A. Fitch 1, Rosemary Seabrook (15) 2, W. Scott 3, H. G. Herbert 4, L. J. Mills 5, L. Johnson 6, L. Pryke 7, E. Hynard (cont.) 8.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On April 3rd, 1,440 Disley Delight: Miss D. Hare 1, A. Smith 2, C. Woodhead 3, R. Stephens 4, Miss J. Ashton 5, M. Stephens (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss J. Ashton.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Richards (first quarter) 1, R. Perry 2, J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 3 W. Wills 4, R. Coles 5, W. Gibbins 6. A wedding compliment to John Pym.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 8th, 1,280 April Day Doubles: K. Knight (first quarter) 1, G. A. Packham 2, Stella M Wickens (cond.) 3, C. H. Wickens 4, F. F. Godsmark 5.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.—On April 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Orchard 1, Edith Sharp 2, S. Birch 3, A. Armstrong 4, C. Sharp (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam of Mrs. F. A. Konig.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Holmes 1, Mary Fuller 2, Keith Minter (first quarter) 3, A. S. Richards 4, John Cannell (cond.) 5, Michael Fuller 6.

WILBY, NORTHANTS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Watson 1, Miss D. Wykes 2, H. Wooding 3, J. E. Skerritt 4, R. C. Noon 5, G. Care (cond.) 6. In honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Partridge.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On April 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. C. Barrett (first quarter) 1, S. Haw 2, W. Jarvis 3, H. Piggins 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, W. Storey 6, F. Moyes 7, F. Wigmore (cond.) 8, W. Freeman 9, G. Duffield 10.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—At St. Paul's Church on April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. J. N. Rance 1, S. G. Day 2, J. White 3, A. Fleet 4, W. J. Brooks 5, A. J. N. Rance 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, L. D. Millard 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Winchester District

Freakish weather, consisting of sun, rain hail and snow, marked the Winchester District's quarterly meeting at Hursley on April 7th. The Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Holthouse) preached at the service.

The business meeting followed tea and was attended by a company of 50. The District chairman (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth) congratulated Mr. W. C. Lampard on completing 60 years as a ringer at Winchester Cathedral. Mr. C. McCudgeon was elected District auditor.

Ten new ringing members were elected, namely:—Mr. Peter N. Bond and Miss R. Phillips, of St. Maurice's, Winchester, Messrs. A. F. Fry, H. Street and L. Horne, of Kingsworthy, Mr. E. Long, of Preston Candover, the Misses A. Halford and D. Wild and Mr. C. Eades, of Hursley, and Miss P. Pittaway, of Winchester Cathedral. In addition, the Rev. K. C. Davis, of Hawley, and Mr. R. C. Spittle, of West Ewell, were elected compounding members, and 14 honorary members were also elected.

The meeting agreed to Mr. J. A. C. King's proposal to hold a monthly practice meeting between quarterly meetings. These meetings are to take the form of general practices during the afternoon and a specialised practice of an advanced method in the evening. The first two meetings will be held at Wonston and Twyford.

A letter was then read from Mr. W. Linter thanking the District towers for their contributions to the George Williams Memorial Fund, amounting to £12 15s. 6d.

MR. G. E. PIPE'S 100 PEALS

Mr. G. E. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, at the age of 15, completed his 100 peals on April 4th. These have been rung in 33 different towers, **all on tower bells**, and for five Guilds or Associations, with 115 different ringers:—

Minor.—Plain Bob 3 (cond. 1), Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 2..two methods 1, three methods 5 (1), four methods 3 (2), five methods 10 (6), six methods 8 (4), seven methods 4 (1), Cambridge Surprise 3, London Surprise 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 1, Plain Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 4 (2), Double Norwich 5, Kent Treble Bob 9 (1), Cambridge Surprise 6 (1), Superlative Surprise 6 (1). New Cambridge Surprise 1, Yorkshire Surprise 2, Lincolnshire Surprise 1, London Surprise 2, Bristol Surprise 2, Liverpool Surprise 1, Spliced 4, Surprise 1.

Caters.—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 1, Stedman 1.

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise 1, Kent Treble Bob 2 (1), Plain Bob 1.

Cinques.—Plain Bob 1, Stedman 1.

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 2, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Total 100; conducted 21.

5,040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By R. O. FRY

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53624	—	—	—	
63254	—		2	
35264	—		3	
52634	S		—	
62354	—		2	
23645	Repeat A.			
43526	—	—	—	
32546	—		3	B
24536	—		3	
35426	—		—	
25436	S		3	
45326	—		2	
23456	Repeat B.			

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LARGEST TOWN WITHOUT BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re the above, Clacton-on-Sea ('Ringing World,' April 13th, page 235) is suggested by Mr. F. Farrant. This is not correct as there is an unringable ring of five with a tenor (cracked) of approximately 8 cwt. at the Church of St. John, Great Clacton.

Great Clacton and Clacton-in-Sea are amalgamated under Clacton U.D.C., but for official purposes all is in the parish of Great Clacton. The population is about 24,000 to 25,000, so the claim does not stand that there is not a ring of bells in Clacton.—Yours faithfully, U. W. WILDNEY.

Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Clift's description of Redcliffe bells but think he is in error about No. 10; this is not of 1622 like the 11th, but by T. Bilbie, and dated 1763. Being interested in Bilbie's bells wherever they are, I should like it known that the foundry is represented by one of the heavy bells in so famous a ring as Redcliffe.

Mr. Price, of Yatton, will find a pre-Reformation bell (undated) at the neighbouring tower of Cheddar. It has the letter M five times repeated. It is the fifth of the ring and weighs 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. When the cannons were removed for rehanging, they were retained and may be seen in the ringing chamber. They weigh exactly 56 lb.—Yours faithfully,

Ebbw Vale, Mon. R. ALSOP.

METHOD NAMES

Dear Sir,—Some of the names given to methods in recent years call for comment. Change ringing has many times been spoken of as essentially an English art. I doubt if it is practised in Albania—a country which is not only hostile to Britain but, like all other Communist countries, is noted for its suppression of the Christian religion; why then 'Albanian Surprise'?

Another ridiculously-sounding name is 'Princess Marina Surprise,' rung a few years ago. And to many outside ringing circles, 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major' sounds equally a mouthful and raises many a query. The names of St. Anthony and St. Paulinus have many times been acclaimed as connected with bells and one would have thought by now someone would have chosen these for preference to some of the absurd names decided upon. After all we have St. Dunstan, St. Simon, St. Peter, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Giles, St. Miles, St. Blaise, St. Martin, St. Coumb, St. Vedast and others in use. What's wrong with St. Anthony and St. Paulinus? In addition there is St. Alphege, who followed St. Dunstan as Archbishop of Canterbury, a student and friend of the latter whose martyrdom deserves to be commemorated in this country probably more than it is.

There is a tendency to dedicate some of our modern churches to our early English saints (we have one in Northampton, built in 1937, dedicated to St. Alban) and it might be a good thing to have ringers and composers of new methods thinking on the same lines.

Weston Favell, Northants. P. AMOS.

LATE NOTICES

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — Meeting at Bratton, May 5th. Bells (6) 3. Service and tea. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8787

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Tidenham, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 2nd.—J. C. Gouiding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 8788

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DEATHS

BARNES.—On Thursday, April 19th, 1951, Clara Helen, the devoted and beloved wife of Alfred Barnes, passed away at her home, 3, Longford Road, Reddish, in her 87th year. Cremated at Stockport Crematorium, April 21st.

CLAYDON.—On April 14th, 1951, at his home, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Walter Claydon. Aged 65 years. 8769

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Joseph S. Hawkins, after May 1st, will be No. 1, Holborn Estate, Garrett Lane, S.W.17. 8759

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Broxbourne, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec. 8642

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Boyne Hill, Saturday, April 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (2s.). —Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8712

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — Annual meeting at St. Michael's, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m Meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 8732

BURES, SUFFOLK. — Dedication of new trebles on April 28th at 3. Names for tea must be sent to Leslie Mills, Colchester Road. 8477

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, April 28th, St. Luke's (8), Derby. Ringing 2.30 until 7.30. Own tea arrangements.—Maurice Bailey. 8747

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting, Littleport (8), April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 8574

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8746

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Meeting at Bramley and Wonersh, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 8744

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Feltham, 3—5.30 p.m.; Bedfont 6—8 p.m. on Saturday, April 28th. Cafes in Feltham.—G. Dodds, District Sec. 8749

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall, April 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 8770

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Ramsbottom, Saturday, April 28th. Bells from 3. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter. 8780

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Blaxhall (6), Ringing meeting, April 28th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 8725

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District) and OXFORD GUILD (Newbury Branch).—Combined meeting, Wolverton, April 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. John Chesterman, Sec. 8738

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, April 28th. Bells from 2.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 8735

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch — Special meeting, Preston, Saturday, May 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, not later than Monday previous, to Mr. F. Stevens, Preston, near Uppingham, Towers of Seaton, Glaston, Uppingham and Belton will also be open. Coach leaves Northampton 12.30 from Derngate (York Bros.) calling at Wellingborough and Kettering. Numbers wishing to travel must inform me by April 28th at latest.—Ronald C. Noon, Hon. Sec., Brafield, Northants. 8707

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Meeting at Sandon (5), Saturday, May 5th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Great Baddow (8) available 7 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8682

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Saltwood, May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8751

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Pulham St. Mary, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Pulham Market bells (8) also evening. Names, by April 30th, to Ernest Whiting, 25, Council Houses, Pulham St. Mary, Diss.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 8748

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by May 2nd, please.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 8741

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Semley, May 5th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by May 1st, to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 8719

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN RINGERS' RALLY.—Exeter, May 5th. Service. Cathedral, 3 p.m. Tea (2/-) at hall at bottom of South Street, 4.15. Tower open; Cathedral, 1.30—2.45, 6—8; Alphington from 5.30; Broadclyst 6—8; Heavitree 6—8.30; St. David's and St. Mark's 6—7; St. Thomas' 1.30—2.30 and 6—8. 8772

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Brislington (6), May 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify A. Bennett. 8771

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Festival of Britain Ringing on Saturday, May 5th:—Thames Ditton, Walton-on-Thames, Oatlands Park and Chertsey. All ringers welcome. Times next week.—F. E. Hawthorne. R. Lathbury. Dis. Secs. 8776

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Goostrey (6), May 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided at 5.15. Names, by May 2nd, to R. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 8786

HUDDERSFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Minfield (10), May 5th. Bells 2. Cups of tea provided, bring own sandwiches. Business meeting. Six-bell ringers welcome. 8758

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting at Lyonshall, Saturday, May 5th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, to those who notify me by Tuesday, May 1st. —J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 8763

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Mathon, on Saturday May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than May 2nd, to H. K. Hill, The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 8756

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Accrington, on May 5th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Six bells. Meeting at 6 p.m. Special methods: London and Cambridge. Tea 1s. each. Names for tea by May 4th to Mr. Leigh, Newstead, Willows Lane, Accrington.—Charles W. Blakey. 8779

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Scorton, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8), recently rehung, at 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, near Garstang. Buses to Hamilton Arms. Preston and Fylde Branches kindly note.—John Woods. Sec. 8785

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Hallaton, May 5th. Bells (6) 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Outing fare to be paid by then.—L. W. Allen. 8773

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrowby (6), May 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Monday, April 30th. Don't leave me to guess who requires tea, please post me a card.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 8774

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Leek, Saturday, May 5th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell. Hon. Sec. 8761

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Shenley, Saturday, May 5th. Bell (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 8766

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Wargrave (8) on Saturday, May 5th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 8757

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Whiston, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham. —J. E. Turley. 8765

SOUTH OF ENGLAND RALLY.—May 5th. Ringing: Christchurch Priory 11 a.m.—1 p.m.; 2.30 p.m.—5 p.m.; St. John's (Surrey Road) 2 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. A few tickets still available at 10s.—A. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 8778

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, Holbrook, Stutton, Harkstead, May 5th. Meet Holbrook 2.45. Tea, King's Head, Stutton, 5. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. 78926. 8775

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting on May 12th at Haveringatte-Bower (6) 3 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Tea at Havering. Romford (8) from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners. Rounds upwards.—F. V. Gant. 8764

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley (6), Saturday, May 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 9th, to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.—P. A. Martin. Dis. Sec. 8777

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH. — Annual Ringers' Service, May 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Will all requiring tea please notify by May 8th?—W. A. Prescott, Oakleigh, Timsbury, near Bath. Tel. Timsbury 87. 8768

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Welton, May 12th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, May 5th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 8767

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival at Leominster on Whit-Monday, May 14th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, general meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Leominster (10), Eye (6), Kimbolton (6) and Kingsland (6).—Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 8737

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit-Monday, May 14th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 3s., non-resident members and non-members, 4s. 0d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 to 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available:—Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 to 9 p.m.; the following are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Baddow (5), Sandon (5). Applications for lunch and tea tickets to the Hon. Gen. Secretary not later than May 4th, to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden. 8742

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Kettering, Whit Monday, May 14th. Committee will meet 2 p.m. in vestry of Parish Church. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea must reach me by May 5th. A grant towards cost of tea to members under 16. This must be stated when applying for tickets Towers available:—Desborough, Isham and Geddington 11—1; Rothwell and Burton Latimer 1—2.30; Kettering 1.30 onwards. After meeting, Kettering, Barton Seagrave, Warkton, Weekley, Rothwell and Burton Latimer. Please make every effort to attend.—Ronald C. Noon, Hon. Sec., Brafield, Northants. 8708

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at St. George's, Stockport, Saturday, May 19th. Service at 3 p.m., accompanied by the Norbury Handbell Ringers; preacher, the Rev. Wilfrid Garlick. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tickets for tea obtainable from branch secretaries, who are requested to forward numbers sold to Mr. J. Barker, 34, Hillcrest Road, Offerton, Stockport, not later than Tuesday, May 15th. Towers of Stockport St. Mary, Norbury, Cheadle and Bredbury available 1.30—3 and from 7 p.m.—J. Kingdon, Hon Sec. 8760

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster, May 19th. St. George's bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Arksey bells (8) also available 2.30—3.30 and after meeting, if required. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) in schools at 5 p.m. only to those who notify Mr. E. Dalingwater, 27, Hexthorpe Road, Doncaster, by May 17th. Meeting, same premises, immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 8783

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — Preliminary Notice.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th, with a meeting of the N.W. Essex Association. Lunch and tea. Book this date and make it a great day. Details later.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec., 23, Highfields. 8762

LADIES' GUILD. — Preliminary Notice. —The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, July 14th. Fuller details later.—E. K. Fletcher, Acting Sec. 8782

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The commemoration dinner to the late Jasper W. Snowdon and past officers of the Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 29th, 1951. Will members and intending visitors please reserve the date? Full details later.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 8784

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