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THE RINGER'S WIFE

By MADELINE M. CROFT

THERE is abroad in ringing circles a tale that during the wartime ban a young lady married a ringer, quite unaware of what this was to mean. She was considerably shaken when some years later he said, 'I'm just going up to the church for a ring,' and came back some three hours later, having rung a peal. This article is really in the nature of a timely warning to such young ladies, but ringers' wives in general may take heart from having their grievances aired, and, who knows?—ringers may further appreciate their wives.

In the first place, a ringer's wife should know something about ringing—the young lady is subsequently said to have remedied her defect in this direction. She should not aim to be an accomplished or even a practical ringer because, after some years, she will find that it is much more appreciated if she stays at home, minds the children, and has a meal ready for the peal band, than if she shared with them the thrills and intricacies of, say, London. The ideal wife should be able to step in in an emergency and hunt the treble, and when the peal attempt breaks down, bear with feminine fortitude the assembled sympathy when she knows perfectly well that it was really old So-and-So who was hopelessly lost after he missed his 5–6–5.

That is, however, for the ideal wife, but even for the common or garden wife, who stays at home to prepare the tea, a knowledge of bobs, singles, hunt-bells and whole-turns, etc., is desirable, and she should not be frightened by any lack of depth in her knowledge. After all, it is probably no more superficial than that of some of the ringers who eat at her table, and burble about in-and-out of course and false course-ends. In any case, she will find that if she knows something of the talk that is bandied about it will prevent her making worrying comparisons between the length of ringers' thirsts and the size of the tea ration, and it will also bring her to the comforting realisation that even if her long harboured tin of Grade I. salmon doesn't seem to be running to large helpings, her visitors are quite content to feed cannibalistically on Grandsire and its musical merits. The lady's reward for providing the meal will probably be some help with the washing up, but she should remember that ringing talk will be continued, and that in an argument on the qualities of spliced, there can be many a slip between washer and drier.

Although on an average the ringer's wife will not have his company on two nights out of the seven, and will probably see very little of him at the week-end, she will at other times have the pleasure of hearing him talk of his ringing experiences, and it is amazing how on these occasions the most even tempered of bells can acquire a Beverley-tenor temperament. She may, however, be disappointed if she expects him to move heavy furniture in the spring cleaning, as one well-known ringer's wife commented when her husband remarked on the weight of her attache case, 'A three-ton bell, yes, but a suitcase——!'

From the beginning, it is as well to remember that Friday is a very special day. On Friday evenings the ringer, if he is at home, will consume 'The Ringing World,' and make idle, irritating and probably envious speculation on the number of peals Whatshisname has rung or will ring this year. One bride actually inherited a complete set of thirty-three volumes of 'The Bell News,' so any night was liable to be a Friday night, *and* she had to dust them!

When the ringer's wife has done all this, and more, she is expected to make the final sacrifice—her good name. When her husband, due to pressure of work, or something of the sort, abandons ringing for a time, she must, with equanimity, hear it reported back to her that at some gathering one ringer said to another, 'Old Blankety-blank doesn't ring much these days—I expect it's his wife.'

ESSEX IN 1951

Essex has 865 ringing members, an increase of 33 during the past year. What is equally encouraging is that it has 163 honorary members, compared with 120 a year ago. In these days the support of honorary members is most essential, and while the Essex Association ended the year with a balance of £220 18s., it is stimulating to ringers to have behind them the support of lovers of bells.

This friendship with the general public is essential in the maintenance of bells. Restoration work during 1951 was substantial in Essex and the Association voted the sum of £110 for this purpose, compared with an income of £46 to the Restoration Fund. Work has been done at the following towers: Kelvedon, where the Festival of Britain bell replaces a Miles Grey tenor; new trebles at Bures; Nazeing, an additional treble, the gift of the Mercers' Company; Goldhanger, a new frame, bells retuned and a new tenor added; All Saints', Maldon; Great Totham. Other work is contemplated.

FIVE PEALS IN A DAY

ALL ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15th, 1952, AT LLANFIHANGEL RHYDITHON, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
In 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

REGINALD T. JONES ..	..*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	4
MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
JOHN D. ROCK	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

In 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Treble*	*MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	4
AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	2	JOHN D. ROCK	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	*REGINALD T. JONES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 25th peal together.

In 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	5
REGINALD T. JONES	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

In 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES ..	4
WILFRID F. MORETON ..	2	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	5
*MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	3	JOHN D. ROCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 25th peal together.

In 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.

*JOHN D. ROCK	*Treble*	*LESLIE EVANS	4
MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	2	REGINALD T. JONES ..	5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 100th peal together.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ..	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ..	8
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT..	3	*JOHN LLOYD	9
JOHN THOMAS	4	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ..	10
MRS. J. THOMAS	5	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	11
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	6	E. TREVOR NEWBURY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5160 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	THOMAS HORRIDGE	6
THOMAS HAMMOND ..	2	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ..	7
MARGARET E. RIDYARD ..	3	THOMAS HESKETH	8
*CHARLES BLACKBURN ..	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
RONALD KENRICK	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (119). Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt.

*MRS. A. R. TURLEY ..	*Treble*	†JOHN B. SANSOM	6
MRS. N. MANCHIP	2	FREDERICK G. BALDWIN	7
†MISS M. A. PROCKSON ..	3	†ALBERT R. G. TWINN ..	8
MISS D. R. FLETCHER ..	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
HERBERT W. IMPEY ..	5	WILLIAM H. COLES.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. COLES.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Royal as conductor. Rung to the glory of God, and to mark the dedication of a memorial to Joseph John Pratt in this tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

COLE ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

WALTER G. SOAR	*Treble*	*JACK BAILEY	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	3	*HAROLD TAYLOR	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* 25th peal together. 50th peal for ringer of the 3rd. The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on the bells.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E

*MARGARET TAYLOR ..	*Treble*	†MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN ..	5
WILLIAM F. J. COPE ..	2	WALTER J. COPE	6
*DAVID G. THORNE.. ..	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
WALTER STARR	4	LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. G. Ford, late churchwarden.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Tues., April 15, 1952, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 PONTEFRACT DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

JAMES LEWIS	*Treble*	JAMES EDGAR	5
JEAN STEWART	2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ..	6
WILLIAM PRATT	3	JOHN J. FIELDING	7
FRED E. DUKES	4	HARRY BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
First peal in the method by all the band. Believed to be the first peal of Major ever rung in the method. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's Accession.

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BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

*HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	*JOHN PINFOLD	5
*MURIEL REAY	2	*TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Warwickshire Major. First peal of Warwickshire Major for the Guild.

SKETTY, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 17, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH	*Treble*	EDWARD PHILLIPS	5
J. ARTHUR HOARE	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
EDMUND MORRIS	4	TREVOR M. RODERICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., April 17, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM H. HOWE	*Treble*	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	BRIAN PIDGEON	6
*FRANK WILLS	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
CYRIL C. DEEM	4	NORMAN MALLETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal of Major. Rung for the Easter Festival.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
H. W. Wilde's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK CULLUM	*Treble*	FRANK WALKER	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
GEORGE BUTCHER	3	RALPH BIRD	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	THOMAS W. BLEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
G. Butcher has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 25¼ cwt.

MARGARET E. RIDYARD	*Treble*	ARTHUR HATCH	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	RONALD KENRICK	6
THOMAS HORRIDGE	3	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	7
JACK ASHCROFT	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

BOLDMERE, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
*JOHN MCDONALD	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ANTHONY AGER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal 'inside.'

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*MARY FULLER	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	*JOHN E. CANNELL	6
*DORIS E. COLGATE	3	*RICHARD E. PRICE	7
*ROBERT COLLINS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY W. HOWARD	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
HAROLD WORRALL	2	CECIL RADDON	6
KENNETH EDWARDS	3	RALPH TAYLOR	7
*CLIFFORD W. SHAW	4	HENRY PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
* First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	WALTER G. SOAR	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	*GORDON H. LANE	6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	REGINALD H. DRANE	5
HERBERT C. BOGGIS	2	LIONEL A. LESTER	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
*FREDERICK J. ROOPE	4	RUSSELL W. CURSON	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* 250th peal for the Norwich Association.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*DOUGLAS ELWICK	*Treble*	‡HAROLD SPENCER	5
*HAROLD PARKER	2	*HUBERT WATERS	6
WILLIAM A. BRECKON	3	†SIDNEY R. ELWICK	7
†HARRY SHORT	4	BERT SUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BERT SUTTON.
* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major. ‡ First of Plain Bob Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor. A wedding compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, married at Filey the previous Saturday.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
J. Carter's 8,064 of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

*FRANK W. TOMLIN	*Treble*	E. S. JOHN HATCHER	5
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
PETER C. WRIGHT	3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	7
WILLIAM R. MANSER	4	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Spliced by all.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composer unknown. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen. First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Chas. W. R. Grimwood	*Treble*	*Rex J. Corke	5
Alfred H. Pulling	2	Ronald J. C. Hagley	6
William T. Beeson	3	Colin A. Hopper	7
Edward J. Bragg	4	Frederick A. Munday	*Tenor*

Composed by James Hunt. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the 26th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 5, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Alfred W. Glazzard	*Treble*	Gerald L. Bowen	4
Reginald Rowley	2	Alfred C. Boxley	5
John H. Pagett	3	John H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Pagett.
Alfred Glazzard has now 'completed the circle.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Master John A. Pagett.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and forty six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

E. Peter Rock	*Treble*	Dorothy Hughes	4
*Harold White	2	Leslie Evans	5
John D. Rock	3	Sidney Daniels	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Evans.
* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the Easter Festival.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 33 methods: (1) Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone and Wilmslow Delight. (2) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay and Balmoral Delight. (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight. (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight. (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob. (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight. (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

James A. Milner	*Treble*	Sidney Hough, jun...	4
Eric Simpson	2	Alexander Richardson	5
Edward Holdsworth	3	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
First peal in 33 methods by all except the treble ringer. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Wendy Sage, of Wilmslow. Also to mark the retirement after 25 years' service in the Cheshire Constabulary of Mr. Sidney Hough, jun.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Joan Smith	*Treble*	†George Challans	4
*John Ketteringham	2	Douglas H. Rooke	5
Sam Scattergood	3	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary Magdalene and Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	John W. Meade	4
†W. Leslie Weller	2	Ernest Treagus	5
Norman J. Smith	3	Harold F. Wood	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Treagus.
* 400th peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Arranged to welcome the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. G. Hooper, to Midhurst.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Gordon Whewell	*Treble*	Derek Sanderson	4
Kenneth Hartley	2	Brian H. Wood	5
Norman Smith	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

*†Ronald W. Steward	*Treble*	‡R. Roger Savory	4
Robert E. Lester	2	†Max P. Page	5
George Waterman	3	Garnham A. Blaxcell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Max P. Page.
* 100th peal of Minor and also 150th peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in seven methods. Rung in memoriam to the late Shelford Sparrow, of Stowmarket.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*Alec G. Isaacson	*Treble*	†Derek Preece	4
†David W. Barr	2	*Michael W. Fairey	5
Clive M. Smith	3	‡Bryan E. Carson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' and in the method. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung for the Easter Festival, and also as a 19th birthday compliment to J. N. F. Fairey, brother of the ringer of the 5th.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's of Plain Bob and four 720's of Kent Treble Bob on the front six. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in E flat.

*Antony G. R. Appleton	*Treble*	Harry Blackburn	4
William O. Farrimond	2	James Grounds	5
Ronald Pockington	3	Charles Blackburn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Blackburn.
* First peal on six bells. First peal in two methods as conductor.

ARRETON, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

William Upton	*Treble*	*Peter N. Bond	4
John H. Hunt	2	John W. Meade	5
Norman J. Smith	3	Frederick W. Burnett	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

BROUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*James Hodgson	*Treble*	†J. Richard Jenkinson	4
John E. Briggs	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
John Jolleys	3	Frank Stead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

CHILDSWYCKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NURDEN	*Treble*	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	4
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	CYRIL TANSELL	5
JOHN THOMAS	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. J. Turner, who is going to North Cerney.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	ERIC SUTTON	4
WILFRED F. WEBB	2	ALBERT M. TYLER	5
†REGINALD G. HOOPER	3	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods of Minor. Rung as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Donovan, of Knowle.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LESLIE BARRY	*Treble*	DOREEN EDWARDS	4
DORIS H. SHEPPARD	2	ALFRED LYNALL	5
†JOHANNA BARBROOK	3	RONALD COX	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* 250th peal. † First peal of Grandsire:

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

WILLIAM F. TODD	*Treble*	JOHN CHURCH	4
PETER W. CROFT	2	WILLIAM J. CROFT	5
GEORGE CHERRY	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. L. Bonsey, who are leaving Great Wymondley, also a 14th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of St. Bartholomew, Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and one 240 of Morris's Arrangement. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY WAND	*Treble*	J. HARRY COOK	3
ERNEST MORRIS	2	REGINALD SCOTT	4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PETER MASON	*Treble*	BERTIE BEE	4
*FRED INGALL	2	MOSES BILLINGS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	†LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal for the Guild and first of Surprise as conductor. Rung for the Queen's birthday.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in B.

*JEAN POWELL	*Treble*	*DILLYS HULBERT	4
*BRYNLEY J. PARRY	2	DONALD G. CLARKE	5
DAVID S. VOSS	3	*A. RYAN PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Miss Jacqueline S. Evans on being elected Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

PILTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCIVAL H. HULL	*Treble*	STANLEY G. ATWELL	4
ALBERT T. HARRIS	2	*EDWARD LAMBERT	5
*BERTRAM HIGGINS	3	*RONALD TALBOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL H. HULL.

* First peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court and Double Court, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DALE	4
D. HENRY METTAM	2	*FREDERICK S. PARSONS	5
JAMES H. MUSSON	3	DENIS A. FRITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal in five methods. First peal of Minor as conductor, who has now 'circled' this tower.

SUTTON COURTENAY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Six different 240's and two 120's twice repeated. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN GREENWOOD	*Treble*	*ARTHUR HANKS	4
WALTER WEBB	2	*RICHARD BROAD	5
GEORGE ALLUM	3	*CYRIL JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD BROAD.

* First peal. A compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who has completed 50 years as a chorister. First peal on the bells by Sunday service ringers for over 25 years.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON	*Treble*	ALBERT H. BENNETT	4
JOHN P. MORRIS	2	JOHN G. AMES	5
FRANK TAYLOR	3	CYRIL WANDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Sat., April 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*SAMUEL COOK	*Treble*	†HAROLD V. COOPER	4
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	5
*BRIAN R. SUTTON	3	*THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HANDLEY.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. † 100th peal for the Association. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Brian R. Sutton.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	4
*FRANK C. ARNOLD	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	5
†FRANK C. PHILLIPPO	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven Minor methods as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to J. R. Rout and Miss V. Calver.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

*FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4
HAROLD KILBY	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
CECIL E. CARR	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

* 100th peal. First in the method by all the band and on the bells. Specially arranged and rung in honour of Queen Elizabeth's 26th birthday. Also to mark the retirement of both churchwardens of this Church, Mr. B. G. Greenhough, 18 years' warden service, and Mr. W. J. T. Pollard, 25 years' warden service.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire, eight of St. Dunstan's and six 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED LYNALL	*Treble*	TREVOR PRITCHARD	4
DORIS H. SHEPPARD	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
*BETTY NATION	3	DOREEN EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, C.C.C., Nos. 51, 49, 50, 34, 37, 28, 29.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*ALAN C. COZENS	*Treble*	†KENNETH D. PERKINS	4
*ANTHONY J. BAKER	2	IVOR J. DICKIN	5
WALTER MAWBY	3	ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*EDWARD B. SMITH	*Treble*	RONALD G. BUGG	4
GEORGE WATERMAN	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
R. ROGER SAVORY	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal of Minor.

WHILTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MICHAEL F. AMOS	*Treble*	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	4
MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	2	RONALD C. NOON	5
†ROY C. SPRING	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

HANDBELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 9, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Frederick E. Wilshaw	1—2	Michael Slaney	5—6
Frederick Wm. Grocott	3—4	*Eric Nixon	7—8

Composed by W. P. Whitehead. Conducted by Fredk. Wm. Grocott.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Double Bob, (2 and 3) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob (4 and 5), Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Frederick E. Wilshaw	1—2	Frederick Wm. Grocott	3—4
		Michael Slaney	5—6

Non-Conducted.
First non-conducted handbell peal for the Association.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., April 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Transposition.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	1—2	Daniel T. Matkin	5—6
Clement Glenn	3—4	William G. Young	7—8

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Frederick E. Wilshaw	1—2	*Michael Slaney	5—6
*Frederick Wm. Grocott	3—4	*Eric Nixon	7—8

Conducted by Frederick Wm. Grocott.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' Also first peal 'in hand for the Association.

MONTMORENCY, VICTORIA.
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, MELBOURNE,
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At Ratray Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

*Christopher Billington	1—2	Philip M. J. Gray ..	5—6
Joan Gray	3—4	†John B. Willis	7—8

Composer unknown. Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
* First peal 'in hand' away from the tenors. † First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

Brian Buswell	1—2	Daniel T. Matkin	5—6
Clement Glenn	3—4	Albert H. Ward	7—8

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Joan Bussey	1—2	B. Enid Lloyd Roberts	3—4
		Jack R. Worrall	5—6

Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Gardiner on the birth of a daughter.

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Congratulations will be extended to the octogenarian band who rang their peal of Plain Bob Major last Saturday at St. John's, Deptford. Mr. Frank Bennett conducted. This is the first time a peal has been scored by a band all of whom were over 80 years of age.

BELFRY GOSSIP

No discourtesy to the Middlesex Association was intended by the visitors who, on April 19th, rang a peal at Enfield for the Kent County Association, but there were insufficient Middlesex members in the band to elect the remainder in accordance with the rules.

Mr. Leslie Barry has now called a peal from each bell at Cromhall, Glos.

The new secretary of the Bedfordshire Association is Mr. J. M. Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford.

Mr. Peter N. Bond has accepted a teaching post at the Rosemary Academy for Boys, Lincoln, as from September 1st.

Mr. A. E. Rowley informs us that the peal at Ibstock on March 21st (page 244) should read: '720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

The 50th anniversary of the dedication of Bridlington Priory bells will be marked by ringing from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and a service taken by the president of the Yorkshire Association (the Ven. C. O. Ellison).

The peal at Midhurst on April 15th to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. R. G. G. Hooper, was the first peal on the bells since February 22nd, 1905. The band appreciate the co-operation from the local ringers for the part they played in making the peal possible and for their kind hospitality.

Branston, Lincs, has lost one of the old originals of its band by the death of Mr. Joseph Canham, aged 82. For over 40 years he had rung at this tower and there is now only one survivor of the first band. On the day of his funeral, April 21st, a quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung.

The officers of the Cambridge University Guild for the following year are:—Master, P. A. F. Chalk, Selwyn College; secretary, F. E. Roberts, Selwyn College.

Railwaymen are attempting a peal at Tunbridge Wells to-morrow.

The peal at Witham on April 5th was 5,056 Plain Bob Major, not 5,024 as published.

The Ladies' Guild are already planning their 40th anniversary of the Guild's foundation by a celebration dinner at Leicester on October 25th. A company of 150 is expected.

Mr. Bernard J. Saddington, an esteemed member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, died on April 15th, aged 61. An appreciation of his services will appear in our next issue.

The bells (8) of St. Nicholas', Newport, Shropshire, will shortly be in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. The second and sixth are to be recast and ball bearings are to replace the present plain bearing. The cost will be about £500.

The quarter peal at Castor, near Peterborough, recorded this week is the first by a local band. Until recently this six had not been rung regularly but a middle-aged band have learnt to ring in the last three years and the quarter peal denotes their progress.

A full programme has been planned for the South of England Ringers' Rally and George Williams Commemoration Dinner at Bournemouth to-morrow. Mr. A. A. Hughes has promised to speak to the memory of George Williams.

Two peals were rung on Easter Monday by a band of Lancashire ringers. After the first, at Miles Platting, Manchester, Mr. Charles Clegg felt unwell. The band extend their thanks to Mr. Ronald M. Edwards, who at a moment's notice deputised for him at Ashton-under Lyne.

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The second session of the 26th Council (55th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesdal. June 3rd, 1952, in the Chapter House, Lincoln Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter at 11 o'clock.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 o'clock and the afternoon session will commence at 2.15 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 14).

1. Election of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for 1952-54 in place of Mr. G. W. Fletcher.
   The Rev K. W. H. Felstead, proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, on behalf of the Selection Committee, supported by 24 members of the Standing Committee.
   Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.
2. Election of Honorary Members. The following member retires and is eligible for re-election:—Mr. W. Rowe. There are four vacancies.
3. Election of Life Members.
   Nominations:—
   Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.
   Miss M. E. Snowdon, proposed by Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.
4. Loss of members through death.
5. Minutes of the last meeting.
6. Report of Hon. Librarian.
7. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December. 1951.
8. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine
9. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—
   To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports
   To alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable.
   (a) Standing Committee.
   (b) Peal Collection.
   (c) Methods Committee.
   (d) Peal Analysis.
   (e) Record Committee.
   (f) Towers and Belfries.
   (g) Literature Press and Broadcasting.
   (h) Peal Boards.
   (i) Biographies.
   (k) 'The Ringing World.'

MOTION

10. The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, as represented by its General Committee, views with apprehension the possibility of the enforcement of the Central Council rule, requiring all methods rung in peals to have Plain Bob lead ends, and requests the Council to preserve the status quo and to re-examine the whole question of irregular methods in the light of present day knowledge and practice.
    Proposed by Mr. A. E. Lock.
    Seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.
11. To fix the place of next meeting.
12. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.
The White House, Caister-on-Sea,
Great Yarmouth

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Northern District's Annual Meeting

Over 100 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Northern District at St. Crmgall's, Bangor, on Easter Monday, including Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Darmon, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dukes and Mr. W. Lynch from the Eastern District.

Seven teams competed for the Cunningham Cup, the standard of ringing being very high and a great improvement on last year. Mr. W. Pratt (president) and the Rev. John Barry were the judges and their placings were:—St. Thomas's, Belfast, 82 per cent.; St. Crmgall's, Bangor, 80; St. Donard's, Belfast (holders), 78; St. Malachi's, Hillsborough, 58; St. Columb's, Londonderry, 52; St. Bermach's, Rostern, 46; St. Patrick's, Coleraine, 44.

After lunch the bells were rung to various methods until the meeting, presided over by Canon Good owing to the illness of the District chairman, Mr. W. Rogers.

Reports indicated that the District was in a very strong position both as regards ringing and finances. The Festival year had been a remarkable one.

Officers elected were:—Vice-president and District chairman, Rev. John Barry (Hillsborough); Ringing Master, Mr. H. Brown (Holywood); District secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody (Holywood); assistant secretary, Miss Jean Stewart (St. Donard's); treasurer, Mr. Jack Campbell (Londonderry); Central Committee, Miss Young (Carrickfergus) and Mr. F. Burrows (St. Thomas'). The next annual meeting will be at Enniskillen.

The attendance shield was presented to St. Donard's, who won it jointly with Ballymorden, Co. Cork, with a 100 per cent. record. Votes of thanks were passed to local ringers, particularly Mr. McBride (steeplekeeper) and Miss Cowley (secretary). Ringing after the meeting included touches of Cambridge Surprise, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Pontefract Delight Major, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Oswald Delight with some call-changes.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday was well attended, all parts of the Diocese being represented. Visitors came from Boston, Spalding, Swineshead and Bicker (Lincolnshire), Coventry, Leicester, Tempsford (Bedfordshire) and Sunningdale (Berkshire)

Ringing commenced at 10.30 at St. Ives where the open shops and busy market stalls occasioned some surprise.

During the afternoon the bells of the two Huntingdon towers were kept going until the service at 3.30 held at St. Mary's, conducted by the Vicar with Brian Warwick, of Leicester, at the organ.

Tea was served in All Saints' Church Hall, the business meeting following with Mr. E. G. Hibbins in the chair. Officers were elected as follows:—General secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. W. Cousins; auditor Mr. T. R. Dennis; peal secretary, Mr. E. G. Hibbins; Diocesan committee—Messrs. F. Warrington, F. Newman, C. Cousins, C. Butter, R. Brooker, G. Walker, J. Gipson and C. Hurst.

The financial problem of renewing supplies of the Association's badge was discussed and it was decided to circularise the towers in the Diocese to ascertain the likely demand, before ordering a new stock. Cambridge was chosen as the place for the annual general meeting next year.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. H. S. Peacock and his helpers for making the arrangements and providing tea, and Mr. E. Barker welcomed the visitors, Mr. W. Clarke, of Boston, responding.

During the evening Godmanchester bells, which are shortly to be rehung, were available, in addition to the Huntingdon towers.

FIVE PEALS IN A DAY

Hereford Band's Unique Achievement

AT 4 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15th, a party of four, one of whom had already travelled 12 miles by motor-cycle, left Hereford by car.

The roads were deserted and the 35-mile journey to the little Welsh village of Llanfihangel Rhydithon was made without mishap, though not a few rabbits had narrow escapes; here we met the remaindeer of the band who had travelled by motor-cycle from Eardisland.

The Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels is on a slight rise, well clear of the one or two houses which form the centre of the village.

The back five of the ring are by Mears and Stainbank, and Gillett and Johnston added a treble in 1936. In 1937 a peal of Doubles and in 1938 a peal of Minor were rung here, both these peals being rung for the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

It would be hard to find a more suitable tower for peal-ringing and it was this fact which made the band decide to attempt all five peals here rather than go to five different places.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. Fowler, who is a ringer, had very kindly pulled the bells up the day before. After adjusting ropes the first peal was started at 5.35 a.m. and came round at about 8 o'clock.

We walked to the Vicarage and enjoyed a quick breakfast before returning to the belfry to start again at 8.45. In the second 720, after about 500 changes, there was a slight hesitancy; an over-eager ringer sent his dodging partner down the wrong way and 'Stand' was called. Thirty-five minutes wasted! A fresh start was made and after half a lead 'Stand' was called again . . . . this would never do! Eventually we did get off all right and came round at 11.40. Here followed a short break during which methylated spirits and meat pies were in great demand and a drop of oil was put on the bells.

We started for the third which came round without a hitch at 2.15 p.m. We dashed off by car to a lunch of bacon and eggs at a cafe about a mile away and were very surprised when we received a telephone call from a Llandrindod Wells newspaper. We promised to ring them up later in the day if we succeeded in all our attempts.

The afternoon peal was rung and tea at the Vicarage was appreciated by all. The Vicar was very pleased with the ringing and when someone asked him what he would think of five peals every day for a month he said he would only be happy if we continued for 12 months! We bade goodbye to the Vicar and his niece, without whom we should have been unable to make the attempts.

The oil lamp had to be lit for the last attempt which began at 6.40 and came round at 9 o'clock, just in time for some small refreshment before the journey home.

A memorable day!

5,040 Surprise Royal

(a) 23456	M	W	H	(b) 23456	M	W	H
42356			—	42356			—
61254	—		—	35426		—	—
56234		—		46253	—	—	2
32465	—	—	3	52364	—	—	3
63425		—		32465	—		3
24536	—	—	3	54263	—		—
25346		—	2	65243		—	
23456		—	2	23456	—	—	2

(a) Used for Wallington Surprise Royal (Corrigan Collection 623), rung at Beddington, Surrey, on January 5th, 1952.

(b) Used for Southover Surprise Royal (Corrigan Collection 596), rung at Southover, Lewes, Sussex, on April 5th, 1952.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Subscription to Remain at 1s. 6d.—

Mr. J. T. Dyke Retiring

EASTER Monday saw some 150 members at Minehead for the annual meeting of the Association, where the proceedings started with a service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Master, the Rev. Prebendary A. J. Hook. A very helpful address was given by the Rev. F. M. Etherington. Lunch was followed by the business meeting.

In his report, the Master stated that he was unable to give the numerical strength of the Association as all details had not yet come to hand, but everything pointed to the fact that the Association was very much alive. A great deal of teaching was going on, and throughout the Diocese there was constant evidence of the increased care of the bells. Much of this was due to the charm and tact of ringers. Talking of charm and tact, he said that there was one way in which those pleasant virtues might be more fully exercised for the happiness of all. As in all societies, ringers occasionally disagreed over matters of principle or detail. That was natural and human. But sometimes such disagreement led to personal animosity (it appeared occasionally in letters to 'The Ringing World') and that was wholly bad because it was unchristian and a breach of charity. Of course they must differ, but let them agree to differ, and not get cross or personal about it. Besides, the other man was not **always** wrong.

Bells were primarily for the glory of God and to call people to worship. It was an axiom that they should be rung as well as possible. Hence the Exercise. Peal ringing was for the good of the Exercise, but even so, the glory of God should not be forgotten. Two things came into his mind in that connection:—

(i) It did not seem right that peals should be rung in Lent and Passiontide. He did not think that any had been rung by their Association but many were rung in other parts of the country. It looked as if ringers, who were, after all, churchworkers, were discarding the discipline of the Church for the modern world practice of treating Lent as if it did not exist.

(ii) Ringers rang peals because it was good for the Exercise, and because they liked ringing them, or because there was a national occasion of importance. But the present fashion of appending the note 'Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother-in-law of Mr. X' did not seem very dignified.

In some branches Corporate Communions for ringers were regularly held and he hoped that other branches would start the practice. He concluded by congratulating Evercreech and Queen Camel on their broadcasts.

REPORT EVERY THREE YEARS

Mr. J. T. Dyke, general secretary, then followed with his report, which he commenced with a reference to the financial state of the Association. He showed that investments stood at the face value of £171 1s. and that, including a credit just handed to him, there was £294 11s. 10d. in hand. At this juncture he pointed out that had the Association printed a report each year those assets would have disappeared and next year they would have been heading for insolvency. He promised to get into the printers' hands during May a report to cover the last four years. He made it clear that the Association could not afford a report even every other year, but that it could have one every third year, with a leaflet containing Master's and secretary's reports and a statement of accounts at the annual meeting in the intervening years. He felt that it would be the greatest mistake to increase the subscription from 1s. 6d.

Some discussion followed relative to other means of increasing income and it was left to the committee to discuss and recommend to the next general meeting.

The secretary also reported that following his efforts of some years ago the County Library had now added to its shelves both 'Ropesight' and 'Standard Methods.' He also made a plea for increased support of 'The Ringing World.'

Miss Williams then gave a short report regarding the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Chester. She was followed by Mr. W. A. Osborn, who reported concerning the 14 towers where he had given advice during the year. An interesting item was the recasting of an old bell, but the preservation of the band of metal showing the founder's marks. In his usual inimitable manner, he gave advice concerning frame, bell and rope preservation.

Two recommendations of the committee were approved. They were to increase the grant to Central Council representatives to £20, and to transfer £10 to the Belfries Repair Fund.

The existing officers were re-elected, and some discussion took place concerning the office of secretary, as Mr. Dyke had expressed his intention to resign next Easter Monday. It was left to the committee to discuss and report to the general meeting their recommendations regarding his successor and to split up the work of the general secretary by appointing a separate treasurer and an assistant or peal secretary.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents of the churches where the bells had been made available to the members, to the Rev. F. M. Etherington and to the organist.

OUTINGS

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY

On April 7th the University of Bristol Society held their usual pre-summer term outing in which ten members participated, accompanied by Miss Joan Bussey, of Gloucester, and Brian Bladon of Swindon.

Towers visited were Winterbourne (6), Iron Acton (6), Cromhall (6), North Nibley (6), Dursley (8), Wotton-under-Edge (8) and Chipping Sodbury (6). Everything went strangely according to plan, all buses turned up at their appointed times (!) and everybody voted it a most enjoyable day's ringing

THAKENHAM, SUSSEX

An enjoyable day in Hampshire was spent on Easter Monday by Thakenham ringers accompanied by friends from Storrington, Washington, Itchingfield and Amberley. Towers visited were Steep (6), West Meon (8), East Meon (8), Swanmore (6) and Catherington (6). The standard of ringing was exceptionally good throughout the day and methods rung included Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent Minor and Stedman Doubles. The tower secretary, Mr. Farhall, arranged the outing and acted as Ringing Master and the company wish to express to him their sincere thanks.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS' FESTIVAL

Held At Isolated Tower

THE decision of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers to hold its annual festival at Combe Martin was a very courageous one indeed. Influenced, no doubt, by the change in date from Whit Monday to Easter Monday, attendances at this event have been falling, whilst Combe Martin is the most isolated tower in the Guild, being at least 35 miles from the nearest method-ringing band. In the event, however, the infectious optimism of the local ringers proved to be more than justified, as nearly 150 members and friends were present at the festival as against 60 last year.

The programme of the Devon Guild's 'annual' is unlike that of most of the other territorial associations. Partly owing to the long distances which most members have to travel—this year, for instance, the Plymouth contingent must have had to cover at least 150 miles—not much time can be spent at the festival tower, particularly if visits to other belfries are made on the way. A time-table is, therefore, drawn up and members ring in bands. This has its disadvantages but on the other hand the average level of the striking is probably higher than it would be and critical listening and appreciation take the place of general conviviality..

The Church of St. Peter, beautifully decorated for Easter, was nearly filled for the service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. M. Young, assisted by the Guild president, Prebendary E. V. Cox. The Rev. A. R. Gerry, Rural Dean, preached the sermon, which might perhaps be described as a slight variation on a very old theme. The collection, in aid of the Exeter Cathedral Restoration Fund, amounted to £3 10s. 9d.

The luncheon and annual meeting which followed were presided over by the president supported by the Guild officers and Mr. W. H. Small. Prebendary Cox followed up his appeal, which he made a year ago, for greater progress in new methods by moving a resolution suggesting that each band in the Guild should try to learn at least one new method in the coming year.

The meeting decided by a large majority to revert to the time-honoured practice of holding the annual festival on Whit Monday. Next year it will take place at Exeter.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected for the coming year:—President, Prebendary E. V. Cox; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; hon. secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor; hon. auditor, Mr. J. C. Oke.

The president moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Combe Martin and the local band, with special reference to Miss B. M. Boyle, for the excellence of the local arrangements for which they had made themselves entirely responsible. The branch Ringing Master, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, responded. Certificates—the first of a new design recently approved by the general committee—were presented to three young members of the local company.

Ringing went on at Combe Martin and many other North Devon towers during the day. One party, which returned homewards through the heart of the call-change country, had the experience of raising Swymbridge bells—in a belfry hung to the ceiling with prize-winning certificates—before the critical eyes (and ears) of four of the local band. The friendly discussion which followed and the interest shown by the local men were, the visitors felt, evidence that the cause of change-ringing had not suffered as the result of their visit. E. J. T.

A NORTH SHROPSHIRE TOUR

Six Chester ringers travelling by car and motor-cycle had a very enjoyable day's ringing in North Shropshire on April 5th. En route they were joined by friends from Northwich and Shrewsbury.

Ringing took place at Ightfield, Prees, Stanton-on-Hine, Moreton-Corbet, Clive, Ruyton and Great Ness.

Methods rung included Grandsire Stedman, April Day, St. Simon's Doubles, Plain Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob London and Cambridge Surprise and Spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MEADOWSMANSHIP

Dear Sir,—Do we really need the doses of emetic Meadowsmanship that now appear to be our lot? Ringers generally are being lashed with a whip of satire; for what purpose? Is Meadowsmanship, to annoy or to amuse? To irritate or to help?

What guarantee have we that Meadowsmanship will not be applied beyond the belfry? Will the virus attack the altar, the clergy, the congregations, in fact the whole body of the Church, militant and triumphant? Who shall say? Some hundreds of years ago it did exist in some form, as pet names such as 'Old Mumblemass' or 'Old Muttermatins' were common.

Not many of my readers will be acquainted with the weird art of Aubrey Beardsley. At the end of the last century a great man of letters wrote an open letter to him. 'Please, Mr. Beardsley,' he wrote, 'whatever you do with the rest of creation, leave our women alone.' I am not a man of letters, but I say to the creator of Meadowsmanship, 'Keep your devilish art off ringing, return it to the home it doubtless has in hades, with the Friars of the Summoner's tale.'

I hazard that Meadowsmanship has been born of an 'unfortunate' ringing life and sired by the seven deadly sins. In my experience any competent conductor or ringer has been more than tolerated for his eccentricities—even liked for them, and anyone else 'putting it on' quickly deflated. And may we not remember that a charitable attitude towards our fellowmen, and brother ringers especially, is not inconsistent with the practice of the Christian religion.

With so much entertainment 'laid on' it is not easy to secure interest in hobbies like ringing or chess, so let us give the help that health and circumstances allow, and don't let us scorn the 'widow's mite'—it will be accepted.—Yours,

RAYMOND PHILPOTT.

Runfold, Surrey.

RADIO PROGRAMME

Dear Sir,—I should like to bring to the notice of ringers that radio programmes featuring bells are not confined to British stations. My first instance concerns a broadcast on Paln. Sunday evening and transmitted on a wavelength approximating 260 metres; while not making any claim for prowess in languages, I believe the talk was in Dutch. I was able to identify recordings of bells including the familiar Bow Bells time signal, Lavenham, Bredon (to illustrate the famous lines of Houseman's 'A Shropshire Lad') and a remarkable one of the Westminster chimes striking the hour with the bells of Westminster Abbey ringing half-muffled in the background. Handbell ringers were not forgotten and a Cornish (?) team was heard.

The second broadcast was at noon on Easter Day when a ten-minute carillon recital was given by Toon van Balkom (Hilversum 298 metres). The programme included well-known music such as the 'Hallelujah' Chorus (Messiah) and 'The Holy City' and ended with a brilliant Toccata, presumably written specially for performance on the manuals and pedals of a carillon.

To return to British broadcasting, I must say how much I enioved the Easter bells; in addition to the bells advertised for the Home Service, the listener to the North Regional programme was able to hear those of St. George's, Doncaster. Ringers can no longer protest that the belfry is neglected in broadcast services as the ringing time allowed is frequently sufficient for at least two leads of Grandsire Triples.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL STEPHENS.

Kempston, Bedford

J. R. HAWORTH AND THE 'OLD STALWARTS'

Dear Sir,—When writing the article upon the above which you were good enough to publish, I had also in view that it might evoke letters from those fortunately possessing papers throwing further light upon an obscure but interesting period, viz., the College Youths of the 19th century.

I have already received a letter from our old friend, Mr. Charles E. Borrett, who is, he says, pleased with such articles and sends me a copy of Dwight's poem, which had been given to him by Matt Wood when they met for a ring in 1906 at Bethnal Green. It appears that he has a number of 'cuttings' and I will forward his letter to you.

From such contributions I hope we may build up a better history of this period before still more of the records are lost for ever.—Yours very faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Bromley.

KENT COUNTY MEETING

Dear Sir,—May I correct the impression given by Mr. W. Bottrill's letter (published in 'The Ringing World' of April 25th) that infringements of the rules occurred at the annual general meeting of the Kent County Association at Ashford on Easter Monday?

At its November meeting the committee decided to recommend an increase from 2s. to 3s. in the annual subscriptions payable by adult practising members and each District had an opportunity to discuss this at its January meeting. Under Rule 19 alteration to existing rules may be made at a general meeting and when it was stated quite clearly at Ashford that Rule 19 was being invoked, no objection was raised.

The chairman at the annual general meeting allowed free and fair discussion and, as has already been reported in 'The Ringing World,' the increase was eventually agreed by a large majority.

Concerning the election of a practising member to the committee, Mr. Bottrill, in quoting Rule 9 omitted the relevant words, i.e., 'any other necessary officers shall be elected.' I did have a copy of the rules with me at the time and it seemed to me quite proper for a member to be elected to the committee under this rule.

I hope the foregoing will satisfy Mr. Bottrill that no infringement of the rules was intended, or, indeed, made, but would suggest that should he at any future meeting have any misgivings as to the correctness or otherwise of the proceedings, it would be better to voice them at the time.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

West Wickham Kent.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter from Mr. E. L. Humphriss, I do hope that he did not think I was unmindful of the wonderful engineering feat to Liverpool Cathedral tower.

I also noted the happy atmosphere amongst the ringers in the belfry and the cordial welcome which the visitors received from Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. E. L. Humphriss and other members of the local company on that day.

I much appreciated the goodwill of those present who agreed to my request to try three leads of Treble Ten. It was simply a question of taking advantage of an opportune occasion and I'm sure that anyone else will have the same chance if they are so minded.

All of us have our little ambitions though not all of them are granted.

Good luck to all Liverpool Cathedral ringers, and I'm looking forward to my next visit.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Betchworth, Surrey.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Jeanes referred to me in his letter in 'The Ringing World' of April 25th, perhaps I might be allowed to say that an incumbent certainly has charge of the bells in his tower and can allow them to be rung when he likes. It is obviously the incumbent's responsibility as to whether a peal in his tower should be rung in Lent or not.

Mr. Jeanes asks whether I approved of a practice meeting which was held in the Bridgwater Deanery on March 29th. Certainly I did. It was quite in order. The recommendation, and it cannot be more than a **recommendation**, of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association is that in Lent the bells should be silent except for service ringing and **necessary practice.** That is the answer to his question.—Yours faithfully,

(Preb.) A. J. HOOK.

Bridgwater, Somerset.

AN IDEA

Dear Sir,—I usually put my copy of 'The Ringing World' in the church after I have read it as I think it may be good propaganda. One of our clergy told me he was much impressed by the leading article on Easter ringing on April 11th.

How nice it would be if all the clergy were more interested in the ringers and their ideas and aspirations. Also how nice it would be if all the ringers took more interest in Church affairs apart from the belfry.—Yours sincerely,

DORIS H. SHEPPARD (Miss).

Chalford, near Stroud, Glos.

STONHAM ASPAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—Many ringers all over the country have rung on the fine heavy ring of ten bells at Stonham Aspal, and no one who has asked permission to attempt a peal has been refused.

It is with regret that I have to announce that our bells are now difficult to ring and about £700 is needed to recast the cracked eighth bell, reclapper, retune and rehang all the bells and strengthen the frame, etc., in order that the bells may continue to be rung.

May I, please, make a nation-wide appeal through your columns to all ringers who have rung here, especially those who have rung peals, and those who have ambitions to do so in the future, to help the parish raise the money required?

When the work is completed we shall have one of the finest rings in East Anglia and visiting ringers will always be welcome.

We need donations immediately in order that the work on the bells may be commenced now, and I shall be grateful for any amount that can be afforded.

Cheques, etc., may be sent to the treasurer, Stonham Aspal Bells Fund, The Red House, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket, Suffolk, or to me at The Rectory, Stonham Aspal.—Yours faithfully (Rev.) T. W. H. K. GREENWAY,

Rector and Chairman,
Stonham Aspal Bells Fund.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee gratefully acknowledge the following contributions to meet the added cost of 'The Ringing World':—

Personal.—Anon. 1s. Anon. 7s. 6d.

Peals.—Five peals in a day £1, Chapel-en-le-Frith 2s. 6d., Burton-on-Stather 4s., Morpeth 2s. 6d., Mansfield 5s. 10d., Sutton Courtenay 4s., Wrotham 4s., Wolborough 4s., Wigtoft 3s., Midhurst 2s. 6d., Hillingdon 5s., Pilton 3s., Sketty 2s., Whitby 4s.

Quarter peals.—North Wingfield 3s., Thakeham 6s., Glasgow 2s. 6d., Chichester 2s., Liss 1s., Rugeley 3s., Roydon 3s., Knowle 2s. 6d., Cranleigh 2s., Reading 2s., Itchingfield 2s. 6d., Thorley 2s., Branston 5s., Darley Dale 2s., Staunton 2s. 6d., Puddletown 1s., Cadoxton, Neath, 2s., Lois Weedon 2s. 6d., Leighton Buzzard 2s. 6d., Castor 2s. 6d., Pitminster 2s., Southwark Cathedral 2s. 6d.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Meeting Decide to Abandon Dinner

THE sixth annual general meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at Newark on April 19th. The bells of St. Mary Magdalene's, Newark, and All Saints', Winthorpe, were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening and were well patronised.

A service was held in the beautiful choir of St. Mary Magdalene's, conducted by Canon R. F. Wilkinson (chairman of the Guild) assisted by the Rev. G. H. L. Bowman.

Canon Wilkinson took the chair at the business meeting following tea and was supported by Mr. J. W. Raithby (hon. secretary) and Mr. Walter Nicholls (hon. treasurer).

A minute's silence was observed for three deceased members, namely, Mr. H. Pailing, Mr. T. Groombridge and Mr. H. Rogers.

In his report, the hon. secretary stated that 1951 had been a comparatively satisfactory year despite the bugbear of lapsing members. Peals rung compared favourably with previous years and the Festival of Britain had provided a welcome impetus to the restoration programme in the Diocese.

The bells of St. Giles', Balderton, had been rehung, retuned and put back in a new frame for eight, whilst a new ringing chamber had been constructed. Other schemes in hand would be completed during the coming year.

For the third consecutive year the Warsop Company had won the Crawford Cup competition, once again illustrating the value of team spirit and good leadership.

The fifth annual dinner of the Guild had proved a pleasant social function, but a loss of £1 was incurred by the organisers. As the dinner rotated round the districts the chief support must of necessity come from the district in which the dinner was held. Nevertheless, he urged members generally to attend whenever possible and make the event worth while.

The year had been marred by the death of Mr. Harold Pailing in tragic circumstances. Vice-president of the Guild and chairman of the Nottingham District, Mr. Pailing was a staunch supporter and an able administrator who was not afraid to put his back to the wheel. His passing cast a gloom over the Guild and throughout the Exercise as a whole. Sincere sympathy was extended to Mrs. Pailing and her two sons.

Another link with the Guild had been severed by the death of Mr. Thomas Groombridge after a long and useful life. He was a magnificent ringer who came amongst them in the evening of his life and showed them something of his past skill by ringing his 800th peal on his 80th birthday at St. Peter's, Nottingham. One time Master of the College Youths, Mr. Groombridge was, indeed, a giant among ringers. He was an honorary member of the Guild for some years.

The secretary concluded his report by commending the two deceased members' example of loyalty and service to the Church.

CONCERN OVER FINANCES

The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts and balance sheet did not make good reading. After putting aside £2 as a reserve towards the expenses of the Guild's Central Council delegates, the deficit on the year's working amounted to £13 6s. This was reduced to a net deficit of £10 16s. by the sale of badges of which there were 193 in stock. The working capital amounted to £87 0s. 8d. against a figure of £97 16s. 8d. for the previous year, a state of affairs that had given great concern to the committee.

The chief reason for the continued deficit was the high cost of printing the annual report. The committee had been fortunate this year in obtaining an estimate for printing 350 copies of a 24-page report for £24 1s., a saving on last year of £15 2s. 7d., and this should result in a small surplus being shown for the ensuing year.

A grant of £5 had been made to St. Giles', Balderton, leaving a balance in the Bell Repair Fund of £41 11s. 3d.

The peal secretary (Mr. Clement Glenn) in his report stated that 60 peals had been rung during 1951, which, whilst not reaching the record number of the previous year, were well up to average in quality. Two peals calling for special mention were the Minor in 23 methods and the Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major. Nine members had scored their first peal but there was only one first as conductor. He would like to see more members eager to take up that fascinating study. The 200th anniversary of the first performance of Holt's Original was commemorated by two peals—one each on tower bells and handbells.

Mr. Glenn requested conductors to forward figures of peals new to the Guild to him for proving and recording in the register of compositions being compiled by him. Triples peals to be found in the textbooks and well-known extents of Minor and Doubles need not be sent.

Mr. F. W. Midwinter was elected vice-chairman of the Guild and Mr. Brian Buswell was appointed an auditor in the place of Mr. J. D. Niblett who had left the district. All the other officers were unanimously re-elected.

When the arrangements for the next annual dinner came up for discussion strong opposition to the function being continued were voiced. It was argued that the Diocese did not lend itself to functions of that nature as the three Districts were to all intents and purposes separate entities. Three of the dinners that had been held had resulted in losses, one of which was substantial. Some members felt that the last Saturday in January was the wrong time of the year. Others maintained that the price of tickets coupled with the expense of travelling was too high for the average member, and an irrefutable argument was that the dinner had not been sufficiently well-supported in the past. After hearing arguments in favour of continuing the dinner, a motion was put to the meeting resulting in a substantial majority for those in favour of abandoning it.

A recommendation that the collection for the Bell Repair Fund be handed to 'The Ringing World' found little favour, besides being impliedly negatived by the Rules, and it was resolved that the motion lie on the table.

A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised £1 3s. 6d.

Ringing continued until 8.30. So ended another enjoyable meeting. J. W. R.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Barrow Gurney on April 19th. The church, which was rebuilt in 1895, stands about 1¼ miles from the village and possesses an octave of bells cast by J. Warner and Son, with a 14¼ cwt. tenor.

Ringing preceded the Association Service which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Warren Coleman) who gave a short address.

Tea then followed at Flax Bourton after which the business meeting was held. One non-resident life member from Bristol, a performing member from Yatton and one from Nailsea and two probationary members from Nailsea were elected. Subject to permission, it was decided to hold the July quarterly meeting at Wrington (on the first Saturday instead of the usual third) and that the monthly practice meetings for May and June should be held at Nempnett Thrubwell and Publow respectively.

The Vicar welcomed the visitors, and Mr. H. W. Knight, chairman and Ringing Master, in reply said that he believed that it was the first time that a quarterly meeting had been held at Barrow. M. J. H.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Recruiting Drive During Coming Year

Various suggestions were made at the annual meeting of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association held at Keswick on Easter Monday for attracting more ringers.

Mr. S. Richardson, Hensingham, the ringing secretary, considered that the Association had done fairly well as far as young ringers were concerned, and thought that if they secured a set of handbells and taught handbell ringing it would help to keep them interested.

The members adopted a suggestion by Mr. S. Grisedale, Keswick, that their aim for this year should be to see how many young recruits each place could get and report at the next annual meeting.

The secretary, Mr. J. W. Brownrigg, reported that the Association had 40 members. Reference was made to the death of Mr. W. Norman, Egremont, and the enforced retirement through ill-health of Mr. Fred Grisedale, Keswick, after over 60 years as a bellringer at Crosthwaite.

The credit balance had been reduced from £28 to £18, but nearly £7 of badges were in hand.

The ringing secretary, Mr. S. Richardson, Hensingham, reported that Sunday service ringing was taking place in 14 towers in their area and there was increased activity at another. Ringing had commenced again at Workington and he thought there would be ringing at Cockermouth but for the fact that their bells were not as good as they might be.

Officials elected were:—The Rev. I. M. German, Egremont, president; Mr. Brownrigg, secretary; Mr. S. Grisedale, treasurer; Mr. S. Richardson, ringing secretary; Messrs. J. Butterfield and J. Ling (Carlisle), W. Douglas, A. Eilbeck and J. Tembey (Egremont), F. Richardson (Arlecdon), T. D. Young (Cockermouth), the Rev. C. E. Last (St. Bees) committee members together with the two branch secretaries, Mr. A. Forsyth (Carlisle) and Mr. J. Haile (St. Bees).

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The April meeting was held at Ossett when 25 ringers were present from Cawthorne Batley Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Horbury, Leeds Parish, Rothwell, Sandal, Bentley and the local company, also visitors from Chelsea, Darlington and Sutton-in-Mansfield.

Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, including Minor on the top and back six, Triples, Major and Caters.

At the business meeting held in the tower, the president, Mr. M. J. Moxton, presided. Two new members were elected—Terence Hemingway and Walter Lockwood, of Ossett.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local company for local arrangements.

It was left to the secretary to arrange the tower for the next meeting. The annual shield contest will be held at Penistone on June 14th.

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QUARTER PEALS

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS. — On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Edmunds 1, Betty Rowsell (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. J. Partridge (cond.) 3, A. E. Partridge 4, E. Smart 5.

BRANSTON, LINCS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Speed 1, J. F. Pearson 2, A. Ingall 3, K. Brummitt 4, M. Billings 5, L. Willder (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On April 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. T. Hume (first of Major) 1, D. L. Mills 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, E. Leggett 4, C. Bower (first of Major) 5, A. Cansdale 6, L. Mills 7, E. Hynard (cond) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAM.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Lewis (first quarter) 1, B. Williams 2, D. J. Lewis 3, H. Boyce 4, G. I. Lewis 5, Lynn Jeffreys (first quarter) 6.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. Sumner 1, L. Sharpe 2, F. Sismey 3, J. Plummer 4, B. Ball 5, J. Coulson 6. Conducted by Wm. Rose.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: F. W. Garner 1, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 2, R. G. Blackman 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, W. G. Challen 5, J. T. Finey 6, N. J. Smith 7, P. N. Bond 8. First in method 1 and 7.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wise 1, J. Meney 2, J. Taylor 3, G. Garlick (first quarter 'inside') 4, A. Fletcher (cond.) 5, H. Ecott 6. Rung for the 26th birthday of Queen Elizabeth.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Elliott 1, G. Charman 2, A. Tidy 3, L. Warner 4, C. Charman 5, W. Beeson 6, H. Charman (cond.) 7, C. Stephens 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Tidy on their golden wedding, and 50 years a member of the Cranleigh band.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On April 16th, 1,386 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Hodgson 1, Miss J. Dunn 2, Miss N. Howes 3, D. Mellor 4, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 5, H. E. Taylor 6, R. Bullen 7, D. S. Gregory 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Allsop, grandparent of the second ringer.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On April 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Collier (first in the method) 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, M. Airey (first 'inside') 3, D. R. Airey 4, T. Senior 5, W. A. Peck 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. Rung for Easter Day.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On April 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. Bailey 1, K. L. Brown 2, J. B. Morley 3, A. G. Harrison 4, D. Heighton 5, H. Moss 6, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 7, T. Ford 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Hearn and Miss E. Crawley. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5. First quarter of Major as conductor.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Minor (900 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford Bob): M. Fleet 1, J. Mason, jun., 2, Mrs. W. White 3, R. Elliott 4, C. Fennell 5, A. Fleet (cond.) 6.

FRIESTON, LINCS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Single Court Minor: B. Harrison 1, A. Pearson 2, H. Pearson 3, G. Dawson 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, E. Barnes 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Easter Day, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Pickett 1, H. F. Sargent (cond.) 2, A. E. Haynes 3, J. Hutchinson 4, Miss R. M. K. How 5, L. Boumphrey 6, E. Boumphrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, T. C. Winderam 9, R. W. Sear 10.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On April 20th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Dyer (first quarter Treble Bob) 1, J. Parish 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, W. Ransom 4, H. S. Peacock 5, A. Clements 6.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): Miss J. Phillips 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, D. Body 3, G. Francis 4, L. Weller (cond.) 5. First in five methods by all the band.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Old and 540 Plain Bob): J. Harrold (first quarter) 1, A. Cozens 2, T. Baker 3, K. Perkins 4, I. Dickin (cond.) 5. Rung for the second ringer's 16th birthday.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 6 and 7 alternate covering: J. Statham (cond.) 1, Miss M. Warrington 2, D. Harrison 3, E. E. Wimlett 4, A. C. Morris 5, J. L. Lightfoot 6, A. Nix 7, A. A. Upton 8. First quarter for 2, 4, 6 and 8. First quarter by a local Sunday service band.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Conquest 1, W. Morris 2, E. R. Butcher 3, H. B. Whitney 4, F. J. Plummer 5, V. Conquest (cond.) 6, E. Conquest 7, M. Conquest 8. Rung to open the bells after nine months' silence while the steeple was under repair.

LOIS-WEEDON, NORTHANTS. On April 19th, 1,440 Primrose Surprise Minor: C. Hinton 1, W. J. Chester 2, J. Steel 3, M. Saunders 4, W. Yates 5, G. W. Holland (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band. Rung on Primrose Day.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On April 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Minor: D. Brixton 1, W. H. Glasspool 2, N. Hayes 3, J. Hartless 4, J. Alexander 5, M. J. Butler 6, D. R. Reed 7, J. H Gilbert (first of Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1 and 5 and in method on the bells. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth's 26th birthday.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, on Easter Day, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. Gayse 1, W. Stevenson (first quarter as cond.) 2, N. D. Lomas 3, June Henshaw 4, Anne Worth 5, G. Farrer 6, A. A. Potts 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, J. Worth 10. First quarter in the method for 4, 6 8 and 9.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Rudge 1, G. Freeman 2, W. Davis 3, G. Hancock 4, A. Turner 5, D. Davis (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

OXFORD.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Giles', 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. J. Chaundy 1, P. Walker 2, R. Higgins 3, V. J. F. Bennett 4, W. Collett 5, E. G. More 6, J. Higgins (cond.) 7, D. Woodley 8.

PENMARK, GLAM.—On April 19th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: K. Vaughan 1, H. Green 2, M. H. Williams 3, D. Bonham 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, G. Powels 6.

PENSHURST, KENT.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. H. Cunnington 1, E. J. Ladd 2, L. Goater 3, B. Pankhurst 4, B. V. Collison 5, J. Lambert 6, A. E. Richardson (cond.) 7, E. Lane 8. Rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst.

PETERSTON SUPER ELY, GLAM.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): G. Powels 1, H. Green 2, M. H. Williams 3, D. Bonham 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl Churchill (first quarter, 15) 1, W. Burston 2, R. Shire (cond.) 3, G. Salter 4, H. Churchill 5, T. Langdon (first quarter) 6. Rung for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's birthday.

PUDDLETOWN, DORSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, J. Gladwyn 2, R. C. J. Clothier 3, J. Coombes 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's, On April 20th 1,584 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: Miss S. Harris 1, Miss J. Pett 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, W. Hibbert 4, Mrs. P. Lewington 5, T. Davies 6, A. L. Pearson 7, F. D. Bishop 8, R. G. Burton 9, C. T. Richards 10, D. J. Charnley 11, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 12.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Wright (first quarter Minor) 1, B. Pike 2, C. W. Sams (first quarter Minor) 3, A. A. Livings 4, L. Beal 5, B. G. Burton (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by a local band for 30 years.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 120 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire and Chase, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew and 480 St. Dunstan's): B. J. Townsend 1, C. A. Brass 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, A. Harding 4, J. A. Townsend 5, E. Edgington 6. First quarter in 7 methods by all except the conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, and a 19th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL, LONDON.—On April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Page 1, C. Watts 2, T. Fox 3, J. Chilcott 4, R. Deal 5, M. Chilcott 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, James Phillips 8. Rung on the back eight.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Smith 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, J. J. Webb (cond.) 3, S. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones 5, E. Malsom 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Malsom, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Stafford.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Touse (first quarter) 1, Marian Skinner 2, C. B. Skinner 3, B. W. Farhall 4, E. Foseberry (first quarter as cond.) 5. Also on April 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Marian Skinner 1, Joy Gumbrill 2, C. B. Skinner 3, E. Foseberry 4, B. W. Farhall 5, C. Hone (cond.) 6.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Warboys 1, C. Sampford 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, C. Warboys 4, T. Camp 5, J. Foreman 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. T. Camp.

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles: D. Newman (first quarter) 1, V. Rawlings 2, H. Price (cond.) 3, A. Webb 4, T. Bound 5, R. Harmer 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. Randle, for many years a ringer at Almeley.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Easter Monday. The bells were raised shortly after 2 p.m. and were kept going until 9 p.m. in a great variety of methods from rounds to Stedman and Double Norwich.

At the short service, conducted by the Rev. G. Neville, the curate of Sutton-in-Ashfield, the Ringers' Service Books were used.

At the meeting, which followed tea, the president welcomed everyone and gave special welcome to visitors from Handsworth and Ilkeston.

Wingerworth was again awarded the Jubilee Shield. Presenting the shield to the captain, the president congratulated his band on having all bells going for every service on Sundays during the year, an outstanding achievement. In his reply the captain, Mr. E. Blythe, thanked everyone for their congratulations and asked for more towers to enter for the competition.

The election of officers was as follows:—

President Mr. J. W. England; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Dobb, H. Draycott, J. E. Hobbs and J. Brothwell; secretary, Miss F. M. Price; treasurer, Mr. C. M. Heathcote; auditors, Messrs. H. Doughty and S. Alvey; executive committee—Messrs. D. A. Davis, G. Holdgate, E. Blythe, A. L. Rawson, R. Mason and J. Cooper; Central Council representive, Mr. C. Evans.

Eight new members were elected.

Towers present included Alfreton, Ault Hucknall, Ripley, Selston, South Normanton, Wingerworth, Tibshelf, North Wingfield Heath, Morton Shirland and Bolsover together with visitors from Ilkeston and Handsworth and the local band.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, curate and the ladies for preparing tea was proposed by Mr. J. E. Hobbs and seconded by Mr. E. Blythe.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held at Silkstone, Barnsley, on April 19th.

Eight teams entered to ring 72 changes practice and 504 changes test piece. Each team rang Oxford.

A very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent by all present and the result of the competition was as follows:—

	Faults	Open	Total
Sandal	180	0	180
Barnsley ..	65	0	65
Shelley ..	104	5	109
Liversedge ..	57	0	57
Meltham ..	54	10	64
Friezeland ..	76	0	76
Cawthorne ..	63	0	63
Lindley ..	78	0	78

The judge, Mr. S. Fielding, declared Liversedge the winners of the Association's Cup with a chrome butter dish for each man, and Cawthorne second with prizes of chrome tea caddies.

These prizes had been subscribed for by the people of Silkstone and were much appreciated by the competing teams. A. F.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

North Western District

The Easter Monday District meeting held at Ranmore, with Dorking, favoured with a fine day, enticed over 60 ringers to make their way by various means to St. Barnabas', Ranmore. Ringing started at 2.30, and 4.30 found the ringers seated for tea on the lawn of a nearby cafe. Others picnicked on the Common.

Further ringing was enjoyed here till 6.30. Ringers then made their way to Dorking where a short meeting was held in the tower and four new members and one non-resident member were elected. Ringing followed until 8.30 p.m.

R. L.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of May 3rd, 1912

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in 3 hours and 10 minutes
at the Church of St. Mary

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5,056 changes

Tenor 14 cwt.

Rev F. J. O. Helmore ..	Treble
Rev. H. Law James	2
Rev. A. T. Beeston	3
Rev. C. Carew Cox	4
Rev E. V. Cox	5
Rev. E. Barker James	6
Rev G. F. Coleridge	7
Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn	Tenor

Composed and conducted by the Rev. H. Law James.

This is the first Surprise peal by a clerical band and was rung at the first attempt.

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, April 25th, 1912, in 3 hours and 4 minutes
at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
5,040 changes

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

P.C W. G. Darlington	Treble
P.C. Ernest Brett	2
P.C. Arthur W. Barkus ..	3
P.C. Charles G. Jane	4
P.C. William Bottrill	5
P.C Cornelius Charge	6
P.C. George Charge	7
P.C. Alfred G. Crane	Tenor

Conducted by P.C. Cornelius Charge.

The above are members of the Metropolitan Police Force and it is believed to be the first peal ever rung by a band of policemen.

[Two very interesting performances. The policemen would at the present time find it easier than the clergymen to repeat them.]

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES BAKER

The death of Mr. Charles Baker, of Winfarthing, took place on April 6th at the age of 92. 'Charlie,' as he was known to his many ringing friends, spent 50 years as a blacksmith at Pulham Market, coming originally from Rumburgh, Suffolk. After his retirement, 12 years ago, he took up residence with his daughter at Winfarthing, where he joined the local band until his health began to fail about a year ago. He had been a member of the Norwich Association for over 70 years and had taken part in 298 peals for the Association.

The funeral took place on April 10th at Pulham Market Church, the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Wiseman, officiating. Mr. F. J. Roope (representing Pulham Market ringers) and Mr. W. Elsley and Mr. G. Kemp (representing Winfarthing ringers) were present.

CANON T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE

The death took place in Calcutta, on March 7th, of Canon Thomas Edward Teignmouth Shore, at the age of 84. He learned to ring whilst curate of St. Mary's, Lewisham, over 60 years ago, and accomplished one peal of Grandsire Triples, at Erith in September, 1892. When the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was formed in 1891, he became the first secretary, holding this office until 1895. Since 1899 he had been with the Oxford Mission to Calcutta, and was made an Honorary Canon of Calcutta Cathedral in 1934. E. A. B.

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BIRTH

KELLY.—To Elena Dorice and Horace, a son, April 25th, 1952. Brother for Jean. 699

MARRIAGE

ROCK—LENG.—On April 19th, 1952, at Stockton Parish Church, Edward Peter Rock, elder son of the Rev and Mrs. P. E. Rock, of Eardisland Vicarage, Herefordshire, to Dorothy Marjorie, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Leng, of Stokké, Junction Road, Norton-on-Tees, Co. Durham. 674

DEATH

SADDINGTON.—On April 15th, 1952, Bernard J. Saddington, of Cranford, Finedon Road, Burton Latimer, Northants, aged 61 years. 701

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

DORSET.—18th century Mill House, own grounds, lovely country, buses, modern, h. and c. wtr., bathroom, poultry, etc. Bed and breakfast, evening meal, mod. Recommended.—Corben, Corscombe, Dorchester. 702

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MISCELLANEOUS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Monthly 10-bell practice at St. Giles'. Northampton, continues as from May 8th 7.30—9. An advanced 8-bell practice will begin at St. Edmund's, Northampton, on May 29th. 7.30—9. All welcome.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 681

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Tysoe (6), Saturday, May 3rd. Notify early for tea, please. Banbury District please note. All welcome.—R. J. Edden. 664

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting, Barking (8), May 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Plenty of cafes nearby.—F. V. G. 582

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Meeting at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, May 3rd, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 624

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting on May 3rd, Little Hadham, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Bishop's Stortford from 6.30 p.m. Tea at Little Hadham. Please send names to Mr. A. Kent, New Road Cottages, Upwick Albury, Much Hadham, Herts. 658

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, May 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford, Tel. Watford 7936. 657

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Woodchurch, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Bonny Cravat.—Names to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 643

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Ambrosden, May 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. H. Kinch, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 640

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Garsington (6) on May 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 665

SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY. — Ringing times on May 3rd: Christ Church 2—4 p.m.; St. Peter's, Bournemouth, 3—5.30 p.m.; St. John's, Surrey Road, 3—5.30 p.m.—A. V. Davis, Hon. Sec. 688

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern.—Practice meeting, Lindfield, Saturday, May 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 649

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wickham, May 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Hall 5. Shedfield bells available 2.30—4, 6.30—8 p.m.—John H. Hunt. 621

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, May 3rd. Please note these full arrangements as no circulars will be issued. Audit 11 a.m. in upper vestry. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Ham salad tea (3s. 6d. per head) 4.45 p.m. at Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate. General meeting in Parish Room at 6 p.m. Special business: Election of new hon. treasurer. Subscriptions now due, and reports will be available. A large and representative meeting is desired.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 652

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, May 5th, 7.15, practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m., quarterly meeting, All Saints', West Ham. Service 4.45. Tea and business, 5.15, in Church Hall. Ringing afterwards. All welcome. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 44, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 638

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn (near Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday May 5th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 686

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS. — The bells, augmented to six, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Nottingham (the Rev. J. H. L. Phillips, M.A.) on Thursday, May 8th, at 7.30 p.m. A special meeting of the North Bucks Branch will be held here on Saturday, May 10th, when all ringing friends will be welcomed. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 5th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 636

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, May 10th, meeting at St. Denys', Rotherfield, Sussex. Bells (8) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Individual names for tea to Mr. W. Rogers, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield, Sussex. Tea in Memorial Institute. Train, Charing Cross, 1.25. Coach, Tunbridge Wells Central 2.39.—A. B. Peck. 614

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Monk Bretton, May 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided: bring food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 697

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Meeting, Kingweston, May 10th. Service 4.30. Other towers. Notify early for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 662

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Henlow, May 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in Clubroom at reasonable charge. All welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 683

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Burstwick, May 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by first post Wednesday, May 7th, to Mr. D. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington. 698

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Goostrey, May 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by 7th. —W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 676

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Sutton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business after. Names for tea, not later than June 7th, to Mrs. C. W. Lawton, Sutton Lane Ends, Macclesfield. 703

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Shilton, near Coventry, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, 6th please, to A. J Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 680

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Edenbridge (8), May 10th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 668

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), May 10th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 669

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Ashtead, May 10th. Bells 3—9. Service 4.30. Tea. Peace Memorial Hall, 5.15. Notifications for tea, by Thursday, to J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead. 687

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those only who let me know by May 7th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 656

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District. — Meeting at New Radnor on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting after. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 6th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 667

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Apsley End (6) Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by May 7th, to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 679

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Lightcliffe (8), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Plain tea for all at 5 p.m. at moderate cost. Business meeting immediately afterwards. 670

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head to those who notify, not later than Tuesday, May 6th, Mr. G. T. Emptage, Orpen, Downbarton Road, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Birchington, and enclosing cash, please.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 646

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Ightham (6), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business. Names, punctually, please, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone (Maidstone 7216). 647

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Kendal Parish Church on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to N. Nightingale, 34, Green Bank, Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 691

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 694

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on May 10th at Huyton. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names to W. R Birchall, 68, Rupert Road, Huyton.—J. M. Preston, Branch Secretary. 690

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, May 10th. Light refreshments provided.—L. Walmsley. 693

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Leesfield, Oldham, May 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea.—F. Pritchard. 692

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Loughborough District.—Ashby, May 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Radford's Cafe. Names, by 7th, to Mr. E. Beadsmore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.—C. W. Hall. 671

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District. — The next meeting will be at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday, May 10th Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham House Farm, Kirton Lindsey, Gainsborough, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 659

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby, May 10th. Bells (6). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 5th, please, to Mr. James Musson, The Bungalow, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs. 648

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH. — Annual ringers' service, also dedication of banner, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea most essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. Tel. Timsbury 287. 628

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, and business. Further ringing, also at St. John-at-Hackney in evening.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 685

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Buxton, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for all who send names or numbers, not later than Wednesday, May 7th, to Mr. H. G. Smithson, Buxton, Norwich. No names, no tea.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 630

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 10th, Theale. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m.. Englefield bells in evening. Notifications for tea, by May 7th, to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 664

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual, Kingham (8), May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, by May 7th, to C. F. Taplin, 4, Brasenose Villas, Chipping Norton. 700

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Bridport, May 10th. Meeting, Church House, 2.15. Service in St. Mary's Church, 3.45. Tea, Church House, 4.45, price 3s., tickets only, to be obtained from Mr. F. Slatford, Hon. Assist. Sec., North Bradley, Trowbridge, before Monday, May 5th. Bells available: Bridport, Bradpole, Beaminster, Lyme Regis, Whitchurch, Burton Bradstock, Symondsbury, Loders and Netherbury.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham, Wilts. Phone 2297. 637

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting, Mansfield Woodhouse (6), Saturday, May 10th. Names for tea, by May 6th, to Mr. A. J. Brown, 4, Ferguson Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, near Mansfield.—H. Denman. 632

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 10th. Service, St. Nicholas', 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. (under 16, 1s. 3d.). Usual allowances. Individual names for tea before May 3rd. Ringing from 2.30, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas'. Good Shepherd after meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, 21, Kenmure Avenue, Brighton 6. 608

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly Meeting, Carisbrooke and Newport, May 10th. Bells from 2.30. Tea available.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, Dis. Sec. 677

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Micheldever, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Look up London Minor. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 673

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Wilmslow Festival of Christian Arts and Drama. Open ringing day May 17th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5.30. For tea advise, by May 13th, Mrs. Kidd, Oakcot, Parsonage Green, Wilmslow.—C. K. Lewis. 695

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold, May 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Village Hall, 5. Hascombe bells available after tea. Notifications for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. R. C. Fincher, Ivy Cottages, Dunsfold. 684

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Redenhall (8), Saturday, May 17th. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Yew Tree Tea Rooms, for all who notify, by May 12th. Mr. W. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston. Special business after tea.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 696

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OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Meeting, Midgham (6), Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by May 14th, to Mrs. Vallis, 6, Council Houses, Midgham, Reading. 672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Appleton, Saturday, May 17th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, for those who advise me by the 13th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 663

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting, Hanbury, near Burton-on-Trent, May 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Important committee meeting 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Coach will leave Wulfruna Street, Wolverhampton, 2 o'clock. Names for coach to Mr. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley. Names for tea and coach not later than Tuesday, May 13th. There will be no need for those travelling by coach to notify me for tea.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 682

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Coddington, Saturday, May 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea available. Buses from Newark. 675

LELANT, CORNWALL.—The restored ring of six bells will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on Saturday, May 31st, at 3 p.m. All who wish to take part in the ringing on that day should inform Mr. P. A. Clifton The Cottage, Church Road, Lelant, not later than May 24th, stating the number of the party. 678

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