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## 'SYNTHETIC' BELLS FOR CHESTERFIELD?

It is not surprising that members of the Midland Counties Association, at their annual meeting, heard with some alarm that a proposal is on foot to use 'synthetic' bells at the Parish Church of Chesterfield. It seems almost incredible that a church with a ring of ten bells should toy with the idea of installing a gramophone and amplifiers in their place. Chesterfield is famed for its crooked spire, and it was once the centre of great ringing activity, when the late Arthur Knights had charge of the belfry. Then came doubts about the stability of the structure; the bells were stopped on the architect's advice, and, as far as ringing is concerned, have been silent for a number of years. A large sum was spent in the restoration of the tower, but still, apparently, consent to ring the bells is withheld. If, now, a gramophone is to be substituted, well may the people and friends of Chesterfield ask, 'Was it for this that we restored our tower?' It can hardly be imagined that when the structure was repaired it was not made safe for ringing, and why the bells are still silent seems to us something of a mystery when there are so many ringers in the district who are anxious to get them going again.

When the matter was discussed at the Midland Counties Association's meeting, the president expressed the opinion that the proposal was only a suggestion, in view of the known sympathy which the Vicar of Chesterfield has with ringers. We hope that this is all there is in it, and that it will not be for a moment entertained. The installation of the gramophone apparatus would probably be the end of all hopes of any early restarting of the celebrated peal, which have been the pride of Chesterfield. If there are still doubts in the mind of any of the responsible people about the stability of the tower, would it not be a wise plan to call in further advice before the bells are condemned to eternal silence and a 'tinned' substitute employed?

If there is a case for the use of a gramophone and amplifiers at churches which have no bells, there seems to us not the slightest excuse for installing the apparatus where a fine peal of bells already exists; and if the scheme is seriously put forward, it is to be hoped that it will be successfully opposed. It would be far better that Chesterfield's own bells should be merely chimed for the services than that alien bells, recorded on discs, should be broadcast from the church where the celebrated peal hangs mute. When the views of the Midland Counties ringers are put before the Vicar of Chesterfield, we trust they will prevail. What would be interesting to know is exactly why, now that the tower is restored, the bells

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cannot be rung. Is it that the restoration has not been sufficiently extensive to make it safe to use the bells? Or is it for some other reason? In any case, it would be an extremely unfortunate happening if the suggestion to instal the gramophone, to replace Chesterfield's own bells, were allowed to materialise without the most determined opposition.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*THOMAS TURNER ... .. 5	*JOHN BAGNALL ... .. 6
*JOHN ASKEW ... .. 2	*FRANK FORSBARW ... .. 7
GEORGE M. WHEAT ... .. 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ... .. 8
*JAMES E. BURLS ... .. 4	FRED H. CRAWLEY ... .. 9
*ALAN CAPSTICK ... .. 5	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by J. E. BURLS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb.

ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... .. 5	*WALTER DORRING ... .. 5
HERBERT DEVONISH ... .. 2	†LLEWELLYN P. JOSLIN ... .. 6
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 3	NORMAN F. GRINHAM ... .. 7
*CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD ... .. 4	PERCY GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by A. H. EVERETT.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

BLAKENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 11, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*ARTHUR H. HINGLEY ... .. 5	†DAVID HINGLEY ... .. 5
†ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 6
†ERIC A. SPEAKE ... .. 3	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 7
HAROLD SMITH ... .. 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal in the method.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 14, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. FITCHFORD ... .. 5	*WILLIAM A. EDGE ... .. 5
DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY ... .. 2	R. S. ANDERSON ... .. 6
MRS. V. MILES ... .. 3	*T. LESLIE WALLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE E. KETTLE ... .. 4	*GEO. WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.

\* First peal.

HOLME-LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. 5	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 5
*WILFRED MORETON ... .. 2	GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 6
†WILLIAM HOWELLS ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 7
JOHN D. WORSEY ... .. 4	ERNEST WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

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

BOCKING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE DEANEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 2	JOHN G. NASH ... .. 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

Rung for the Easter festival.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*RONALD H. PEARSON ... .. Treble	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 5
*LEONARD F. STONTON ... .. 2	*DONALD J. MEAGER ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. STONTON ... .. 3	HARRY SEAR ... .. 7
WALTER SEAR ... .. 4	*HENRY PEARSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

\* First peal and first attempt.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

*HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. Treble	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... .. 5
*HUBERT SMITH ... .. 2	HENRY G. KEELEY ... .. 6
JOHN E. PHILBRICK ... .. 3	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 7
*ARTHUR G. CHOBBS ... .. 4	CHARLES H. LATHEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor other than of Doubles.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT ... .. Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... .. 5
SIDNEY WADE ... .. 2	HARRY MILLER ... .. 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 3	JOHN E. MILLER ... .. 7
EDWARD H. KING ... .. 4	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

GRAYSHOTT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEV ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 3	REGINALD A. REED ... .. 7
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

The first peal on the bells.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR J. SMITH ... .. 5
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WHITING ... .. 6
*ERNEST W. BUGDEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... .. 7
GEORGE MARINER ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. HARMAN.

\* First Surprise peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. P. W. Isdell-Carpenter, curate of Leatherhead, and Miss Monier-Williams, which took place at Leatherhead the same day.

STOKE-MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	JESSE HARRISON ... .. 6
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... .. 3	*F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 7
WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTELSLEY.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

\* First peal in the method.

GREAT BEDWORTH, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	EDWIN C. BIRCHETT ... .. 5
LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 3	FRANK VARTY ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of the completion of 53 years as a service ringer at this church by the tower-keeper, Mr. Harry Dickens.

MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED FROST ... .. Treble	RICHARD BENSON ... .. 5
HAROLD JONES ... .. 2	FRED. E. MURGATROYD ... .. 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 7
*JOCelyn B. GARDINER ... .. 4	ALBERT FORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by ALBERT FORD.

\* First peal of Major. The conductor's first peal of Bob Major.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MISS DORIS E. LIDBETTER Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 6
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 7
HERBERT W. LIDBETTER ... .. 4	HARRY BROOKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung as a farewell peal to H. W. Lidbetter and in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock.

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## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

On the light eight, Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*REGINALD M. HILL ... .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 5
SIDNEY HARRISON ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 6
ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 3	ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... .. 7
† C. RAYMOND HILL ... .. 4	*JOHN H. HILL ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples.

## HAMPTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

FRANCIS A. WHITE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK C. WHITE ... .. 5
HENRY C. WHITE ... .. 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... .. 6
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... .. 3	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 7
ARTHUR H. WHITE ... .. 4	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

## WOMBOURNE, STAFFS.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 17, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

*VICTOR GUEST ... .. Treble	† ARCHIBALD CLARE ... .. 5
MAURICE G. TURNER ... .. 2	ROGER HAWESWORRE ... .. 6
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 3	CYRIL TABERNER ... .. 7
*WALTER CADDICK ... .. 4	† KENNETH A. HANDLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight bells.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ARTHUR JAMES ... .. Treble	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 5
*FRANK BARROWCLOUGH ... .. 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. 6
*CHARLES RIDYARD ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 7
JOHN BENJAMIN BUDD ... .. 4	*RICHARD BENSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich rung in Lancashire.

## WOODFORD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JAMES DRIVER ... .. Treble	JAMES CHALK ... .. 5
ALBERT G. PETTY ... .. 2	JOHN C. PETTY ... .. 6
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 3	FRANCIS W. CORNEY ... .. 7
STANLEY F. WEBB ... .. 4	WILLIAM MORLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Morley.

## WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 19, 1939, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*CLARENCE WORLEY ... .. Treble	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... .. 5
*ROBERT H. BLOND ... .. 2	ALFRED H. WEBB ... .. 6
BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... .. 3	† WILLIAM LAMBELL ... .. 7
† ALBAN R. POVNYZ ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. GRACE ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6
PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... .. 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

Rung as a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. George Huxley, senior member of the Bromley Youths.

## WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

On Wednesday, April 19, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

REV. A. RHYS JAMES ... .. Treble	REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS ... .. 5
REV. HUGH BENSON ... .. 2	REV. W. P. WRIGHT ... .. 6
REV. E. S. POWELL ... .. 3	REV. C. CAREW COX ... .. 7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... .. 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. BURTON. Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

## QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... .. 5
CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 6
RONALD W. SWANN ... .. 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... .. 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY F. SOUTHALL ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

## EYNSFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 20, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. 5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... .. 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 6
DENNIS G. BROWN ... .. 3	JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 7
*ROBERT W. HAZELL ... .. 4	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by DENNIS G. BROWN.

\* First attempt for a peal. First peal as conductor.

## BISHOP AUCKLAND, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 21, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL BRYANT ... .. Treble	RICHARD BUSBY ... .. 5
GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 2	JAMES T. TITT ... .. 6
ROBERT B. ROBINSON ... .. 3	ROLAND PARK ... .. 7
GEORGE W. PEVERELL ... .. 4	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

Rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. Dr. A. T. P. Williams, the newly-consecrated Bishop of Durham.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS L. L. NEAL ... .. Treble	*JOHN F. PEARSON ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. STORES ... .. 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 6
WALTER TOMLINSON ... .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 4	GEORGE FLINTHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method and first on eight bells.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 8088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN HALL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LANFORD ... .. 5
*JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 7
*RALPH HARRIS ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Oxford on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of two members of the association, Miss F. A. Johnson, of Hinton, and Mr. T. W. Lewis, of St. John's and the Cathedral, Worcester, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*RALPH W. SAYERS ... .. Treble	ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 2	†ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 7
†HORACE HOOGE ... .. 4	REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.  
\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Major. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. W. Lewis (a member of this tower and of Worcester Cathedral) and Miss F. A. Johnson (a member of the Hinton, Evesham, band), who were married at Hinton the same day.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 9, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 of Double Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN NORRIS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK FLINT ... .. 4
JOE READER ... .. 2	RICHARD REECH ... .. 5
*WILLIAM DICKINSON ... .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

\* First peal of Minor in more than one method. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

SOUTH KIRKBY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being seven extents, in seven different callings.  
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*PETER WOODWARD ... .. Treble	*ROLAND HILL ... .. 4
†ALBERT E. HARRISON ... .. 2	†ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
HOWARD SCOTT ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal attempt. † First peal in the method on six bells. First peal in the method as a conductor and first in the method on the bells.

DEEPIING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Norfolk, London, York, Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose and Durham. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CUTBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... .. 4
CHARLES WOOD ... .. 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... .. 5
JOSEPH O. LONDON ... .. 3	HORACE M. DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Clarke.

UPPER ARLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 11, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

Being 12 six-scores of Stedman, 14 of Grandsire, eight of Plain Bob and eight of Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*CYRIL TABERNER ... .. Treble	†ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... .. 4
NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 5
†MAURICE G. TURNER ... .. 3	*FREDERICK BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Doubles and in more than one method. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.'

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

With 4-6-8 covering, 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM H. BOND ... .. Treble	E. JAMES JORDAN ... .. 5
LEONARD WHEELER ... .. 2	ROBERT MORRISH ... .. 6
JOSEPH B. BREALY ... .. 3	EDWARD W. BIFFEN ... .. 7
JAMES UPTON ... .. 4	JAMES SNELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFEN.

First peal by all except the conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents in 34 methods, viz.: (1) Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate and College Bob IV. Treble Bob; (2) Cumberland, Ennerdale, Killarney and Horsmonden; (3) Frodsham and Windermere; (4) Lytham, London Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, College Single, St. Clement's, Childwall, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Plain Bob and Fulbeck; (5) Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Hereward and Double Court; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise.

HARRY CARTER ... .. Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... .. 3	RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

The highest number of methods yet rung to a peal for the association. One hundred and forty-two changes of method.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents in 29 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Marple and Taxal Delight; (3) Wragby, Braintree and Humber Delight; (4) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (5) Ockley, Morning Star Treble Bob and Disley Delight; (6) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT T. BANCROFT ... .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4
JOHN WORTH ... .. 2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 5
THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

There were 64 changes of method.



APSLEY END, HERTS.  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Monday, April 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRIAN MCKAY ... .. Treble	WALTER AYRE ... .. 4
*HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 2	AUGUSTINE V. GOOD ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RANDALL.

First peal of London on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the 4th.

HARSTON, CAMBS.  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

JACK GREEN ... .. Treble	RONALD H. LAWRANCE ... .. 4
CYRIL G. HURST ... .. 2	CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 5
BERT DEAN ... .. 3	ALBERT HURST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. COOK.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except the conductor. Rung for the Easter festival.

BINFIELD, BERKS.  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
 Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4
ALFRED J. RANCE ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
BRYAN O'NEILL ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Specially arranged for the wedding of Miss Joan A. Blackman, of Wokingham, and Mr. Arthur J. N. Rance (son of the ringer of the 2nd), of Binfeld, both well-known ringers in the district, who were married at All Saints', Wokingham.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALDMUND,

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

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM BYARD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 4
FRED W. STONE ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... .. 5
WILLIAM BAKER ... .. 3	†GEORGE TANDY ... .. 6

\*WILLIAM R. WEBSTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE TANDY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Fred Hickling.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.  
**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**  
*On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST E. RETTER ... .. 4
*SIDNEY H. SHAGER ... .. 2	*FRANK N. BASTIN ... .. 5
GEORGE WEST ... .. 3	*WILLIAM E. PIDSLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal and local men.

ADDINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. Treble	HERBERT HELIWELL ... .. 4
MISS MARY WHITE ... .. 2	KENNETH SIMPSON ... .. 5
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BAIRSTOW.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, April 15, 1939, in Three Hours,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
 Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ERNEST F. COBBERLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First seven-method peal.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.  
**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Wednesday, April 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*WILLIAM F. J. COPE ... .. Treble	*ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 4
*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 3	*C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

GRAYFORD, KENT.  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Friday, April 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 1-2	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 5-6
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3-4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7-8
EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 9-10	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.

Arranged as a compliment to Mr. E. Barnett on his birthday.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Friday, April 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

BASIL REDGWELL ... .. 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 3-4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

**VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.**

At the Parish Church, Blackmoor, Hants, on Easter Sunday morning, before service, a quarter-peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Norris on attaining the age of 84 years. He has been a ringer at Blackmoor for 56 years and has several sons and grandsons also ringers there. The touch was also a birthday compliment to Mr. G. E. Norris, his son. Those taking part were F. Windibank (first attempt) 1, V. Shadbolt 2, C. Pay 3, G. E. Norris 4, W. Read (conductor) 5, G. Hall (first quarter-peal on tenor) 6.

**AN 80th BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT**

For the 80th birthday of Mrs. A. M. Wayet, widow of the late Vicar, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung at Pinchbeck, Lincs, on April 5th: A. Patrick 1, G. Ladd 2, J. Pepper 3, N. Hollingworth 4, G. Tewell 5, A. J. Farr 6, W. Alan Richardson 7, J. G. Ames (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal and first attempt by ringers of 1 and 3.

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**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.****A DIOCESAN GUILD FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE?**

The 53rd annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Retford on Saturday, April 15th, when the bells of the three Retford towers were at the ringers' disposal during the afternoon and evening. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. on the ten at the Parish Church and on the six at Ordsall, but West Retford was not visited until after tea. The striking was weak at first, but with the advent of more talent it improved and the variety of methods with it. There were about 35 members present and several visitors, including the Masters of three societies and the treasurer of one of the three.

A short service was held in East Retford Church, which the Vicar (the Rev. D. Jones) conducted, while the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall, gave a short address. He chose the words, 'Be not weary in well doing,' for his text and mentioned the distractions and substitutions which are constantly being met with. He called for personal service for the church, particularly in the tower where young men should be trained to ring and ring well. Not every tower flourished at any one time, each having its ups and downs; it was the association's duty to maintain the balance as evenly as possible.

Tea followed the service, in the Ebsworth Hall, which the Parish Church authorities kindly lent. At the meeting the Rev. D. James expressed his regret at not being able to stay and preside. The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson thereupon proposed a vote of thanks to him and took over the duties of chairman.

The balance sheet and report were passed. The secretary explained certain items on the balance sheet and pointed out that the number of ringing members who had paid their subscription for 1938 had risen by seven to 136, and all expenses except for printing were down.

**WORK SLOWED DOWN.**

In his report, the secretary said the association's work appeared to have slowed down somewhat during 1938. He had three reasons for making this statement, firstly the attendance at meetings had dropped, secondly the cup contest failed to materialise, owing to lack of support, and, lastly, fewer towers were having a regular practice night. He appreciated that everyone seemed to lead a busier life nowadays, particularly since the National Service schemes had come into operation, but it was regrettable that the art all over the country was on the wane. There were, in their own association, certain points to offset this, among others several towers had gained recruits, and ringers had visited other towers to assist learners. However, to those who had not already done so, he recommended that (1) the interest, active if possible, of the clergy be obtained; (2) choirboys, when their services are no longer required as such (and only then), be recruited

as learners; (3) every ringer obtains a copy of 'Standard Methods' and learns how to read it; and (4) a regular practice be held and new methods attempted. The number of peals, the report added, was down to 16, of which 15 were of Minor and one of Triples. There were five conductors; the number of first peals was seven; and 21 members rang other 'firsts.' The secretary urged a larger attendance at meetings, expressed the hope of a good cup contest this year (it is to take place at Cuckney on June 10th), and concluded by thanking all who had helped him in the past year.

All the officers were re-elected en bloc for the year 1939-40, and ten new members were elected, eight from Worksop Priory, one from Warsop and one from Sutton.

The Chairman referred to the question of a Diocesan Guild for the whole of Nottinghamshire. If such a guild were formed, the North Notts Association would form an excellent Northern District. However, no resolution was made as to the furtherance of the idea, and the position so far as the association is concerned remains as before.

The Chairman also referred to the sad loss Sutton-on-Trent has sustained in the passing of their popular Vicar, the Rev. W. O. Bates. The association's sympathy went out to the parishioners and ringers of that village.

After the meeting ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. Minor and Doubles pealed out (almost as regularly as clockwork on occasions) from West Retford and Ordsall, while at East Retford Minor (on the back six) to Royal methods, such as Kent, Stedman, Grandsire, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Duffield, Little Bob and Plain Bob were rung. Only one touch failed to come into rounds at this tower during the afternoon and evening; two false starts were due to a misunderstanding, and, on the whole, the day's ringing was thoroughly enjoyable.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting was held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, on Saturday, April 15th. The ring of eight at St. Paul's has recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The great improvement in the 'go' of the bells was commented on by all present.

The meeting did not attract so many members as usual mainly owing to the long journey, but 30 were present. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples and Kent Treble Bob were brought round.

The Provost of the Cathedral, the Very Rev. Sutherland-Graeme, welcomed the ringers and conducted the service.

At the business meeting which followed the ringers from England, Miss Kirton and Mr. E. W. Yates, formerly of Worsley, were elected members. After tea there was more ringing at the old steeple.

Mr. Stenhouse, of Liverpool, and Mr. Leach, of York, were visitors.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The meeting of the Bridgwater Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association to-morrow is not at Bridgwater as advertised last week, but at Greinton.

Continuing the experiment of mid-week meetings, the Farham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild is to hold a meeting at Ash on Wednesday, May 3rd. These meetings are primarily for the benefit of those who are unable to attend meetings on Saturdays, and it is hoped they will take advantage of the opportunity.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer, of Ipswich, who at the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild last Saturday was elected to the committee, is the first lady to serve the Guild in any official capacity.

A recent report in the 'Daily Herald' that Betty Rayfield, of Eastbourne, was believed to be the only girl bellringer in England, prompted one of the youthful members of the Erith company to write to the paper and point out that in his band are three girl bellringers, aged 14, 13 and 12 years, and five boys, aged 13 (including himself), who ring regularly each Sunday.

There are, in fact, quite a number of young girls now taking their place in the belfries, and only last Saturday yet another rang her first peal. She was Gladys Willars, and the peal was rung at South Wigston, Leicestershire.

After the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Burton-on-Trent, six very conscientious Leicester members would not deign to wait for the last train home—No! This would be breaking faith, as they had promised to be home early. Unfortunately, however, the train they boarded took the wrong turning and they arrived at Birmingham, non-stop! After an enforced wait there of over an hour and a half, a slow train got them to Leicester early—but it was early next morning!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, of North Mimms, Herts, upon the birth of a son and heir. Both the parents are well-known ringers. Mr. Lock is hon. secretary, having previously been Ringing Master, of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, and his wife (formerly Miss Kathleen Bradford) is one of the most accomplished of the lady ringers. Just before her marriage she took part in a peal in nine spliced Surprise Major methods at Willesden.

Mr. W. A. Stote, of Coventry, one of the N.U.T.S., has now rung in over one thousand towers. 'Collecting' new towers is his hobby, and, as Mr. Stote is only 31 years of age, he has been quite busy. If you don't believe it, ring in 500 towers and then see what it means to add every hundred afterwards.

After the meeting of the Middlesex Association in London on Saturday, an informal meeting of the Ladies' Guild was found in progress in another place. Under the circumstances, no official communique was issued, or expected, when the conference broke up, but it is not unlikely they discussed the failings of the men.

The continued pressure on our space, owing to the large number of meetings recently held, makes it again necessary to hold over a number of reports.

## ST MARTIN'S GUILD.

### INNOVATION AT ASTON MEETING.

A very enjoyable quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Aston Parish Church on Saturday, April 1st. About 60 members and friends attended and enjoyed ringing on the peal of twelve bells in various methods during the afternoon and again in the evening. At 5 o'clock an adjournment was made to the Parish Room, where an excellent meat tea was partaken of.

The Guild's form of service in church was dispensed with, and instead the assembled company was addressed by the Vicar, the Rev. H. McGowan, immediately after tea. He first welcomed them to Aston and then proceeded to give a short homily on the season of Holy Week, which commenced the next day, and what Christ's attitude would be to many of the world's troubles to-day.

In the absence of the Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett), the Vicar presided at the business meeting which followed. Messrs. J. W. Smith and C. W. Cooper, both of St. Thomas' tower, Stourbridge, were elected life members, and Messrs. J. Fifield, of Coleshill, and J. D. Pratt, of Perry Barr, as country members.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 1st, at Sutton Coldfield, and the bi-quarterly on May 13th at Knowle.

The hon. secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Aston ringers, who had very kindly defrayed the cost of the tea; to Mr. W. Davies for the excellent arrangements made; and to the ladies, ringers' wives and friends who had so ably arranged and served it.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Davies, who was in bed with an attack of influenza, Mrs. Davies suitably responded.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address, referred to the innovation of doing without the service in church. He often thought it unreasonable to ask the clergy to arrange a service for a mere handful of ringers. On this occasion there was quite a good number present, but, even so, the change was a good one. He thanked the Vicar for his interesting and helpful address.

This concluded the meeting, but before returning to the tower for further ringing, several good touches were rung on the handbells, including one of Stedman Cinques.



## LEADING CONDUCTORS—68.

## GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Some conductors are born and not made, and one such is surely Mr. George E. Feirn, now of Grasby, Lincoln, who, still only 25 years of age, has shown an aptitude that few can claim. He rang his first peal only a little over six years ago, but he has conducted peals of Minor with up to 53 methods in seven extents, in the tower, and up to 19 methods in hand, and also a peal in six spliced plain methods on handbells. These are performances which speak for themselves. He is another of the men who are putting Lincolnshire in the very forefront and one of those for whom the most difficult of ringing tasks seem to be child's play. For example, the first peal of Original Major ever rung with fourth's place bobs he composed and called on handbells from an inside pair. And there were 720 bobs! Men who can do such things are rare.

Mr. Feirn was born at Bigby on April 10th, 1914, and took up ringing at Bigby tower towards the end of 1931. He rang his first peal on December 10th, 1932. This was four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

His first peal as conductor was one of Bob Minor on handbells, rung on June 22nd, 1933, and his first in the tower was two days later at Bigby, when he called a peal in three methods. Now his peals, which range from Bob Minor to Stedman Cinques, number 143, of which 29 have been on handbells. He has conducted 62, of which 15 have been 'in hand,' but, as will have been gathered from what has been mentioned above, many of them have been outstanding performances.

Mr. Feirn rang in the first peal of Winchester Bob Major for the Lincoln Guild and conducted the first peal of Wymondham Bob for the Guild, as well as the Original Major. He conducted the first peal of London Surprise Minor in the Northern Branch, and rang in the first peal of Little Bob Royal on handbells for the Guild, and the 'first ever' of St. Clement's Major on handbells. His first peals of Cambridge and London Surprise Major were rung on the same day, and the peal of Minor in 19 methods which he conducted is still the record number 'in hand.'



MR. GEORGE E. FEIRN.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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Association. Chesterfield was a famous tower not only for its unique crooked spire, but also for the record number of peals rung on the bells therein, especially during the time of the late Mr. Arthur Knights and his energetic band. The bells were silenced some years ago owing to the tower being deemed unsafe, but now that this defect had been remedied, surely some means could be brought about for the bells to be rung in a proper manner, and not to have this mechanical contrivance installed, which was abhorrent to all real lovers of bells.

Mr. Sidney Palmer spoke at length on the matter, and said that as soon as he saw the article mentioned he had passed it on to the president of the Central Council and requested him to do all in his power to avert such a catastrophe. He urged all present to add all their weight in as strong a protest as possible, and he would do all in his power to prevent this suggested scheme being put into action.

Mr. Hutchinson, of Sawley, also spoke in condemnation of such a scheme.

Mr. W. E. White explained that a few years ago a committee of the M.C.A. had met the Archdeacon of Chesterfield and the churchwardens. Mr. E. H. Lewis had also taken up the matter with regard to having the bells restored, but as the then architect had deemed the spire unsafe for a swinging peal, nothing further had been done.

The President said he also saw the article mentioned, but put quite a different construction on the matter to that of the previous speakers. He promised to have a word personally with the Archdeacon about it, because he knew him to be quite sympathetic with the bellringers and their side of the question, and that he was most anxious to have the bells rung. This not being, at the moment, deemed possible, he had simply suggested this scheme of gramophone records.

This concluded the meeting. The association handbells were then used to advantage, while further tower-bell ringing and a convivial afterwards terminated a very successful day's outing.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT.

## Chesterfield Tower Threatened With Gramophone.

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held, following the usual rota, at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday. Taking advantage of the glorious weather, a large number of members and friends arrived at an early hour and kept the bells of St. Paul's (10), Rolleston-on-Dove (8) and Winshill (6) going throughout the day. A variety of methods were rung to suit all comers, and, generally speaking, the striking was not too bad. The committee met in the Vicar's Room of St. Paul's Institute, and, in the absence of Mr. J. Oldham (vice-president), the chair was taken by Miss I. B. Thompson, supported by 20 committeemen.

The usual routine duties were carried through and it was pointed out that the sub-committee had approved of a suitable design for special association badges. The matter now rests in the hands of the secretary to get the design redrawn and estimates for badges in silver and bronze.

The annual report had been printed and was now in circulation. Four places were chosen to lay before the general meeting to decide on three for quarterly meetings, and it was proposed that a by-meeting be held at Staveley in May to revive interest in, and appoint new local officers for, the Chesterfield district.

It was also decided to support the Central Council's appeal in the matter of the publication of Surprise Major methods.

Tea followed in St. Paul's Institute, when about 100 members and friends sat down to an excellent repast. At the subsequent meeting apologies for absence were read from the vice-president (Mr. J. Oldham, of Loughborough) and members of the Kelham Theological College band. All districts of the association were represented, viz., Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham. Many non-resident members and friends were welcomed, including Mr. S. F. Palmer (hon. treasurer of Yorkshire Association), Mr. J. Brothwell and Miss Brothwell, with Mr. N. Chaddock, of the Sheffield District Society, and friends from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Kettering, Burton Latimer and elsewhere. The members were also delighted to have with them the Rev. Canon H. E. Fitzherbert, of Derby, the Rev. W. R. Lloyd Jones, of West Hallam, and the Rev. A. W. Pothergill, of Sharnford, Hinckley.

The Rev. Canon H. E. Fitzherbert, of Derby, was unanimously elected president and was received with acclamation. He said that Mr. Ferguson, of Repton School, would have been more fitted for the position, being a practical ringer, but his duties made it difficult for him to attend meetings, and so he had to withdraw his nomination. Although he (Canon Fitzherbert) had not the practical gift of being a ringer, he had, since his ordination, been fortunate enough to have been connected with churches where there were keen bands of ringers, and he particularly recalled happy memories of both Netherseale and Overseale and the great enthusiasm of his ringers there. He would do all he could to further the art and for the association's welfare.

## MR. COLIN HARRISON ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT.

For the post of vice-president, Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough, was unanimously elected, while the hon. treasurer, Mr. William E. White, of Cotgrave, Notts, and general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, were re-elected. Each of the three last named thanked the members for their confidence and support, and promised to do all in their power for the association's welfare and prosperity.

Voting for four representatives on the Central Council had meanwhile been taken by ballot, there having been six nominations. It resulted in the following being elected: Mr. A. J. Harris (Leicester), Mr. J. H. Swinfield (Burton), Mr. Paul L. Taylor (Loughborough) and Mr. W. E. White (Cotgrave).

Once again a good list of new members was presented, and 21 ringing, four rejoins, two honorary and two life were duly elected.

The annual report and balance sheet were passed on the proposition of Mr. C. Harrison, seconded by Mr. P. L. Taylor (auditors). The general hon. secretary apologised for the lateness of its issue to members, this being entirely due to the printer's delay and no fault of the local or general secretaries.

The President stated that they were delighted to have with them two of the original members of the association, who joined at its inception in 1882—57 years ago. He congratulated them and trusted they would continue to be with them for many years yet to come.

Mr. J. Griffin and Mr. J. Jagger, the 'youngsters' named, both briefly replied, and some merriment was caused when Mr. Jagger got up, turned to his old friend and asked, 'What shall I tell them, Joe?'

Places for next quarterly meetings were decided upon as follows: Bakewell, June; Newark, September; Earl Shilton, January, 1940.

## A DISTURBING REPORT.

Mr. A. J. Harris raised an interesting and, at the same time, very disturbing matter that had been brought to his notice. It was an article in the 'Sheffield Daily Telegraph' relative to the suggested installation of amplified gramophone records of bells in the tower of Chesterfield Parish Church. It was with deep concern he had received this news, and he stressed most strongly the need that this matter be taken up by the Central Council and members of the Midland Counties

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## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING IN THE CITY.

The City of London was the scene of the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on Saturday, and the focal point was St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. About a hundred members attended and there was no lack of ringing in the afternoon and evening. In addition to Bishopsgate bells, the twelve at St. Giles', Cripplegate, and the eight at St. Lawrence Jewry and St. Olave's, Hart Street, were made full use of.

Service at St. Botolph's was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. D. Ellis), who gave a striking address based upon the symbolism of the spire and the tower. The president (Prebendary W. P. Cole Sheane) also took part in the service.

Later he presided at the business meeting, which followed tea, and was supported by the Rector of St. Botolph's, Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-presidents), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Mr. W. H. Oram (hon. treasurer) and other officers of the association.

The president first thanked the Rector of St. Botolph's, who had to leave early, for the service and his address, and also for the use of the bells.

### MEMBERSHIP DECREASE.

The annual report noted with satisfaction a considerable improvement in the attendances at meetings in both districts, and, referring to the joint meeting at Shoreditch in October with the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Essex Association, when some 80 ringers attended, said it was the first occasion on which the association had co-operated in this way with one of the two oldest of the London societies, and the success of the meeting gave much hope for the future. But while the increased support given to meetings caused some satisfaction, there was still considerable room for improvement. 'Too often,' said the report, 'it is only the "regulars" who attend, and it is quite apparent that some members never take that trouble. We repeat what we said last year, "If every member made a point of attending at least one meeting per year, what a difference it would make—especially to their own ringing."

The report proceeded: 'Our membership again shows a decrease. We regret that three members have been lost by death, whilst again a large number have had to be deleted from the books through non-payment of subscriptions. Most of these occur in the South and West District, but as the balance sheet of that district actually shows an increase in income, it is to be hoped that we have reached the stage when no further deletions need be made. Only by a great effort, however, on the part of all members, can this district again attain its former prosperity. The number of new members elected during the year was two honorary and 58 ringing members, and the total on the books at the end of the year was 856.'

'We are glad to report some progress at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, where an entirely new band has been formed, which is receiving instruction from Mr. G. A. Parsons. There has also been a considerable acquisition of members at Edmonton and Enfield (St. Mary's). Several members of the St. Dunstan's, Stepney, band have joined us, and we give these talented ringers a sincere and hearty welcome to the association.'

'During 1938 exactly 50 peals were rung, an increase of 15 on the previous year. Of these, four were rung on handbells, and 46 on tower bells in 28 different towers. Eight members rang their first peals; four their first handbell peals; 68 their first peals in a new method or on a different number of bells; whilst 142 members in all took part in the peals. There were 17 conductors. There was a slight increase in the quarter-peals rung, but further improvement is still possible. The Southgate band again headed the list, both in numbers and in variety of methods, all these quarter-peals being rung for Sunday services. The Heston band, too, had done very well with twelve quarter-peals.'

The report went on to express regret of the association at losing the valuable services of Mr. G. R. Goodship, who has left the county for business reasons. After a period of nine years as assistant hon. secretary, he became hon. secretary of the North and East District last year. He also did very good work at Harrow Weald, where he formed and taught a new band with much success. It was mainly through his efforts that the peal at that church was augmented to eight a few years ago. 'We desire,' said the report, 'to place on record our sincere appreciation of his services to the association, and wish him success in his new career.'

### CHANGES IN OFFICERS.

The report went on to refer to the various changes which had taken place among the officers, both in the districts and by the reorganisation of the association, and expressed thanks to those who had rendered valuable service in the past, including Mr. T. Collins and Mr. W. H. Oram, the district treasurers, whose offices have now lapsed. The report concluded: 'We have again to express our indebtedness to Mr. C. T. Coles for his services as honorary secretary. Mr. Coles' long term of office must, in the nature of things, be drawing to its close, but we hope to keep him for some time yet. The success of the association has depended very much on the work he has done for us, and its continuance depends largely on our finding a successor who will carry on the work in the same spirit.'

The report was adopted on the motion of the hon. secretary, who emphasised the utmost importance of the prompt payment of members' subscriptions.

Under the reorganisation scheme the Central Fund received the whole of the balances from the two districts, and the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. H. Oram) presented the statement, which showed receipts amounting to £97 16s. 2d., made up of £24 11s. 7d. brought forward, £80 4s. 6d. received from the North and East District and £13 0s. 1d. from the South and West District. The expenses amounted to £28 1s. 10d., leaving a balance in hand of £69 14s. 4d. In addition to this amount, the balance sheet showed other assets of £75 13s. 8d. 3½ per cent. War Loan Stock and £16 7s. 10d. in the Bell Restoration Fund transferred from the South and West District.

The accounts were adopted.

Prebendary W. P. Cole Sheane was re-elected president, amid applause, and the active vice-presidents, Mr. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, were also re-elected.

Mr. Fletcher expressed regret at the resignation of Mr. A. W. Coles from the Mastership of the association. Mr. Coles, he said, had intimated that, as his work had taken him out of London, it was very difficult for him to attend to the affairs of the association. The Central Committee, therefore, felt with regret that they must accept the resignation, as it would not be fair to ask Mr. Coles to carry on under the circumstances. He had served the association as Master since 1935 and served them very well indeed. Before that he was District Master in the North and East District, and the members of that district knew full well the excellent work he did, including teaching bands at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. James', Clerkenwell. They were all grateful to Mr. Coles for the work he had done through so many years. They felt they could not let the opportunity go by without showing him they appreciated what he had done, and he (Mr. Fletcher) proposed that Mr. Coles be elected an honorary life member of the association (applause). That was the least they could do and it was the only thing they were permitted to do under the rules (applause).

### NEW MASTER.

The motion having been carried, Mr. Fletcher then proposed the election of Mr. Harry Kilby, of Willesden, as Master. Mr. Kilby had all the attributes for the office. He had been a member of the association for 30 years, and although he had not hitherto held office he thought that was only because the association had not called upon him.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded and said he had known Mr. Kilby ever since he (Mr. Turner) started ringing, and he felt sure he would make a very good Master.—The motion was carried with applause, and Mr. Kilby, acknowledging his election, said he would endeavour to do his best.

Mr. W. H. Oram was elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. C. T. Coles, acknowledging his re-election as hon. secretary, said that was his 29th year of office and would be his last ('No'). He did intimate to the committee that he would like to resign this year, but there had been several alterations in the officers, especially in the districts, and he consented to go on for another year. He definitely intended to retire next year. With that in prospect the committee considered it would be advisable to appoint an assistant secretary with a view to carrying on. He thought the committee's choice was a good one and had much pleasure in proposing Mr. E. C. S. Turner as assistant hon. secretary (applause). Mr. Kilby seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher was appointed auditor, Messrs. Oram, C. T. Coles and Turner trustees, and Messrs. C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, J. E. Lewis Cockey and W. G. Wilson representatives on the Central Council.

In recognition of their past services to the association, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (who had filled offices since 1929) and Mr. G. B. Lucas (who has served on the Central Committee since 1897 and was for many years Master of the North and East District) were elected honorary life members.

The new members elected were Messrs. F. C. Shorter and G. W. Fogden (St. Lawrence Jewry), A. J. W. Hughes (Streatham), P. Bond (Brasted), A. Jarvis and G. W. Cecil (St. Dunstan's, Stepney).

On the motion of the hon. secretary, it was decided to expend a sum not exceeding £2 in the purchase of copies of the Central Council's proposed new book on Surprise methods, which is to be published at 3s.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. Mary's, Acton.

### ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.

Under 'other business' Mr. Fletcher said, looking at the report, he was struck by the number of members they had, but looking at the attendances at district meetings he was very struck with the lack of enthusiasm shown by some members. He felt that every member should attend at least one meeting a year—that was the minimum—and at the next meeting of the North and East District he should propose that they keep a register of attendances, so that they might be able to see who attended and who did not.

Mr. G. L. Joyce said, if they kept the register, and found out who did not attend, what was the district going to do about it? He thought they should offer some inducement to members to attend the meetings. It would be interesting to hear what could be done to make the meetings more interesting.

Mr. T. J. Lock thought they could get some valuable information from a register. It would be a guide as to where interest in the association lay and enable them to endeavour to create interest where it did not exist.

Mr. J. E. L. Cockey said an attendance book was already kept in the South and West District, and the information had been used in  
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## A DOUBLE JUBILEE.

### PRESENTATION TO TWO HORBURY RINGERS.

Barnsley and District Society held the April meeting at Horbury, the following towers being represented: Armley, Cawthorne, Eastwood, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Gorton, Headingley (St. Chad's), Ossett, Sandal, Shelley, Walth and a good number of the local company.

The bells were rung during the afternoon, and after tea, served in the band room, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. Widdop, of Horbury.

Hoylandswaine was chosen as next place of meeting, to be held on May 6th.

After other business had been disposed of, a very interesting ceremony took place, to pay tribute to two of the local company, Messrs. H. Rowley and R. Thickett, on having completed 50 years' service as ringers at Horbury, which is without a doubt a performance worthy of praise. After two or three presents had expressed appreciation of the great service that had been done by these two ringers for the Church and for change ringing in general, a presentation was made to them on behalf of the ringers and church officials of Horbury and friends.

The presentation took the form of an enlarged photograph of the church tower, with a photo of the ringers inset. The presentation was made by the youngest member of the local company, who is only 13 years of age, a ceremony which he managed very well. He also presented a copy to the local secretary to hang in the tower.

Mr. Rowley thanked the ringers for what had been done and recalled some of the interesting things which had taken place during the half-century he had been a ringer at Horbury. He added that although 50 years was a big slice of one's life, it had not seemed long to him and he did not ever once remember that he regretted becoming a ringer.

Mr. Thickett supported all Mr. Rowley had said and added that although they had had their ups and downs, he had always enjoyed what he had done.

Mr. H. Pickles, the local secretary, who had organised the presentation, spoke of those who had been ringers during the 50 years and had passed on, and while the members stood in silence a course of Bob Major was rung on handbells in an adjoining room. This came as a surprise and the effect was impressive. Mr. Pickles then went on to thank all those who had attended and who had helped in any way to make the gathering a success.

Mr. F. Rayment, of Armley, said how pleased he was to be present and added that another ringer was present who had done over 50 years' ringing, Mr. J. Thackray, of Armley. He thanked the Barnsley and District Society for the hearty welcome given to them.

Mr. Moxon, Sandal, expressed thanks for all the arrangements that had been made and also thanked the ladies for the splendid tea they had provided.

Mr. H. Chant, Felkirk, supported and assured the Leeds District ringers that it was more than pleasing to have them present.

Further ringing followed, touches of Major and Caters on handbells and a variety of Minor and Major and Stedman Triples on the tower bells being rung.

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drawing up the report. Personally, he would be prepared to go into it further.

Mr. C. W. Roberts urged that learners should be encouraged to do more in the way of studying methods at home and getting practice before they came to district meetings. The district meetings would then be of greater advantage to them.

After further discussion, in which Mr. E. Holman suggested instructional courses for beginners, Mr. Fletcher suggested that further consideration should be referred to district meetings, and this course was adopted.

Reference was made to the recent death of Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, who was a member of the association. Mr. J. A. Trollope said most of the younger people only knew Arthur Knights by reputation. He was a man who, for 50 years or more, had held a position as one of the leading composers. He was well on in years when he died and was held in honour. 'We sometimes,' said Mr. Trollope, 'do not altogether realise the debt we, as an Exercise, owe to the men who have worked with a singleness of mind for the good of ringing and without very much expectation of credit or reward. They investigate some of those things which are not fully understood and give the Exercise the advantage of what they have done in the highest parts of composition. It is too often thought these things just come, somehow, but Arthur Knights must have spent an enormous amount of time and trouble in investigation, and he is one of those men we, as ringers, are entitled to be proud of.'

The members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of the churches where bells had been placed at the disposal of the members, and to the respective steeplekeepers, especially Mr. J. E. Davis at St. Botolph's.

The meeting then terminated with thanks to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for his presence, and to the chairman for presiding and his many kindnesses throughout the year.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first session of the seventeenth Council (47th annual meeting) will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 30th, 1939, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1.30 p.m., and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30 p.m., or as may be decided.

### AGENDA.

- Report of the hon. secretary as to representation of societies and as to unpaid subscriptions.
- Apologies for absence.
- Presentation of new members to the president (Rule 11).
1. Election of president for 1939-1942.  
Mr. E. H. Lewis retires and is eligible for re-election.
2. Election of hon. secretary and treasurer for 1939-1942.  
Mr. G. W. Fletcher retires and is eligible for re-election.
3. Election of hon. librarian for 1939-1942.  
Mr. W. H. J. Hooton retires and is eligible for re-election.
4. Election of hon. auditors (two) for 1939-1942.  
Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. A. A. Hughes retire and are eligible for re-election.
5. Election of honorary members.  
The following retire and are eligible for re-election: The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, C. F. Johnston, C. W. Roberts, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex. Young.
6. Loss of members through death.
7. Minutes of the last meeting.
8. Report of the hon. librarian.
9. Report of the committee appointed to revise 'Model Rules for a Local Company.'  
Committee: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. W. H. J. Hooton and S. H. Wood.
10. Statement of accounts.
11. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.  
Trustees: Messrs. E. Alex. Young and A. A. Hughes.
12. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, adopt the reports of the following committees.  
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.  
To reappoint or alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable, and to appoint conveners of such committees.
- (a) Standing Committee.  
The following retire and are eligible for reappointment: Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. W. A. Cave, J. T. Dyke, C. F. Johnston, R. Richardson, E. Denison Taylor, A. Paddon Smith, A. Walker and S. H. Wood.  
A vacancy occurs through the death of Mr. W. T. Cockerill.  
Note.—The ex-officio members are: The President, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past officers (if still members of the Council).
- (b) Peal Collection.  
Members eligible for reappointment:—  
Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. G. Lindoff, G. R. Newton, G. R. Pye, C. W. Roberts, J. A. Trollope and T. B. Worsley.
- (c) Methods.  
Members eligible for reappointment: Messrs. J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner and S. H. Wood.
- (d) Peal Analysis and Records.  
Members eligible for reappointment:—  
Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. W. Ayre, C. Dean, G. L. Grover and G. R. Pye.
- (e) Towers and Belfries.  
Members eligible for reappointment:—  
Mr. E. H. Lewis, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. Hunt and E. Alex. Young.
- (f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.  
Members eligible for reappointment:—  
Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker.
- (g) Peal Boards.  
Members eligible for reappointment:—  
Rev. C. E. Wigg, Messrs. W. Ayre and W. G. Wilson.
- (h) Biographies.  
Members eligible for reappointment: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. W. A. Cave and J. S. Goldsmith.
- (i) As to the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'
- (j) As to the muffling of bells.
13. To fix the place of the next meeting.
14. Other business, if any.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

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## PEAL NOTES.

### HAVE THEY RUNG A PEAL?

Five Cullompton (Devon) ringers and one from Tiverton rang their 'first peal' on April 10th, when a peal of Doubles was brought round on the back eight of Cullompton's fine ring of ten, with 4-6-8 covering.

We do not want in the least to detract from the performance of any of these ringers or to damp the encouragement which this peal may have given them, but as a matter of principle it would be interesting to know if it can be said that two ringers who strike over one bell 5,040 times can strictly be said to have 'rung a peal.' This is no reflection upon what the Cullompton men have done, because others have done it before them, but it does raise again the doubt which exists in some people's minds.

Three local men at Lympstone, Devon, also rang their first peal, on April 15th, when they took part in 42 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

Mr. H. W. Lidbetter a ringer at Isleworth, Middlesex, is moving to Acle, Norfolk. A peal of Stedman Triples was rung in his old tower on April 15th as a farewell.

Mr. Arthur Everett called a peal of St. Clement's College Bob Major from the treble at Boreham, Essex, on Easter Monday, and thus 'completed the circle' at this tower.

The silver jubilee of the installation of the bells at Cuckney, Notts, was celebrated on April 9th by a peal of Minor, which was also a compliment to Mr. Upex, on completing 16 years as vergor and tower-keeper.

Until April 15th a peal had not been rung at Addingham, Yorkshire, for 27 years. A peal in three Minor methods broke the spell, and the band wish to thank all those who made this peal possible, and particularly Mrs. Mitchell, of Croft House, for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

To enable three brothers, Reginald Hill, of Shotley, Ipswich, Raymond Hill, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, and John Hill, of St. John's, Leicester, to ring a peal together, a peal of Grandsire Triples was arranged at St. Margaret's and rung on the light eight on April 15th. The long and the short of it were to be seen side by side in this peal 'Big-hearted Arthur,' over 6ft. of brawn and muscle, on the seventh, and diminutive 15-year-old John Hill on the tenor. Two of the brothers rang their first peal on eight bells and the other his first peal of Triples.

### A JUBILEE.

An interesting anniversary was celebrated at Worsley, Lancashire, on April 17th, when a peal of Double Norwich Major was rung in honour of the jubilee of the first peal in the method rung in Lancashire on April 8th, 1889. That early performance was achieved by the Worsley company, and in the commemoration peal were two sons and a grandson of members of the original company, and the same composition was rung.

When a band met short for a peal of Spliced Treble Bob at South Kirby, Yorks, on Easter Monday, one of the local ringers, Mr. A. E. Harrison, was pressed into service at a minute's notice and rang his first peal at the first attempt. A peal of Bob Minor was substituted for the Spliced Treble Bob, and although he had not called a peal of Bob Minor before, the conductor, Mr. Daniel Smith, was not at a loss. He called seven different extents, which, between them, contained 49 bobs and 144 singles, one 720 containing 42 singles.

Owing to the late arrival of one of the band for a peal at Quorn, Leicestershire, on Thursday, April 20th, it was unfortunate that the anticipated Major method had to be cut out. However, with what time was left at their disposal the band quickly rang a peal of Stedman Triples (2 hours 40 minutes). Mr. William Bottrill very nobly undertook the calling. He had only called his first peal of Stedman a few weeks ago.

The peal of London Surprise Minor at Apsley End, Herts, on April 10th, when five of the band rang their first peal in the method, was specially arranged as a birthday compliment to the conductor (Mr. W. J. Randall), as a wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. W. Ayre and Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Good, and to celebrate the jubilee of the diocese of Chelmsford, which formerly belonged to the diocese of St. Albans.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clarke, of Deeping St. James, Lincolnshire, have just celebrated their silver wedding, and a peal of Surprise Minor in honour of the event was rung on April 10th. Mr. Clarke is a regular service ringer at St. James'.

Mr. Fred Stokes, the popular hon. secretary of Lincoln Diocesan Guild, rang his 200th peal on Saturday, when he took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Harmston, Lincs.

The newly-appointed secretary of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association (Mr. E. F. Cubberley) achieved his first peal of Minor by ringing the treble to a seven-method peal at his own tower at Kempsey on Saturday week. Afterwards he entertained the band to tea, which was much appreciated.

Having rung their first 720 of Kent Treble Bob for early celebration on Easter Day, and the first in the method on the bells, five local ringers at Harston, with Mr. C. W. Cook as conductor, rang their first peal in the method on Saturday week.

The quarterly peal of the Hereford District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was rung on April 15th at Holme-Lacy. It was Grandsire Triples and one ringer rang his first peal at the first attempt and another his first of Grandsire Triples on an 'inside' bell.

### ESSEX SPLICED MINOR RECORD.

St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, has put up the Spliced Minor record of the Essex Association to 34 methods, which were rung in seven extents at Stisted on Saturday week. There were 13 methods in one 720 and 142 changes of method in the peal.

Another peal of Spliced Minor on the same day was that at Taxal, Cheshire, where 29 Treble Bob methods were rung.

Mr. J. G. Nash was another to ring his 100th Surprise peal on Saturday week. This he did at Bocking, Essex, when a peal of London was rung, which was Messrs. Fred Ridgewell and Frank Claydon's 100th peal together.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank installed the ring of eight at Grayshott in 1931, but it was not until Saturday week that any attempt was made for a peal there. The village of Grayshott is in Surrey, but the church is in Hampshire, the centre of the road which passes the church being the county boundary. The parish is in the diocese of Guildford, but for good and sufficient reasons the peal of Superlative was rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

After the peal the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Ireland) came to the ringing chamber, congratulated the ringers and generously offered to provide a board recording the performance. For this kindness and for the use of the bells he was cordially thanked.

At Bletchley, Bucks, on April 15th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the Sunday service ringers at the Parish Church.

After an interval of nearly nine years, another peal has been rung on the fine ring of eight at Southgate, Middlesex. There have been difficulties in getting permission, but we hope it will not be as long before the next is rung.

It is gratifying to note that the ice has been broken by the local band, for they were all Sunday service ringers who took part in the peal of Cambridge on April 15th. Some of them, however, seem to be getting a wee bit towards 'the sere and yellow leaf,' for the average age of the band is 60. But perhaps it is not really as bad as it looks, for one of them, Mr. David Wright, formerly of Croydon, who joined the Southgate Society twelve months ago, is 78 years young. It was Mr. John Armstrong's 250th peal and his 100th Surprise peal.

Three Evershot (Dorset) ringers rang their first peal of Triples on April 15th, when with their conductor, Mr. Dennis Bishop, who called his first peal other than Doubles, they took part in a peal of Grandsire at Bradpole.

### LONG SERVICE.

Mr. Harry Dickens has completed 53 years as a service ringer at the Parish Church at Great Bedworth, Cheshire, where he is now towerkeeper. In his honour the first peal of Stedman on the bells was rung on Saturday week.

Another ringer with over half a century of service at one church is Mr. W. A. Fitchford, captain of the tower at Wolstanton, Staffordshire, where he has been a ringer for 53 years. He is one of the foremost instructors in Staffordshire. On Friday week a peal of Grandsire Triples, to which he rang the treble, was rung in his honour and as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Wyburn, churchwarden, on his 70th birthday. Except for Mrs. V. Miles and Mr. G. E. Kettle, who belong to Newcastle, Staffs, the band who rang the peal are service ringers at Wolstanton.

Mr. Fred Hickling, an original member of Sir Arthur Heywood's celebrated band at Duffield, has recently died, and a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples had been arranged as a last token of respect. The band, however, met short, and a peal of Bob Minor, with the tenor covering, was substituted, on April 15th.

The first Surprise peal by the local band at Leatherhead was rung on April 15th, when Cambridge Surprise was rung in honour of the wedding earlier in the day of the Rev. P. W. Isdell-Carpenter, for 2½ years curate of Leatherhead, and Miss Manier-Williams. By a coincidence it was Mr. George Marriner's 250th peal and Mr. A. H. Winch's 250th peal in Surrey as well as his 50th peal on the bells.

The notes to the peals rung in the Bristol district and recorded last week need correction. The composition of the Double Norwich should have been given as containing in each part a course with S1 S3 S5 B8 and not with four singles as printed. The peal at Berkeley was a 5,040, not a 5,008. The time of the peal at Clevedon was 2 hours 56 minutes. In justice to the conductor (Mr. Nolan Golden), we should say that he was not responsible for sending in the reports and the errors were not his.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Sherburn-in-Elmet on April 10th was Horace S. Morley, not Worsley as printed.

In the report of a peal of Kent Treble Bob published last week, Norton-in-Hales was given as in Staffordshire, 'A Salopian in Exile' informs us that it is in Shropshire, the river Tern, flowing near by, forming the county boundary.

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## NOTICES.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 29th. The bells of the Cathedral (8) will be available from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., S. Nicolas' (10) from 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. and S. Nicolas' and Shalford (8) after the meeting. Service will be held in the Cathedral Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in Holy Trinity Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall immediately after tea.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Guildford.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln on Saturday, April 29th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 6d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m., and in the evening. Also at St. Giles' (8) from 6 to 8 p.m.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, April 29th. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing 2.30 to 4.15 and in the evening. The Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 to 9. Service at St. Peter's 4.30, tea, price 2s. 6d. (1s. to members) at the Pavilion Grill Room, 5.15. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—J. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Tuebrook, Liverpool. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea will be provided. It is many years since a meeting was held at this tower.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amphill Road, Liverpool 17.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingstone on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., 6d. each.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Hollies, Lugwardine, Hereford.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dodleston on Saturday, April 29th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30.—J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—A meeting will be held at Henley on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Evensong 5 p.m. Tea in the Chantry House 5.40 p.m., 9d. each.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) & HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District).**—A joint meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Luton, on Saturday, April 29th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea and discussions at the Red Lion Hotel at 5 p.m. All ringers will be very welcome. Methods: Plain, Surprise and Spliced.—F. J. Plummer and H. V. Frost, Dis. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at West Hallam on April 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions now due.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Drayton on Saturday, April 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify for tea.—F. Farant, Martock.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting at Wellington, Saturday, April 29th. Ringing 3-4.30 and 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please notify me for tea.—W. A. Farmer, Hon. Sec., 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 29th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Greinton to-morrow, Saturday. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS (8 bells), to-morrow, April 29th.** Tower open 3.30. Tea, Parish Hall, 5.30. Usual business meeting after. Ringing till 8. Excellent travelling facilities, bus or train. Cycles can be placed in grounds (Vicarage).—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270).

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hawkchurch on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Chardstock (6 bells) also available from 3 to 4 p.m.—C. H. Lathey, Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—Owing to Chelmsford Cathedral bells not being available on Saturday next, April 29th, the monthly practice will be held instead at Writtle at 7.30 p.m. The methods will be Double Norwich and Cambridge.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meetings for May: Southwark Cathedral, 2nd and 30th; St. Clement Danes, 4th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 9th; St. Magnus', 11th and 25th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 16th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 18th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 23rd. All at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**MID-WEEK MEETING.**—A meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild will be held at Ash on Wednesday, May 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m.



Tea 5 p.m. in the Parish Room. Evensong at 6 p.m. All welcome! A postcard (if you require tea) to C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Walsden, on Saturday, May 6th. Tea in the Schoolroom at 1s. each to those who notify Mr. J. Dugdale, 38, Ramsden Wood Road, Walsden, by Wednesday, May 3rd.—Ivan Kay, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Highclere on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by May 3rd to the undersigned.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—St. Michael's, East Peckham (6 bells) is beautifully situated in the heart of the fruit growing district. Come and see for yourself on Saturday, May 6th, the occasion of the Spring meeting. Half fares will be paid to members attending. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Bennett). Notify Mr. T. Saunders, Peckham Bush, Paddock Wood, by Wednesday, May 3rd. Book on bus to Forge Gate, on the Tonbridge-Maidstone Road.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, May 6th. The new bells at Holy Trinity will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall or Miss Wood's Café at 5.15. Names or numbers to Mr. E. Swain, 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe, by Wednesday, May 3rd.—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Puttenham on Saturday, May 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 3rd? —W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guildford.

**PETERBOROUGH, ST. MARY'S CHURCH.**—The ring of six bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by Bishop Lang on Saturday, May 6th, at 3.30 p.m.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sudborough on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—W. R. Butcher, Hon. Sec., Woodview, Brigstock, near Kettering.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, May 6th. Other towers available. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following at the Schoolroom.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea, please notify me by Wednesday, May 3rd. A good attendance is hoped for, and a hearty welcome will be extended to all.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Magee's Cafe, for those who send postcard to Mr. J. H. Masters, 25, Bawlby Street, Houghton-le-Spring. All ringers welcome, and a good attendance requested.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at Ambrosden (8 bells) on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Bicester bells (8) available in the evening. Those requiring tea, please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Nice little peal. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Yate on May 6th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at the White Lion.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield (10 bells), on Saturday, May 6th. For tea, please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield. Buses from Leopold Street, near Town Hall, fare 1½d. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road Sheffield 7.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, Staffs, not later than May 3rd? All ringers welcome.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning, near Reading, on Saturday, May 6th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Bunwell on Saturday, May 6th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Special method, Kingston Treble Bob Minor. As this is a difficult place to arrange tea, do let me know by May 2nd, please. All ringers welcome to this fresh tower.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—A special deanery meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe (5 bells) on Saturday, May 6th. The Rev. Couchman, Vicar of Kingston, will give the address. The bells of Guilsborough and East Haddon will also be available. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 2nd, please.—H. H. Shrivess, Hon. Sec., The Mill, Long Buckby, Rugby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Hanslope (6 bells) on Saturday, May 6th, from 4.30 p.m. All ringers will be welcome. A good attendance is desired.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Uphill (Weston-super-Mare) on May 6th. Bells (6) open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Howe's Cafe 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—H. Minifie, Branch Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Horsell on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 6.30 p.m. This is a country village, and a postcard with numbers for tea must reach me by Wednesday, the 10th. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hasfield on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea by invitation of the Rector. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday, May 9th.—A. G. Pulley, Branch Hon. Sec., Dumbleton, Evesham.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braintree, Essex, on May 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service in the church conducted by the Vicar at 4.30 p.m. Tea, price 1s., in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bocking bells (8) also available after tea. All names for tea should be sent to Mr. W. G. Felton, 42, Panfield Lane, Braintree, Essex, not later than Wednesday, May 10th.—Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston (6 bells) on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Particulars later by circular. Subscriptions are now due. All ringers welcome.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District.—Meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, May 13th. Visit the charming church of Gray's 'Elegy,' and ring on the handy peal of eight. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Red Lion, Stoke Green, at 5, followed by business meeting. Notifications must be sent to Mrs. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, near Slough, by Wednesday, May 10th, without fail. Trains, 2.18 and 2.35, Paddington to Slough.—I. R. Housden, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colaton Raleigh on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Monday, May 8th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**HANBURY, NEAR BROMSGROVE, WORCS.**—The bells will be re-dedicated on Sunday, May 14th, at 3 p.m., by the Archdeacon of Dudley. A ring of eight recast by John Taylor and Co.

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