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## ANNUAL MEETINGS

SINCE Easter we have been in the throes of annual meetings of Guilds and Associations. It is a time for stocktaking, and almost without exception the reports make good reading. Numerically, there is no decrease in membership; in fact many Guilds report an increase, and practically all of them report a very live organisation directing their affairs.

Correspondence previous to the meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association meeting at Taunton suggested that there might be criticism of the general policy; these happily have been smoothed over and reports received indicate that sweet accord marked the proceedings. The Bath and Wells is probably our largest Association, with a membership of 1,515, an increase of 84 during the year. Somerset is a county of some of the finest towers in the land, and visiting ringers know only too well of the hospitality it extends. The Association operates through eleven branches. The Master and General Secretary are greatly dependent on their chief lieutenants.

Their neighbours, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, with a membership of nearly 1,000, are also a vigorous body, but they have one or two branches which are not displaying the general enthusiasm of the main body, Mr. C. R. Harding, the general secretary, has retired, and Mr. F. Skidmore, a well-known and popular member of the Central Council, is his successor. Mention should be made of Mr. P. C. Williams' 21 years as honorary treasurer. The Association did not overlook his coming-of-age in office, and he was the recipient of a suitable presentation.

Another hon. treasurer to come-of-age this year was Mr. F. M. Mitchell, of the Kent County Association. There was no lack of cordiality at Rochester on Easter Monday on the way he fulfilled his stewardship. Kent are among the wealthy, with assets totalling £1,234, and during his tenure of office these increased by £400. This Association has a membership of 1,015, of whom 127 are new practising members during the current year. With

one member in eight a first-yearer, the importance of the instructional side of ringing cannot be overlooked.

The question of ringers' badges was raised at a number of meetings. Last year Oxford Diocesan Guild designed their own badge and the year before that Guildford Diocesan Guild did the same. Southwell Diocesan Guild and Coventry Diocesan Guild are both grappling with the question and Kent are making inquiries. We live in an age when people love to be labelled and if it gives pleasure why say nay? Ringers can rarely disguise their love of bells—it is said that practised eyes can pick them out by their gait and other peculiarities. We have not this detective genius! The idea of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association of providing a badge of office for the Master is to be commended. The chains of office worn by the Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths do give a touch of dignity. There are other Guilds where the office is similarly honoured.

Irish ringing before the war was not conspicuous. In Northern Ireland in recent years there has been marked progress in the art of change ringing and also enthusiasm for peals. A resident company is now ringing Surprise. Another sign of progress was the election of 20 new members at the annual meeting of the Northern district on Easter Monday. The pioneer work of Mr. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Denwoody is bearing good fruit, and interest in ringing is far from dormant in other parts of the country.

In these days there is a desire to hold commemoration dinners, probably modelled on the Birmingham tradition. The George Williams commemoration dinner is being held at Bournemouth next month. A suggestion that the Guildford Guild should revive their annual dinner and call it the John S. Goldsmith commemoration dinner found opinions very divided. In no sense was there any desire among the critics to belittle the great work the founder of 'The Ringing World' did for change ringing. Their point of view was that his work should not be an excuse for a dinner. The art of compromise was graciously introduced and the title of this revived function is to be 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner commemorating John S. Goldsmith.'



**TEN BELL PEALS**KINGSTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

N. G. HOLLINGWORTH... Treble	C. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
*BARBARA M. HARRIS ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT... 7
SQUIRE CROFT ... 3	†THOMAS E. DAVIES ... 8
GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 9
†GEORGE W. MASSEY ... 5	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.  
\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of the 2nd, a member of the local company.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOHN W. BEST ... Treble	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 6
*FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
*HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	†R. GORDON CORBY ... 8
ARTHUR B. CLOSE ... 4	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 9
†BRIAN HARRIS ... 5	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on 10 bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN W. STEPHENSON Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 6
DENIS N. LAYTON ... 2	†VERNON J. BENNING ... 7
†A. W. J. APPLETON ... 3	†PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 8
†MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT... 4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 9
DAVID E. PARSONS ... 5	FRANK E. DARBY ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal in the method as conductor. A wedding compliment to Hilda Prescott and William H. Kingcott.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN H. GRUNDY ... Treble	*THOMAS C. BELTON ... 6
JOHN P. FIDLER ... 2	LESLIE W. STEVENS ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 3	COLIN HARRISON ... 8
PAUL LEA TAYLOR ... 4	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 9
HAROLD MARCON ... 5	WILLIAM HICKMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

\* First peal on ten bells. A compliment to Miss Erica Hancock upon attaining her majority and on her engagement.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN BEARDMORE ... Treble	†EWART H. EDGE ... 6
GEOFFREY C. BEACH ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
REGINALD ROWLEY ... 3	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 8
G. ARNOLD MOORE ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 9
ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5	*W. ARTHUR GAUNT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHAS. H. PAGE.

\* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. In honour of the birth of a daughter to the tenor ringer.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Morris' Transposition of Parker's.	Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.
*GERALD ARMSTRONG ... Treble	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 5
†ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	CHARLES R. BELTON ... 6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 3	ALAN H. HOUGH ... 7
THOMAS C. BELTON ... 4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN H. HOUGH.

\* First peal of Triples. † 1,0001st tower-bell peal. A welcome to the Rev. S. C. Kipling, curate of Barwell.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

*On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Washbrook's.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD Treble	*FRANK BAILESS ... 5
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 6
MAVIS WHITEHEAD ... 3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7
JOHN BRAMLEY ... 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method.

AMESBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MELOR,

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

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 22½ cwt.
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS Treble	*DAVID R. REED ... 5
*JEAN M. BROWN ... 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 6
RONALD N. BARLOW ... 3	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 7
*BRIAN R. TILLER ... 4	JACK MUSSEL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung for the wedding of the churchwarden.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Washbrook's.	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.
WILLIAM BOND ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 2	JACK BAILEY ... 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 7
ALFRED MOULD ... 4	WALTER SHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

A birthday peal for Charles R. Belton, of Barwell.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
JOHN W. SANGWIN ... Treble	CHARLES E. TAYLOR ... 5
CHARLES SANGWIN ... 2	FREDERICK SANGWIN ... 6
*ALAN J. HICKS ... 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 7
W. RONALD HILL ... 4	REGINALD G. PEARCE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal on eight. Fiftieth peal as conductor. The first peal on the bells, recently recast and hung by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

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## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;  
Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE O. WRIGHT ... Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
CHARLES R. BELTON ... 2	†FRANK BAILESS ... 6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 3	†THOMAS HY. WRIGHT ... 7
†PHILIP T. GODDARD ... 4	†GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by GEO. A. NEWTON.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Double Norwich. A farewell to Brian Newton, son of the conductor, on joining the R.A.F.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF TRINITY COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;  
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

GEORGE P. ADAMS ... Treble	HENRY TOOKE ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 3	BERT GOGLE ... 7
GEORGE SAYER ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal in the method.

## HOLYWOOD, NORTHERN IRELAND.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 6144 CHANCES;  
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

JOHN SAVAGE ... Treble	JAMES EDGAR ... 5
WILLIAM PRATT ... 2	NAT. SAVAGE ... 6
*JOHN J. FIELDING ... 3	*JOHN CAMPBELL ... 7
JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 4	HARRY BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

\* First peal of Major.

## KINGS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;  
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*BRIAN M. BARKER ... Treble	EDWIN A. UPTON ... 5
TERENCE G. MORTON ... 2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 6
PAMELA A. MARTIN ... 3	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 7
ANNE B. STOCKDALE ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal. To commemorate the diamond wedding (April 6th) of Mr. and Mrs. E. Toms, of Kings Langley, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Puddifoot (Apsley) on the birth of a son and heir.

## CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble	*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 2	*T. MARK WHITE ... 6
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal of Belgrave. First peal of Belgrave on the bells.

## KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;  
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

WILLIAM JUDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
*BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
*PHILIP WALKER ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DEVON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;  
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	ALICK CUTLER ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Arranged by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Davies' Transposition. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.	
CLEMENT GLENN ... Treble	HENRY ROGERS ... 5
FREDK. A. SALTER ... 2	FRANK BRADLEY ... 6
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
REGINALD ALEY ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

## LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;  
Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN G. GIPSON ... Treble	STANLEY GILBERT ... 5
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... 2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON ... 6
CHARLES W. COOK ... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
GEORGE E. CRISP ... 4	MANSFIELD GINN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all except the ringer of the 6th.

## BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANDON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;  
Tenor 15 cwt.

*DENIS R. AIREY ... Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 6
GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 3	†THOMAS COOKE ... 7
JOHN A. BROWN ... 4	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major and 25th peal.

## DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;  
J. Reeves. Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

WILLIAM PERKINS ... Treble	*WILLIAM POTTS ... 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 2	ALAN D. STEEL ... 6
WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 3	ALBAN JACK ... 7
CHARLES S. RYLES ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

\* First peal on eight bells. A compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Frank Chadwick, who was inducted to the living a few weeks ago.

## WESTERHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;  
Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM G. COOK ... Treble	ROBERT COLLINS ... 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
FREDK. W. BUDGEN ... 3	JOHN O. WELLER ... 7
DORIS COLGATE ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Brooks' Variation. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
\*M. ANGELA CARTER ... Treble †CLAUDE CORDEROY ... 5  
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 2 ALBERT E. LOCK ... 6  
\*AUDREY J. WEST ... 3 †MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 7  
\*H. ANTHONY TREADGOLD 4 †JOHN W. SEYMOUR ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

\*GLADYS K. JARRETT ... Treble S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 5  
GEORGE KENWARD ... 2 \*CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 6  
VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 3 WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7  
FREDERICK RICHARDSON 4 CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... Treble FRANK L. FISHER ... 5  
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 2 \*GEORGE SAYER ... 6  
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3 \*REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 7  
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 4 NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed by JAS. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method.

LINDLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

\*CLIFFORD AARON ... Treble JOHN PEARSON ... 5  
DEREK SHARPLES ... 2 GEOFFREY GEE ... 6  
BRIAN E. MOORHOUSE ... 3 ALBERT W. BOND ... 7  
W. GEORGE TURNER ... 4 ARNOLD ROTHERY ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by ALBERT W. BOND.

\* First peal, age 15.

NEWTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS HORRIDGE ... Treble ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 5  
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 2 THOMAS HESKETH ... 6  
JACK ASHCROFT ... 3 EDWARD BIRKETT ... 7  
RONALD KENRICK ... 4 JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

BRIAN BLADON ... Treble EDWIN G. MOORE ... 5  
ALAN R. PINK ... 2 WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... 6  
\*ANTHONY R. PEAKE ... 3 EDGAR J. SMITH ... 7  
†DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 4 PETER ANGER ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19½ cwt.

\*EILEEN S. WYLES ... Treble \*WILFRED S. PALIN ... 5  
JABEZ WALTER ... 2 \*ALAN BUTLER ... 6  
\*PETER NEWING ... 3 \*THOMAS H. HOLMES ... 7  
SIDNEY WALTER ... 4 WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. BOTTRILL.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Apr. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF THOMAS-A-BECKET,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS ... Treble ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5  
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2 ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6  
THOMAS E. SONE ... 3 ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7  
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4 PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TURNER. Conducted by GEOFFREY V. MURPHY.

The conductor's 300th peal.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Apr. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Netherseale, Bourne, Cambridge and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

\*ROLAND APPLEWHITE ... Treble MOSES BILLINGS ... 4  
GEOFFREY PARKER ... 2 WILLIAM R. PARKER ... 5  
\*AMOS INGALL ... 3 JOHN E. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

\* First peal in nine methods.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Apr. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being two 720's of London Scholars' Pleasure and one of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

\*MARY WEBSTER ... Treble ARNOLD HILL ... 4  
†DORIS MARSHALL ... 2 DONALD CHADWICK ... 5  
†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... 3 HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside'. ‡ First peal in four methods. Rung for Easter at the request of the Rector. A 15th birthday compliment to D. H. Rooke.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

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

Being six extents of Plain Bob and one of Single Court. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

\*FREDK. W. PINCHBECK ... Treble FRANK P. HARWOOD ... 4  
\*DENIS A. FRITH ... 2 \*WALTER WESTON ... 5  
\*JAMES W. HAW ... 3 JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in two Minor methods. For the engagement of Miss Joan Wright and Mr. Derek Wilson, ringers at the above church.

EDENBORO, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Being 2,520 Stedman, 1,200 Plain Bob and 1,320 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

\*NORMA HOWES ... Treble DENNIS SCOTT ... 4  
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 2 GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 5  
\*JEAN D. DUNN ... 3 \*NORMAN HOTCHIN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles in three methods by all.



## BATH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

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

MRS. DORA EVANS ...	Treble	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ...	4
LEONARD COLES ...	2	*REGINALD W. PERRY ...	5
MAURICE HELPS ...	3	CLAUDE S. KNOTT ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

\*First peal in three methods. A welcome to the Rev. E. J. T. Hawthorne, who returns to his parish after an illness of ten months.

## CREECH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRANK MATRAVERS ...	Treble	ARTHUR H. REED ...	4
*C. HENRY FLOYD ...	2	*WALTER E. PRIDDLE ...	5
GORDON WALFORD ...	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

\*First peal of Minor. 100th peal for the Bath and Wells Association for the conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Floyd.

## NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Fri., Apr. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

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

Being 720 each of Hereward Bob, Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. A. TARGETT ...	Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE ...	4
A. GEORGE CLARE ...	2	RONALD G. BECK ...	5
FREDERICK SAVAGE ...	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

## RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Apr. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

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

Consisting of 4 Morris' 240's (four callings), 7 Pitman's 240's (seven callings), and 20 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

WALTER R. SPEAKE ...	Treble	†RONALD C. LUCAS ...	4
*ALAN EVANS (14) ...	2	*MARTIN IRWIN ...	5
JACK R. WORRALL ...	3	LEONARD I. HULBERT ...	Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' The fastest peal on the bells.

## BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being three extents of Cambridge, two extents of Bourne, and one each of Norwich and Hull. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

FRED INGALL ...	Treble	LOUIS WILLDERS ...	4
BERTIE BEE ...	2	ROBERT PARKER ...	5
AMOS INGALL ...	3	MOSES BILLINGS ...	Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

First Surprise peal in four methods by all the band. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

## BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

BASIL H. HYATT ...	Treble	RONALD E. BURT ...	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ...	2	*T. CHARLES BROWNE ...	5
LEONARD G. TOOKE ...	3	FRANK W. PHILLIPPO ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

\*First peal of Minor in three methods. First peal in three Minor methods as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. R. Arnold.

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## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Hereward Bob, Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN FOWLER ... ..	Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE ... ..	4
EDWARD CHIVERS ... ..	2	A. GEORGE CLARE ... ..	5
FREDERICK SAVAGE ... ..	3	RONALD G. BECK ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Targett, parents of two members of the local band.

## COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being extents as follows: (1) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Fulbeck, Horsmonden and Lytham, (2) Durham, York, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) London and Wells Surprise, (4) Chester and Munden Surprise, (5) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, (6) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, (7) Hereward, Double Court, Single Court and Single Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY R. GARDNER ... ..	Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... ..	4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... ..	2	JAMES W. BOWLEY ... ..	5
C. WILLIAM HALL ... ..	3	ROLAND BENISTON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in 40 methods by all.

## CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising eight 120's of April Day, eight of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire, being two 240's each by Morris, Pitman, Lindoff and Price and ten ordinary 120's.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. WOOD ... ..	Treble	†FREDERICK WATSON ... ..	4
GEORGE PICKERING ... ..	2	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... ..	5
ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	3	PETER HALLAM ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* 150th peal. † 50th peal.

## GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

HORACE BENNETT ... ..	Treble	BERNARD H. DALTON ... ..	4
W. ALLEN RICHARDSON ... ..	2	CYRIL WANDER ... ..	5
LEONARD P. WILSON ... ..	3	*HAROLD BARSLEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* 100th peal.

## IFFLEY, OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Cullum, Plain Bob, Old Doubles and Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

L. BUSBY ... ..	Treble	D. WOODLEY ... ..	4
*T. BOWLES ... ..	2	W. FERN ... ..	5
J. ADAMS ... ..	3	G. WEBB ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. ADAMS.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells and by a local band. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Webb, mother of the ringer of the tenor. Also a wedding compliment to Miss B. M. Harrison and Mr. K. T. Stocker.

## KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS J. HILL ... ..	Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD ... ..	4
FREDERICK WELCH ... ..	2	ARTHUR H. ROWSELL ... ..	5
REGINALD BEALE ... ..	3	JACK W. DREW ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

A welcome to the Rev. V. Whiteman, recently inducted to the living.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

IN THE CHANCEL OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALAN CATTELL ... ..	1-2	*FRED W. GROCOTT ... ..	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... ..	3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY ... ..	7-8

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

\* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

IN THE VICAR'S VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	1-2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... ..	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... ..	3-4	FRED W. GROCOTT ... ..	7-8

JOHN BRAMLEY ... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ALAN CATTELL ... ..	1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... ..	5-6
*FRED W. GROCOTT ... ..	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	7-8

\*JOHN BRAMLEY ... .. 9-10

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' In memoriam Charles Marshall.

## LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At 35, MARKET STREET,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

*PETER BERESFORD ... ..	1-2	*DENNIS BERESFORD ... ..	5-6
*JOAN BERESFORD ... ..	3-4	†GEORGE E. OLIVER ... ..	7-8

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

## LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

At 35, MARKET STREET,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

DENNIS BERESFORD ... ..	1-2	JOAN BERESFORD ... ..	3-4
*PETER BERESFORD ... ..	5-6		

Conducted by PETER BERESFORD.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand' and 25th peal. First peal as conductor.

## HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At 21, GARFIELD ROAD,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 24 six-scores of Grandsire and 18 six-scores of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... ..	1-2	†FRANK H. HICKS ... ..	3-4
*C. JOHN PIPER ... ..	5-6		

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Doubles 'in hand.'

## LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 17, 1950, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

IN DERRY CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor size 14 in D.

JOHN J. FIELDING ... ..	1-2	FRED E. DUKES ... ..	3-4
JOHN CAMPBELL ... ..	5-6		

Conducted by FRED E. DUKES.

First peal 'in hand' in three methods in the county.



**ALFORD, Lincs.**—At St. Wilfrid's Church on April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Scoffin 1, S. H. Sutton 2, Miss H. E. Broomhead 3, J. I. Smith 4, E. D. Chandler 5, K. Ketteringham (cond.) 6. In recognition of the completion of sixty years' service as a chorister at Alford Church by Mr. Harry Gibbons.

**ASHFORD, Kent.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Parks 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, P. Page 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, T. Cullingworth 5, W. Ring 6, C. W. Everrett (cond.) 7, D. Godden 8.

**BARWELL, Leics.**—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lord 1, G. Armstrong (first 'inside') 2, E. Sowman 3, W. P. Whitehead 4, C. R. Belton (cond.) 5, H. A. Knights 6, G. P. Garner 7, J. Hill 8. In honour of the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Armstrong, parents of the 2nd ringer.

**BISHOP'S LYDEARD, Somerset.**—On April 11th, 1,344 Bob Major: R. Stone 1, G. Walford 2, D. North 3, C. Tarr 4, A. H. Reed 5, F. Morris 6, W. G. Gigg 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1, 3 and 6, and believed to be the first quarter of Major on the bells.

**BURES, Suffolk.**—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Leslie Mills (first quarter) 1, A. Ives 2, C. Bower 3, L. Mills 4, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 5, A. Fitch 6.

**CHELSEA, London.**—At St. Luke's on April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Turner 1, Miss J. Atkins (first quarter) 2, Miss V. Dupré (first of Triples, first 'inside') 3, Miss K. Branson (first as cond.) 4, T. Miller 5, J. Lott 6, P. Carter 7, C. Bartlett 8.

**DINDER, Somerset.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hull 1, H. Hill 2, E. Hill 3, R. Green 4, S. Atwell (cond.) 5, T. Harris (first quarter) 6. For the wedding of Miss Peggy Bird and Mr. William Rawlings.

**EAST RETFORD, Notts.**—On April 10th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. Burchnell 1, D. Rooke 2, K. Beardsall 3, Miss K. Burchnell 4, H. Barnes 5, H. Denman 6, H. Rooke 7, F. Jackson (cond.) 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**GRAYSHOTT, Hants.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Yarborough 1, J. Wells 2, R. Corke 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, C. Beadle 5, E. Gardner 6, F. Bowden (cond.) 7, F. Maybe 8. For the wedding of Mr. A. D. Howard and Miss R. A. Brading.

**HAMPTON, Middlesex.**—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. H. Lawrence 1, S. J. Woodcock 2, P. C. Ridgeway 3, F. C. Price (first as cond.) 4, T. H. Blunt 5, K. S. Smith 6. First quarter by all the band except the conductor. All the band are under 21 years of age.

**HESTON, Middlesex.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. A. Rose 1, F. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, W. W. Webb 3, K. Gristwood 4, W. A. Lewis 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. Godfrey 7, W. Winter 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gladman on their 50th wedding anniversary.

**LANE END, Oxon.**—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. G. Bune 1, F. Cox 2, A. K. Street 3, Miss J. S. Cox 4, L. Bune (first as cond.) 5, W. Avery 6.

**LLANELLY, Carm.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Graham Edwards 1, John Evans 2, Gwyn Francis 3, C. H. Hawkins (cond.) 4, Edwin Parmenter 5, Les Hurren 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Wm. Robbings, an old member of the band and a life member of the Guild.

**MAIDENHEAD, Berks.**—At All Saints', Boyne Hill, on April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Tuck (first quarter of Triples) 1, G. Martin 2, E. E. Gosling 3, J. Eldridge 4, E. Eldridge 5, W. Walker 6, T. J. Fowler (first as cond.) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

**RADLEY, Berks.**—On April 11th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Elizabeth Llewellyn Jones (first quarter) 1, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. G. Cross 3, Margaret Paton 4, A. E. Lock 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6.

**SHRIVENHAM, Berks.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Bob Doubles, 300 Grandsire) with 4.6.8 behind: A. Allan 1, E. Anger 2, A. Peake 3, E. Gainger 4, B. Bladon 5, M. Collins 6, P. Anger (cond.) 7, J. Durham 8. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled. Also on April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Anger 1, B. Bladon 2, A. Peake (first of Doubles as cond.) 3, A. Allan (first quarter 'inside') 4, E. Anger 5, H. Collins 6, J. Durham 7, E. Gainger 8. Rung with 6.7.8 behind.

**SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court and 540 Plain Bob): Irene Marrows 1, D. A. Frith 2, J. W. Haw 3, H. P. Collin 4, F. R. Mitchell 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. First of Minor in two methods by 1, 4 and 5.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—On April 2nd at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. C. Williams 1, Miss E. Arthur 2, Miss J. Cox 3, O. N. Curtis 4, R. Brown 5, J. Faithfull 6, M. Butler (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, W. Glasspool 8. First of Stedman for ringers of 2, 3 and 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor. First of Stedman on the bells since their restoration.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, Leics.**—On April 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Marshall 1, G. Deacon 2, H. Kilby 3, J. Clarke (82) 4, J. Morris 5, S. Cox 6, A. Bodycote 7, A. Riddington (cond.) 8. In memoriam Charles Marshall.

**SOWTON, Devon.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, W. Seldon 2, A. G. Betts 3, J. Dunster 4, W. Reeks 5, A. Tapley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Burnett 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Tapley.

**STAUNTON, Glos.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Smith 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, Miss D. Barnett 3, L. H. Jones 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 6. In honour of the 99th birthday of T. Barnett, grandfather of the ringers of 1, 2 and 3, and former ringer at this church.

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## LATE NEWS.

We regret to announce the sudden death on  
Sunday of Mr. George W. Steere, of 48, Milton  
Avenue, Sutton. Mr. Steere was hon. secre-  
tary of the Society of Royal Cumberland  
Youths from 1928 until last January.

After a meeting lasting  
2½ hours, the Middlesex  
Association decided last  
Saturday to elect three representatives to the  
Central Council in place of the irregular elec-  
tion last year. The new representatives are  
Messrs. W. H. Coles, F. A. Finch and F.  
Goodfellow. A difficult meeting was handled  
in a masterly manner by the new president,  
the Rev. Percival Gough.

The Copt Oak, Leicestershire, band is pro-  
gressing. This week we record a peal in 40  
Minor methods. Congratulations!

Mr. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon, who conducted  
the peal of Stedman Triples at Drayton on  
April 15th, conducted his last peal 18 years ago.

Mr. James George is now in St. Mary's Hos-  
pital, Poole, Dorset, owing to bronchial trouble.  
His friends send him greetings and wish him  
well.

Visitors to South-East Kent coast resorts  
this summer desirous of a peal attempt should  
write to Mr. W. Bottrill, 110, College Road,  
Deal, who will endeavour to make arrange-  
ments.

The New South Wales Association is attempt-  
ing a record length of Doubles at St. Clement's  
Church, Yass, N.S.W., on Saturday, April 29th,  
starting at 8 a.m. Details of the attempt have  
been lodged with the secretary of the Central  
Council.

A compact and interesting history of St.  
Margaret's Church, Leicester, has been written  
by Mr. Ernest Morris in connection with the  
Appeal Book (price 2s. 6d.) which the parish is  
publishing. Mr. Morris is now a member of  
the Royal Society of Literature, awarded to  
him upon his recent contribution to Cham-  
bers' New Encyclopædia upon campanology.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Six sons of Mrs. L. O.  
Alderman rang on March  
12th a quarter peal of  
Grandsire Doubles (half-muffled) at Ashbrittle,  
Somerset, to the memory of their mother. It  
was the first quarter for Messrs. D. and J.  
Alderman and was conducted by Mr. S.  
Alderman.

The bells in Evesham bell tower will not  
be available for ringing until further notice  
owing to repairs being carried out on the  
fabric.

The peal attempt last Saturday at Exeter  
Cathedral by a band of 'West Country' Col-  
lege Youths was successful and a good peal was  
rung. Details will be given in our next issue.

Congratulations to Mr. William A. Wood, the  
general secretary of Leicester Diocesan Guild,  
on his 150th peal. By this peal he completes  
the 'circle' of Croft tower for the third time!

A pair of gloves was left behind in the  
belfry of St. Giles', Norwich, on Easter Mon-  
day. Will owner please apply to Mr. W.  
Gowing, 60, Alexandra Road, Norwich?

The peal of Plain Bob Major, 6,144 changes,  
at Holywood, Northern Ireland, is the longest  
length in any method yet recorded in Ireland,  
beating the previous best by 768 changes. Six  
of the team were members of the local Sunday  
service band, and the other two came from  
Londonderry.

The peal of Minor rung at Creech St.  
Michael's, Taunton, Somerset, was arranged  
and rung for the silver wedding anniversary of  
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Floyd, who were married  
at this church on Easter Monday, April 13th,  
1925, and also resides in the parish. Mr. Floyd  
is a member of the Taunton St. James' band.  
It was also the 100th peal for the Bath and  
Wells Association by the conductor.

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# Festival of Britain

## SUGGESTIONS AS TO RINGERS' CONTRIBUTION.

Dear Sir,—The centenary year of the Great Exhibition of 1851 will be celebrated throughout the land with the Festival of Britain, putting the whole country on show, both to its own people and to the world. Ringers everywhere will be anxious to play their full part in this historic and unique expression of the British way of life, for every locality and interest is being encouraged to participate actively.

Planning and working hard in preparation for the celebrations of next summer are many festival committees set up by or under the auspices of local authorities; and cities, towns, urban and rural districts, counties and villages are preparing for great happenings in 1951. In all these plans emphasis lies on the future, for it is intended that opportunities should be seized on to initiate or complete projects of lasting value, the rehunging of bells being one of the suggestions put forward in festival literature.

How then can ringers play their most effective part in this great national festival? It might be thought that the answer was the obvious one: just ring the bells; and that little else could be said or done. Certainly it is not easy to develop a discussion on this topic (as was our recent experience at a local ringing meeting), but the explanation of this surely is that a necessary basis for such a discussion is full knowledge of the festival aims and plans.

Everyone is aware of the 'centrepiece' of the festival, the South Bank Exhibition, but in addition to this there will be

(a) Two travelling exhibitions, one housed in the naval escort carrier, H.M.S. 'Campania' (note the name, please!), which will tour the ten main seaports of Britain, the other going overland to visit the cities of Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester and Nottingham, the visits varying from ten days to three weeks.

(b) Festivals of the arts at many historic centres such as Bath, Worcester, Canterbury, York, etc.

(c) Numerous local festivals organised by local authorities of a very varied nature indeed.

The whole festival season will last from May to September, and there will be many opportunities for ringers to participate in these events, at all levels, from the village band to the guild or association as a whole, to the national level sponsored by the Central Council, thus ensuring that our traditional English art is suitably depicted.

There are many ways in which our Exercise could display itself, such as—

(1) By small demonstrative exhibitions held in conjunction with local festival events.

(2) By inviting the public to ringing meetings, etc. (this might well prove a most rewarding recruiting drive).

(3) By festival peals.

(4) By special festival ringing meetings.

(5) By great ringing rallies associated with the travelling exhibitions and the arts festivals.

(6) By special ringing Sundays.

But quite clearly the whole position must be studied, liaison established with the festival organisers and the local festival committees, and also with the Festival of Britain Advisory Committee of Christian Churches (whose chairman is the Dean of Westminster). To this end at the recent committee meeting of the Kent County Association it was decided to give notice of a motion to be tabled at the forthcoming Eastbourne meeting of the Central Council requiring that the Council should undertake this study and liaison and determine for the ringing Exercise how it can best play its part in the Festival of Britain.

Yours sincerely, E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

Ditton, near Maidstone.

# SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

## ANNUAL MEETING AT NEWARK.

The fourth annual general meeting of the Southwell Guild was held at the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark, on April 15th.

This magnificent church, with its wonderful tower and spire, is familiar to countless thousands of travellers by reason of the fact that it dominates the spot where two ancient highways, the Great North Road and the Fosse Way, intersect.

Prior to 1713 there were six bells hanging in the tower. That year they were taken down, recast and increased to eight by the addition of new metal. The next important date is 1842, when they were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and increased to ten, fresh metal again being added. The tenor is now 1 lb. short of 33 cwt.

The last time the bells were rehung was about 1913, since when they have been efficiently maintained by a succession of local steeplekeepers, to whom much credit is due for their general condition. Naturally this old ring cannot compare with modern rings of comparable weight either for 'go' or tone, but, nevertheless, the 'right hands' find them both pleasing and satisfying to ring.

An account of the proceedings of 1942 makes interesting reading to-day. The new bells were brought by boat and eventually opened on May 25th, and the Notts Society of Change Ringers were appointed by the churchwardens of Newark to open the new ring. The bells were raised at 8 o'clock in the morning and 600 changes rung. The Sheffield Change Ringers then raised the bells, and after accomplishing nearly the same number of changes, desisted. The bells were then oiled and short touches rung at intervals during the day. The hard going nature of these fine old bells certainly seems to be founded on a long tradition!

Winthorpe bells were also available during the afternoon, providing a light six by way of contrast.

Between 60 and 70 ringers attended the meeting, which is still a long way short of the ideal, but one which shows a distinct improvement over last year's total.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar of Newark, the Rev. G. W. Clarkson, who spoke of the need for as much well-ordered noise as possible for Sunday service ringing to awaken the slothful and proclaim to Christians the glorious Resurrection.

The Vicar referred to the beauty of English church music and English bells and spoke of the losses sustained in two devastating world wars and of the need to counteract that loss by training young people.

## THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At the business meeting, presided over by Canon R. F. Wilkinson, apologies of absence were voiced on behalf of Mr. F. A. Salter and the Misses Katharine and Grace Burchnall through illness and Messrs. Arnold Hill and Oswy Street.

The officers, auditors and trustees of the Guild were all re-elected, namely, chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Pailing; hon. treasurer, Mr. Walter Nichols; hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Raithby; auditors, Messrs. F. W. Brown and P. E. Ball; trustees, Canon Wilkinson and Mr. Nichols.

Arising on the minutes, the secretary produced an estimate submitted by Messrs. Denton and Down, of Holborn, to provide a multi-coloured enamelled badge at a cost of 2s. each. The cost of the steel die for this attractive badge, designed by Mr. Ernest Morris, would be £5 10s., and the secretary was directed to place an order with the manufacturers.

The last annual dinner resulted in a loss of £6 11s. 4d., which had been met out of general funds, but despite this setback, it was resolved to continue with the function and to hold the next dinner at East Reiford on Jan. 27th, 1951. A committee, consisting of the

North Notts District Committee, plus the hon. treasurer, was appointed to conduct next year's dinner.

The hon. secretary submitted his report and referred to the remarkable increase in the number of peals during 1949, no fewer than 63 having been rung, the phenomenal increase of 50 per cent. over last year being solely attributable to peals on the higher numbers.

One peal of which the Guild could feel particularly proud was of spliced Grandsire and Double Grandsire Triples, rung for the first time.

## TEN FIRST PEALS.

Ten ringers scored their first peal and something fresh was accomplished in no less than 104 cases. Mr. Clement Glenn headed the list of conductors with 34 peals, a record for the Guild that would probably remain unchallenged for many a year.

The financial side was healthy, and in his account the hon. treasurer showed a net balance in hand on general account at the end of the year of £133 0s. 11d., in addition to £12 6s. 1d. in the Bell Repair Fund.

Throughout the afternoon and evening the quality of the ringing was generally satisfactory and in both towers ranged from rounds to Surprise. Mr. A. E. Chilton and Mr. H. J. Cloxton were in charge of the ringing and showed considerable skill in keeping the bells going. A course of Double Norwich Caters was rung in good style at the Parish Church to the astonishment of the dismal johnnies with their mournful prognostications.

The number of youngsters of both sexes present at the meeting was highly gratifying and can be regarded as a source of strength and a good omen for the future. J.W.R.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

### NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

Despite the unsettled weather, ringers and friends representing 27 towers visited Ashted on Easter Monday. The tea and meeting was held in the Peace Memorial Hall and 80 ringers enjoyed a splendid meal.

Preceding the meeting, Mr. F. E. Collins announced the deaths of Mr. Ades, a regular service ringer at St. John's, Croydon, Mr. W. Conning, of Merton, and Mr. C. F. Johnston, O.B.E., of Croydon. The members stood in tribute to their memory.

Mr. Collins spoke on the loss to the Association in Mr. Johnston's death, saying ever since his youthful days he had been a keen supporter of the Association, and at one time held the office of general secretary. It was by his efforts that St. John's were provided with a splendid ring of twelve bells. The thirteenth bell was his personal gift to commemorate the Allied victory in the World War. He spoke with personal feelings of Mr. Johnston, having been in close contact with him for many years in the relationship of employer to employee. This relationship was always a happy one, and he considered a fitting epitaph to his memory would be, 'He was just to those he employed.'

At the meeting ten ringing members and three compounding ringers were elected. On a vote Walton-on-Thames was chosen for the meeting on June 24th. Two combined meetings were confirmed, viz., with the Kent Association, Lewisham District, at Chislehurst, on October 7th, and the Surrey Association, Southern District, at Lingfield, on July 22nd. The sum of 36s. was collected towards the new Belfry Repair Fund.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells, and to Mr. A. G. Cook for making the arrangements.

Mr. A. P. Cannon has rung his 250th peal (conducted 142). These have been rung in 227 towers, in 33 counties with 682 ringers. We doubt whether any other ringer has had such a varied assortment in his first 250 peals.



## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### REVIVAL OF ANNUAL DINNER PLANNED

The Guildford Diocesan Guild at their annual meeting on April 15th discussed at length whether the revival of their annual dinner should be associated with the name of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, first secretary of the Guild and the founder of 'The Ringing World.' It was eventually decided that the title of the dinner should be 'Guildford Diocesan Guild Dinner commemorating the name of J. S. Goldsmith.'

Proceedings started with ringing at Holy Trinity Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church previous to the service, which was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair. The address was given by the new Bishop of Guildford, the Right Rev. J. C. Montgomery-Campbell, who asked the ringers present to examine themselves in their capacity as guests of the Divine House. 'When you come to worship in His house, you bring your talent and delight in your bellringing. It is something in which you can serve, and you should say, "Lord, I am presenting this act of service to the glory of God and as an adornment of His worship." It is for this purpose the bells of His house are rung. Ringing is an offering to God. It is not just a healthy exercise or a pleasurable entertainment. It is a gift that you bring to help yourself and others in their worship.'

Following tea, the Rev. K. C. Davis, of Hawley, presided at the business meeting, supported by the Master (Mr. A. Harman) and the hon. secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover). The secretary reported that Mr. J. Corbett, the hon. treasurer, had had a setback during the past week, and although he was a little better that day, he was unable to attend.

Officers of the Guild were re-elected, and Mr. A. Harman was appointed as the representative of the Guild on the Surrey Association.

### ASH CONGRATULATED.

The report of the Executive Committee gave the membership of the Guild as 572 (ringing 461, honorary 111). The report stated that no major restorations had been completed during the year, but congratulated Ash ringers and people on the enthusiasm and courage with which they had faced the tremendous task of raising £1,000, a task now almost satisfactorily completed.

A move had been made with regard to the recasting and rehanging the eight at Heresham. An order for restoration work at Capel had been placed and an adjustment made to one of the bells at Crondall. At Frensham an effort was being made to secure funds for rehanging and retuning the six bells. As regards Godalming bells, the report states: 'We are sorry to record, however, that only a "patch-up" job is being contemplated. In our opinion, anything less than a clean sweep (new frames, new fittings and recast bells) will be a waste of money and effort.'

The members stood in silence in memory of the death of the following members during the year: A. J. Chuter (Frensham), William Daborn (Horsell), R. Hayes (Haslemere), A. A. Hadley (Ewell) and R. J. Bailey (Grayshott). Mr. Bailey was tower secretary at Grayshott for 12 years and tragedy was associated with his passing, for, although he died from natural causes, his wife, who visited him in hospital just before he died, was knocked down by a car and killed after leaving him.

Mr. C. E. Smith emphasised that the work contemplated at Godalming was only a 'patch-up' job. It would be much better if the whole lot were 'boiled up' and a new frame provided. These bells had been patched up on two or three occasions, with no satisfactory result.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne said that Esher bells had gone to the foundry, and two more were to be added to the ring.

The hon. secretary presented the financial statement, which showed that the year started with a balance of £73 18s. and finished with £40 3s. 3d. He pointed out that the Guild could not keep solvent on the present subscription, and the committee proposed to increase the subscriptions from 2s. to 2s. 6d., and for compounding members from 3s. 6d. to 5s. Subscriptions for members under 16 would continue at 1s. This was seconded by Mr. C. E. Smith, and the meeting approved of the increased subscription to operate from January 1st next year. The new rate for compounding members is to be introduced forthwith.

The question of revival of the annual dinner was introduced by Mr. W. Viggers, who said he had received a satisfactory quotation for a dinner at 7s. 6d. He felt that the dinner should be associated with the name of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said if the Guild wanted a dinner they should call it the Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner. They should not make the name of Mr. Goldsmith an excuse for the dinner.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne said it was one of his pet schemes that the work of Mr. Goldsmith should be commemorated.

Mr. C. W. Denyer suggested a compromise in that the dinner should be called 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild commemorating the name of J. S. Goldsmith,' and this was carried. It was left to the Master, Mr. Viggers and Mr. G. S. Joyce to make arrangements for the function, the date suggested being in October.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to all concerned in connection with the meeting was given by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.

### ANNUAL MEETING ST. WOOLLOS' CATHEDRAL.

A pleasing feature of the attendance at the annual meeting of the above Association was the large number of young ringers among the 80 odd ringers present. Ringing started at 2 o'clock on the twelve bells of St. Woollos' Cathedral, which were kept going in various methods from rounds for the learners to Cambridge Surprise.

The service was taken by the Rev. Edgar; the Dean was present, but asked to be excused taking the service owing to feeling unwell. Tea, which was kindly provided by the local ringers and friends, followed the service.

At the business meeting the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Vicar of Crumlin, was voted to the chair.

The secretary gave his report, which showed an increased membership of 21, making a total of 265. Sixteen peals had been rung during 1949. There was a debit balance of £13 11s. 9d., due chiefly to the cost of printing the new forms of service and to grant to Llandaff Cathedral Appeal Fund.

Mr. G. Large was elected Master for the ensuing year. The secretary (Mr. F. J. Hannington) was re-elected, and Mr. Addis and Mr. T. Roderick reappointed auditors.

Mr. J. W. Jones proposed that a badge of office, to be worn by the Master on official occasions, be purchased. After some discussion it was decided to do so, £20 being the limit of cost.

Cardiff was selected as the place of the next annual meeting, and Abergavenny and Aberdare the next two quarterlies. Mr. J. Worrall proposed a hearty welcome to the visitors, who were present from Wednesbury, Croydon, Soberton, Ifley and Swansea. Ten new members were elected from Whitechurch, Cardiff, Chpstow, Penhow and Bedwellty.

Members then returned to the tower for more ringing, some going on to All Saints', where the bells were also available.

## Bedfordshire Association

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at Bedford on Easter Monday. In spite of the inclement weather, ringers attended from all parts of the county and the bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's were kept going throughout the morning.

A late lunch was provided in St. Mary's Hall by Mr. Foskett and his band of helpers. About fifty members and friends sat down to a generous but amazingly cheap meal.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the president, Miss Steel, who opened the meeting by welcoming the members and friends present. Apologies for absence were read, and they included Canon Rust, Mr. J. Nicholls and Mr. A. King, who were unable to attend through ill-health. The minutes of the last annual meeting were then read by the secretary (Mr. F. J. Plummer), and after a short discussion adopted. In proposing the annual report and the balance sheet it was pointed out that membership had again increased, handbell ringing had been revived in the Bedford District, and there was a small increase in the balance in hand. The report and the balance sheet were adopted.

Miss Steel, who tried to vacate the chair, was immediately re-elected president and returned amongst loud applause. After a discussion it was decided not to re-elect the vice-presidents en bloc, but with a show of hands all the past members were re-elected. The secretary remained in office. Mr. Herbert, the hon. auditor, was not re-elected owing to ill-health, and Mr. Harris proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. E. Herbert for his past services. Miss Steel associated herself with the vote of thanks, and then proposed that Mr. Mason should be elected. This was carried unanimously.

Bedford was again chosen as the place for the 1951 annual meeting, and the summer festival was fixed for Maulden in late June. The suggestion by Mr. Spavins that the Association should have a badge was referred to the secretary to make arrangements with Mr. Spavins and report in due course. Mr. Foskett, the librarian, then gave a report explaining that little business had been undertaken during the year, but that the number of books was gradually increasing.

The president then proposed a sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Foskett and his helpers for providing such a splendid lunch, and asked all present to show their appreciation in the usual way. The meeting then closed with thanks to Miss Steel for taking the chair, and to the clergy for the use of the bells during the day.

The two rings in Bedford and the six at Elstow were then visited, and ringing from rounds to Surprise continued until a late hour.

## OBITUARY

### MR. H. J. FORD.

Mr. H. J. Ford, who died on April 6th, aged 77, had been a ringer for over fifty years. For most of this time he had been a member of the Sevenoaks band; of which he had been captain for nearly thirty years when he resigned in 1944.

He was a member of the Kent County Association and attended its meetings regularly until the beginning of the war. During the years he was captain at Sevenoaks he also acted as steeplekeeper, and gave regular and careful attention to the bells and ropes.

He was buried on Thursday, April 13th, and in the evening the members of the local band rang a quarter peal of Grandshire Triples, half-muffled, several of those taking part having been taught to ring under his guidance: Miss D. Corke 1, P. Turley 2, Miss A. Hinds (first quarter 'inside') 3, Mrs. H. Baker 4, L. Turley 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, H. Baker 8.



## WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday was well attended, over 100 members and friends being present during the day, and a pleasing feature was the unusually large number of visitors from distant parts of the country. Some 80 attended the special service, held in All Saints' at 11 a.m., at which the Right Rev. Bishop B. Lasbrey and the chaplain, the Rev. H. Hartley, officiated, with the Rev. J. M. Wayle at the organ.

For the first time since his installation and induction, the new Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. W. E. Beck) presided at the general business meeting, held, through the kindness of the headmaster of King's School, in College Hall, and he was supported by the Master (Mr. C. Skidmore), the chaplain (the Rev. H. Hartley) and the general secretary and treasurer (Mr. J. D. Johnson). In extending a welcome to the members, the Dean described himself as a 'campanological ignoramus,' a state of which he had every intention of doing his best to remedy.

In his 'foreword' to the sixty-fifth annual report, the Chaplain reminded members that during 1950 the 'Bishop of Worcester's Mission, 1951,' would be launched and appealed to every ringer to place himself or herself at the disposal of the Vicar of the parish.

### A PEAL RECORD.

On the business side of the report, the general secretary referred to the fact that for the first time in its history the Association had rung over 100 peals in a year, the total being 109, of which nine were rung on handbells. Thirteen of these and two on handbells were rung by a Lincolnshire touring band during a week in September, but of the peals rung by resident members, a pleasing feature was the number rung by complete local Sunday service bands, while several new conductors' names appeared.

Reference to the balance sheet showed that membership had increased by 31 during the year to a total of 512, an increase shared by all three branches. As was anticipated under the old subscription of 1s. 6d., the general fund showed a loss on the year of £9 2s. 5d., and members were reminded that the new rate of 2s. 6d. per annum, with 1s. 6d. for juniors up to their 17th birthday, came into force on January 1st this year. The Belfry Repairs Fund had increased in value by £15 14s. 3d. to £171 3s. 9d., and the total value of Association funds now stood at £219 2s.

The secretary reported that the annual dinner had been fixed for Saturday, October 7th, and the Guildhall booked for that date. The librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper, reported that during the year he had received 10 applications for the loan of 12 books, and it was decided to purchase the new Directory of Towers for inclusion in the library.

The Dean of Worcester was unanimously re-elected president of the Association, and all other officers were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. L. J. Birch (Rector of Hanbury) to the clerical vice-presidents, and Mr. John Thomas as a representative of the honorary members on the Central Committee.

Arrangements for the annual peal were left to the Master, and a proposal that the next annual meeting be held at Evesham received very little support, Worcester being selected by an overwhelming majority.

A resolution by Mr. D. H. Watson, 'That the Central Council representatives be instructed to move that the Exercise be represented at the Festival of Britain, 1951,' received unanimous assent.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. H. Shuck, of Cradley, thanking the Association for the grant of £10 towards the rehanging of Cradley bells. The chairman remarked that he was interested in these appeals, as he would be shortly launching one for 400,000 shillings—the amount needed for the restoration of the

Cathedral tower. Some work had been done to the pinnacles, during which the bells could not be rung, but more was necessary to ensure the safety of the tower.

The meeting closed with sincere votes of thanks to the president, Dean and Chapter, headmaster of King's School, Bishop Lasbrey and the Rev. Wayle, and the incumbents of the following churches whose bells were extensively used during the day: Cathedral (12), All Saints' and Claines (10), St. John's (8) and Kempsey (6).

## EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSN.

### ANNUAL MEETING AT SWANWICK.

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was held at Swanwick on Easter Monday. The bells of the church were raised in peal a few minutes after 2 p.m. and were put to good use by members present, with rounds for learners and methods ranging from Plain Bob to Stedman.

The Vicar of Swanwick conducted the service and in his address thanked the Association for their visit and welcomed the ringers. Mr. C. Stannard was the organist.

Presiding at the business meeting, Mr. J. W. England (president) expressed the thanks of the members to the Vicar, the Rev. L. H. Roper, for his welcome and hospitality. He also thanked the young members for their attendance and expressed the hope that they would become regular Sunday service ringers and also regular church members. The president congratulated Mr. H. Draycott (Tibshelf) on attaining his 82nd year, and of being a member of the Association for over 50 years, and his regular Sunday service ringing for a longer period than that.

Mr. J. W. Price (secretary), reporting on the year's working, stated that nine meetings had been held. He appealed for a better attendance at meetings.

Meetings for the coming year were decided by ballot, these being: June, Pentrich; September, Clay Cross; December, Sutton-in-Ashfield; with the 1951 annual, Easter Monday, South Normanton. The May monthly meeting will be held at Blackwell.

Morton were decided as winners of the Jubilee Shield, presented annually to the most progressive tower, the marks being on a percentage basis, namely, 55 per cent. Sunday service ringing, 36 per cent. progress and 10 per cent. Association meeting attendance.

Eighteen young people were elected members.

Officials elected were as follows: Mr. J. W. England (South Normanton) president; Messrs. W. Dobb (Selston), H. Draycott (Tibshelf) and J. E. Hobbs (Watnall), vice-presidents; Mr. C. E. Heathcote (Sutton-in-Ashfield), treasurer; Mr. C. Evans (Sutton-in-Ashfield), Central Council representative; Mr. J. W. Price (Clay Cross), secretary; Miss F. M. Price (Clay Cross), assistant secretary; Messrs. H. Doughty and F. Davis (South Normanton), auditors; Messrs. A. L. Rawson (Selston), T. Jennings (Heath), A. Smithson (Blackwell), J. Cooper (Ault Hucknall), T. Radford (Tibshelf) and E. Sterland (Morton), executive committee.

Mr. J. E. Hobbs proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for their kindness in catering for tea.—Mr. T. Radford seconded.

The Vicar, in acknowledging, said until that meeting he knew nothing of bellringing. He had been greatly interested in all that had been transacted and wished the Association every success. At any time they wished to visit Swanwick they were at liberty to do so.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Cross (first quarter) 1, G. Gammon (first 'inside') 2, G. Salter 3, G. Walford 4, D. North (cond.) 5, W. Stevens 6.

## Dedication

### PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.

For 70 years the five bells at Piddlehinton had been unringable until in 1949 they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in a new frame with entirely new fittings, two being recast and a sixth added.

A tablet is to be erected bearing the following inscription: 'Charles Broughton Clay Swayne, Commander, Royal Navy, died while serving as Assistant Harbour Master, H.M. Dockyard, Chatham, 7th November, 1942, aged 47. To his beloved memory the bells in this tower were rehung and a sixth added in the year 1949 as a gift of his wife. God's Name be praised.'

The gift is also a tribute to the memory of Louise Elizabeth Thompson, who died on June 8th, 1944, at Piddlehinton Rectory, faithful friend and some time nurse to two generations of Mrs. Swayne's family.

The lovely old church was flooded with spring sunshine when on Sunday, April 16th, in the presence of a large congregation, the Rt. Rev. Neville Lovett, formerly of Salisbury, re-dedicated the bells at the request of Mrs. Swayne and gave them the safe keeping of the Rector, the Ven. J. C. Chute.

The Bishop took Easter as the subject of his much appreciated address. The service was fully choral, the singing being ably led by the choir of children.

The twenty members of the local band having previously drawn lots as to whom should take part, the dedication rounds were rung by I. Read 1, Shirley Allen (12) 2, Betty Allen 3, B. Cheeseman (15) 4, T. Jeanes 5, R. J. Walden 6; all except the tenor ringer having learnt to ring within the past few months.

Immediately after the service the first 720 of Plain Bob Minor on the bells was rung by H. C. Cluett 1, C. H. Smart 2, J. Bryant 3, W. C. Shute 4, R. H. Duke 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6.

A sumptuous tea was served in the school, the bells then being available till 9 p.m. During the evening the methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and April Day Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Kent Treble Bob Minor, and rounds and call changes for the beginners.

In addition to the local band, ringers were present from Beaminster, Dorchester (St. Peter's), Upwey, Preston, Hamnreston, Yeovil, Hazelbury Bryan, Okeford Fitzpaine, Childe Okeford, Yemminster, Sturminster Newton and Doncaster (Yorks).

All ringers present agreed that the founders had made an excellent job, both of the restoration and the 'splice.' E.T.P.F.

## BELLS OF ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER

### DEDICATED TO ERNEST MORRIS.

A lovely summer evening,  
The sky a cloudless blue,  
Across the Abbey Meadows  
The bells ring clear and true.

Within St. Margaret's Tower  
The ringers work with zest,  
God and mankind are listening  
As each one gives his best.

Cascades of music tumbling  
In eager jostling queues,  
Like waterfalls enchanted  
Telling the joyful news.

Happy the Ringing Master,  
Famed specialist on bells,  
Hearing the rhythmic music  
In him contentment dwells.

R. E. J.

March 10th, 1950.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### RINGING AND THE PRESS

Dear Sir,—Following the annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association at Worcester on Easter Monday, reports appeared in several of the national dailies under such large type headings as 'Their aim is a ringing good time,' 'They queue to ring' and 'Women join queue for bellringing.'

Such publicity is welcome and all to the good, provided that the statements are substantially correct, but at least two of the reports stated that 'scores of belfries in the county were unsafe,' painting a black and quite wrong impression of conditions in the diocese. I hasten to correct this and can only infer that the reports started from references at the meeting to various towers where restorations were either complete, in hand or contemplated.

As far as Easter Monday is concerned, I can understand the 'queue to ring,' for with a large attendance ringers preferred the church or the belfry stens to facing the cold wind outside, but the Worcestershire is still just an average association with average conditions and can still do with all the recruits it can obtain.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON, Hon. Gen. Sec.,  
Worcestershire Association.

### EASTER BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Regarding your note in 'Belfry Gossip' of April 14th issue, commenting on the excellent choice of bells for the B.B.C. broadcast on Easter morning, I am afraid I do not feel completely in agreement with you, and I imagine a great many others must feel likewise.

I am surprised that no one has yet drawn attention to the invariably poor impression made by broadcasts of St. Paul's Cathedral bells. Probably the microphone is badly sited, but, if so, surely this could and would have been remedied before now.

If no improvement is possible, I think the B.B.C. would be well advised to replace St. Paul's with Southwark Cathedral bells (which come over remarkably well) when making similar broadcasts.—Yours truly,

E. LINES.

Rugby.

### THE HANDSTROKE LEAD

Dear Sir,—Surely the author of the admirable Tower Corner is at fault when he states that the handstroke lead gap is equal to a one bell beat pause in the ring concerned. If that principle were carried out, the open lead on twelve bells would be too little, and that on five bells too great. Would it not be more correct to say that the open lead should be the distance between two bells rung properly in rounds or changes, plus a factor which is a constant for any particular ring of bells, depending on the length of draught of rope or to the extent to which the ropes are 'drawn' from the vertical? Good striking can only be achieved by taking advantage of the natural difference in the height of swing between handstroke and backstroke.—Truly yours,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Bath.

### FIRST PEAL AT WALTON-ON-THAMES

Sir,—I wish to establish when the first peal was rung at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, on the eight bells. These were made into eight by the addition of two trebles cast by Messrs. Warner in 1883. In 1885 a peal of Holt's Original was rung by the Surrey Association, conducted by James Strutt; there is no mention of this being the first peal on the eight bells. Perhaps the Ancient Society of College Youths or some other society rang one before this. If any information is forthcoming I should place a record of the same in the tower.—Yours sincerely,

R. LATHBURY.

Walton-on-Thames.

### TUNE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to intrude in a journal devoted to change ringing on church bells, but I would like to mention that my team of tune ringers were all church bell-ringers and I have seen their names in successful peals. The girls soon went on from handbells to church bells and were proficient in both.

The three bell founders tell me that although they make handbells, they have never seen any publication as to how to ring them and it is time there was one. Handbell ringers in America had no book on the subject. They have one now.

A poor chap wrote me last week. He had bought a set of handbells and did not know how to ring them as he could not get a book. He has one now.

Twenty-five years ago I had never seen a handbell and could not ring one if I saw it. I searched libraries and catalogues for instruction books, but have not found one yet. I made handbells my lifelong hobby until I went on the air twice with my team, was invited a third time, but I moved to Devon and my bells with me.

'The Musical Times' published an article of mine on the subject July, 1933, and said they had never heard of handbells or how to ring them.

Not being able to discover a book, I wrote my own. The hobby has not hindered me standing in with our ringers twice on Sunday before I go to the prayer desk.—Yours sincerely,

J. M. TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton.

### YORKSHIRE—THE REAL HOME

Dear Sir,—I was glad to see your leading article on tune ringing, because I have felt for some time that tune ringing on handbells has not been fully appreciated by the general public or even by most change ringers. It is quite evident that the B.B.C. know nothing about it, for the few small attempts at tune ringing that they have broadcast from time to time are really only approaching the beginning of real tune ringing.

The home of handbell tune ringing is, of course, in Yorkshire, and especially in the West Riding, although it has declined somewhat this last twenty years. The annual handbell contest, held at Belle Vue, Manchester, regularly for a great number of years, used to attract as much attention as the brass band contest, and that is saying something, for everyone knows what brass bands mean to 'Yorkshere Fowk.' I have not read the Rev. J. M. Turner's book, but one statement that you make, that 'an essential accomplishment in tune bell ringing is to ring two bells in each hand,' is very old-fashioned, and is never done nowadays by our crack bands, unless they are out somewhere, we'll say, ringing carols out of doors at Christmas time and had nowhere to put down their bells. No, sir, the real tune ringing is done on a table, with the bells all laid out on a padded cloth, where each man can get his own and ring them one at once. Bands number anything from ten to twenty, with often over 100 bells, ranging from an egg-cup to a small bucket in size, and a lot of the smaller bells duplicated.

Any sort of music is rung, mostly specially copied out for the various parts and all in one clef, so that the bass and treble parts can interchange without any trouble. As all the bell straps have their own note stamped on them, there is no need for numbers, and all the players are readers of music. But, apart from that, it is quite easy to get familiar with every note needed for a particular tune (that is, your own part in it) and automatically pick up each bell, in its right order, place and time. The spectacle of the lightning-like

movements of the ringers is quite as much a part of the show as the tune.

When I say that such things as the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's 'Messiah' are often rung, with every part and every note correct and to perfect time, you will see that we know 'summat abaht' tune ringing in Yorkshire. The music is sweet and mellow and would delight the most critical ear, and is a pastime quite distinct from change ringing. Of the ringers, not one in fifty knows anything whatever about change ringing, although they would learn to 'swap 'em' in no time.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN R. BREARLEY.

Bolsterstone, Yorks.

### SHIPWAY-STEADFAST CONTROVERSY

Dear Sir,—The letter in last week's 'Ringing World' from Mr. York-Bramble has at last caused me reluctantly to enter the Shipway-Steadfast controversy.

The Methods Committee exists an expert committee to advise its parent body (the Central Council) on matters concerning new or supposedly new methods. As such it is within its rights in publishing its views on any question referred to it, but should the Council require to do so, it is quite capable of deciding the matter finally when accepting or rejecting the committee's report when presented. Any criticism of their decision on a question should therefore only come from the members of the Central Council when they meet. I feel that 'The Ringing World,' being 'the official journal of the Central Council,' should therefore not devote space to letters such as that appearing this week, since it is clearly 'out of order.'

No one is forced to abide by the rules made by the Central Council nor by its committees. Those who refuse to accept the ruling are perfectly at liberty to ring 'Steadfast' by themselves.

I do not wish in this letter to take sides in the main controversy whether or not the two methods are the same, but Mr. York-Bramble's letter is bound to make many people now sympathise with the Methods Committee who would not have done before.

As a last point, does not science make progress by virtue of its own ultimate truth, and not by monetary inducements?—Yours faithfully,

P. W. B. SEMMENS.

Middlesbrough.

### MORE ABOUT SHIPWAY PRINCIPLE

Dear Sir,—Mr. York-Bramble is to be congratulated on his remarkable discovery that, by starting Shipway's Principle one change later than the author did, he has caused the backstrokes of one to be the handstrokes of the other, and vice versa. One can imagine the hours of patient research necessary before this was revealed to him, and the Methods Committee, poor misguided individuals, will indeed find it hard to controvert!

For both his and their benefit, perhaps I may point out that the same result would be achieved by beginning three, five or seven changes behind Shipway. I do not claim any originality for this discovery, as according to Professor Lancelot Hogben, the properties of odd numbers were referred to in one of the earliest treatises on numbers, the 'Chinese Book of the Permutations,' written about 1100 B.C.

Some time ago I had to spend a considerable period in the company of the same body of people. One idea to prevent tempers becoming too frayed was the presentation of a wooden spoon to anyone guilty of what we called 'stirring'; in other words, it was awarded solely on 'nuisance value.' I venture to suggest that if such a trophy were in existence in the Exercise, Mr. York-Bramble would be unanimously acclaimed as the winner.—Yours faithfully,

'LIBRA.'



## Bath and Wells Association

### CHEW DEANERY AT BACKWELL.

The April meeting of the Chew Deanery was held at Backwell, one of the 'show' churches of North Somerset. Succeeding generations of worshippers have striven to beautify this church, and from the 12th century font to the 20th century oak pews it is evident to the most casual observer that craftsmen have given of their best to this end.

But Backwell Church is no mere museum of beautiful things, it is the centre of a really live parish; when the ringers assembled at 5.30 a.m. to ring for the first Communion on Easter Day, they found an octogenarian parishioner, who had walked two miles, already waiting in the church. Backwell tower, a landmark in a county famous for its tall towers, has glee arches, unusual in these parts, and for many years its six bells, with a tenor just under a ton, were considered very good; on the eve of World War II. two new trebles were cast at the Loughborough Foundry, the six having been tuned and rehung some years earlier, thus making a really delightful octave.

The Rector, Preb. H. S. Urch, conducted the office, but, being within the octave of Easter, hymns suitable to the festival were chosen instead of those printed on the service papers, and well the singing went, helped by the fine acoustics of the lofty church, and, perhaps, the skilful registration of the lady organist, who clearly knew that mutations make men sing.

The Rector and Mrs. Urch were hosts at high tea, laid out in the rectory dining room, and Mr. Urch presided at the business meeting which followed. In welcoming the ringers, the chairman commented on an item on the agenda which had not been there when last they met at Backwell, namely, the venue for the next quarterly corporate Communion; this was truly a progressive step forward in the work of the Association. Portishead was chosen as the place of the July meeting, with intermediate practices at Kingston Seymour and Dundry. The branch corporate Communion will be at Backwell on June 25th, with ringing for the 8 a.m. celebration, followed by breakfast. Ringers attended from Wrington, Chew Magna, Yatton, Clevedon, Publow, Long Ashton, Wembdon, Woolavington, Nailsea, Easton-in-Gordano, Ditchat, Gurney Slade and the local tower.

Some of the stalwarts were missing from the evening ringing session, but they were busily engaged in the neighbouring parish of Wrington, ringing a quarter of Grandsire Caters in honour of 'Bill' Kingcott and Hilda Prescott, two popular members of the Association, who had been married that day. E.G.C.

### AN ESSEX GOLDEN WEDDING

#### MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR SAUNDERS.

On April 22nd, several ringing friends had great pleasure in joining Mr. Arthur Saunders and his wife on the occasion of their golden wedding, the reception being held at the Five Bells, Colne Engaine, Essex, kept by Mr. Saunders' son-in-law.

After the reception Miss Snowden, Master of the Northern Division, expressed the good wishes of the ringers, and said she hoped they would be able to ring again in ten years' time for Mr. and Mrs. Saunders' diamond wedding.

Mr. F. Ridgwell, of Earls Colne, supported Miss Snowden, and handed over a small appreciation in the form of a cheque on behalf of the ringers.

Mr. Saunders replied, and gave an interesting talk on ringing in North Essex over the last fifty years.

During the evening handbells were rung to Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent Major, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal, Mr. Saunders taking part in two or three courses. — R.S.

## Irish Association

### NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

That twenty new ringing members had been elected and that Surprise ringing had now been reached for the first time by a resident band were features at the annual meeting of the Northern District, held at St. Donard's, Belfast, on Easter Monday.

In the morning the first competition for a beautiful cup, presented by Mr. James Cunningham (ex-president of the Association and Ireland's oldest active ringer at 92), for good striking, was held. The Rev. F. J. Mitchell and Mr. F. E. Dukes judged the seven teams and awarded the cup to SS. Philip and James', Holywood, who had 30 deductions. Runners-up were St. Thomas', Belfast, 36, and St. Donard's, Belfast, 39. The winners will meet Bray and Limerick, winners of the Eastern and Southern District Cups, for the Murphy Cup.

After lunch at St. Donard's Hall, the Rev. F. J. Mitchell presided at the business meeting, when the following were made life members for services rendered to the Association: Edward W. Evans, W. Pratt, H. S. Lightbody, Miss McAuliffe and R. W. Adamson. All towers in the district, it was mentioned, were now affiliated to the Association, and membership was steadily increasing.

The election of district officers resulted as follows: District vice-president, Mr. W. Rogan (St. Thomas'); district secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody (Holywood); district assistant secretary, Mr. J. J. Fielding (Londonderry); district treasurer, Mr. J. Dixon (Coleraine); Ringing Master and chairman, Mr. H. Brown (Holywood); representatives on Executive Council, Messrs. J. Campbell (Londonderry), F. Burrows (St. Thomas') and the district secretary; auditors, Messrs. D. Barbour (Coleraine) and J. Campbell. The next annual meeting is to be held in Coleraine.

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A company of 48 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Southern District, held at Bandon, Co. Cork, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. Canon Cochrane, M.A., Rector of St. Peter's, Ballymoden, Bandon, welcomed the visiting ringers and hoped they would enjoy their visit.

The following were elected officers for the coming year: Chairman, Mr. W. Boyce (Waterford); hon. secretary, Mr. C. W. Galbraith (Limerick); hon. treasurer, Mr. G. E. Jones (Kilkenny); committee, Mr. J. E. Harris, Mr. J. Morton, Mr. R. McCormack, Mr. A. H. Holloway and Mr. W. Evans.

The Southern District Challenge Cup for striking was won by St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, after a very keen competition.

The ringers were entertained to lunch and tea by St. Peter's, Ballymoden, Society.

## Suffolk Guild

### ANNUAL MEETING AT IPSWICH.

The annual general meeting took place as usual at Ipswich on Easter Monday, when seven of the town's towers were available for ringing from an early hour. Some good Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters at St. Mary-le-Tower and the four standard Surprise methods at St. Margaret's and a 720 of Minor at the bomb-wrecked Church of St. Mary Quay were successfully brought round.

A committee meeting was held at 11.30, and at the service in St. Lawrence's Church over 80 ringers attended. The lesson was taken from the parable of the talents and splendidly read by Mr. Edward Ellenger, the district secretary of Ipswich.

In his address to the ringers the Rev. C. P. Newell emphasised the words, 'What have ye in your hand?' He said it was a saying 'The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world,' but it was also true to say, 'The hand that holds the bell-rope tells the world.' The service was greatly enjoyed and considered the best ever.

Over fifty sat down to a good lunch, and at the business meeting which followed the Rev. C. P. Newell, who is the Guild's clerical secretary, was elected chairman.

Reports were received from the Ringing Master (Mr. C. J. Sedgley) and from the general secretary and treasurer (Mr. C. W. Pipe). Membership of the Guild had increased and the finances were in a healthy condition. All officers were re-elected, and Mr. Charles G. Sherring and Mr. Derek Woodward were elected to the committee.

All other business was dealt with quickly and smoothly and the meeting closed before 3 p.m. The absence of Mr. Fred Tillett and Mr. W. J. G. Brown due to illness was regretted and it was hoped their health will improve.

Many visitors from other counties were welcomed, and further ringing was indulged in until a late hour.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

In spite of the inclement weather, a goodly number of members drawn from all parts of the diocese attended the annual meeting at Whittlesey on Easter Monday, together with several visitors from other associations.

Places represented were as follows: Cambridge, Long Stanton, Meldreth, Huntingdon, Brampton, Over, Sutton, Somersham, Glinton, Great Staughton, Market Deeping, Lewisham, Peterborough, Bedford, Luton, Downham Market, St. Ives, Ely, Shouldham, Walpole St. Andrew, Spalding, Roydon, Terrington St. John, Long Sutton, Tilney All Saints, Sawston and Whittlesey.

The bells—St. Mary's (8) and St. Andrew's (8)—were available from 11 a.m. For the convenience of non-resident members and visitors, ringing was permitted during the holding of the business meeting. At this meeting the following officers were re-elected: General secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. W. Cousins; peal secretary, Mr. M. Thurmott; auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis.

Since the last annual meeting the Association's rules have been extensively revised by the committee, and the rules in their new form were unanimously adopted.

Cambridge was chosen as the venue for next year's annual meeting. During the day a large number of methods were rung to suit all comers until 9 p.m.

CHALE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On April 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Nobes 1, B. Stirling 2, W. Upton 3, F. Taylor 4, J. Meade 5, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 6. First 720 in the Isle of Wight and by all the band.

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## Easter Day Quarter Peals

**ALDBOURNE, WILTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1-2 leading): J. Cuss 1, E. Sheppard 2, G. Barnes 3, C. Wood (first 'inside') 4, F. Read (cond.) 5, G. Newman 6, T. A. Palmer 7, W. Liddiard 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, 1,367 Grandsire Caters: G. Smith 1, C. W. Smith 2, A. Carpenter 3, J. Blackburn 4, C. A. Hurst 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, T. R. Dennis 7, H. L. Martin 8, J. W. R. Quinney 9, S. Brown 10.

**CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lawrence 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, H. Callwood 4, A. Street (cond.) 5, J. P. Jackson 6. A 70th birthday compliment to J. Moores, a former Sunday service ringer.

**DERBY.**—At St. Luke's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Warner 1, C. J. Jennings 2, C. H. Baker 3, F. R. Lowe 4, J. Stennitt 5, W. H. Buxton 6, W. A. Parsons (cond.) 7, C. Cooper (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Stedman for 1 and 5.

**FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.**—1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Cooke (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Owens 2, R. G. Ling (first quarter 'inside') 3, L. A. Freeman 4, G. A. Cooke 5, V. R. Owens (cond.) 6, G. Dye 7.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss F. Clayton 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, H. D. Butler 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, P. D. Beedie 6, J. R. Mayne 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Dodson 1, W. Simmonds (cond.) 2, Miss Judy Dodson 3, H. Colcombe 4, Miss Pam Collis 5, J. Brent 6, R. F. B. Speed 7, C. Bennett (first quarter) 8.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Sandford 1, E. E. Retter 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, W. D. Ashdown 4, D. Callard 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. Rung after the christening of the tenorman's daughter and an 18th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

**LINCOLN.**—At the Cathedral, 1,287 Stedman Cinques: G. M. Mayer 1, P. M. Freeman 2, D. R. White 3, R. F. Smith 4, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 5, L. Snell 6, H. Lowman 7, W. Tomlinson 8, H. L. Pask 9, S. A. Chambers 10, A. T. Lowman 11, C. E. Brown 12.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Reed 1, W. Shute 2, Miss J. Still (first 'inside') 3, R. E. Tiller 4, B. Tiller 5, C. Reed 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, J. Hartless 8.

**STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. S. Powell 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, W. Warr 3, H. Pester 4, H. Gaylard 5, R. Comer (first quarter) 6. Rung for early Communion.

**TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—At the Church of St. James, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Jarman 1, H. Floyd 2, W. H. Tarr 3, F. Matravers 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, E. Symonds 8.

**TIBSHELF, DERBYS.**—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Foster (first quarter) 1, Jos. Draycott 2, Hy. Draycott 3, T. H. Radford (first as cond.) 4, J. Draycott 5, S. Holdgate 6. An 82nd birthday compliment to H. Draycott (captain), and who has been a regular ringer for over sixty years.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Payne 1, F. Norrish 2, L. H. May 3, P. J. Mayne 4, W. H. Ware 5, J. D. Upton 6, R. J. Bowden (cond.) 7, A. Kerslake 8.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—1,260 Doubles (2 six-scores Reverse Canterbury, 3 each April Day and Plain Bob, 24 Grandsire): Mary Yorke (first quarter) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, Wm. A. Hughes 4, Arthur S. Richards (cond.) 5, John Cannell 6.

**WINDSOR.**—At the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Drewett 1, A. J. Glass 2, E. S. T. Farr 3, C. A. Wratten 4, A. Wratten 5, K. Curtis 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

**WITNEY, OXON.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Powell (first quarter, age 14) 1, A. W. Cox (first 'inside') 2, L. T. Oliffe (first as cond.) 3, B. J. Coggins 4, G. H. Wright 5, P. Powell 6. For the christening of the conductor's first grandchild.

**WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.**—1,260 Erin Triples: Miss J. Cotterill 1, B. Bicknell 2, E. Marlow 3, H. Howl 4, J. N. Hadley 5, E. J. Tyler 6, M. G. Turner (cond.) 7, W. T. Powell 8. First in method for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

**YATELEY, HANTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy Butler 1, C. Bunch 2, A. Hearmon 3, Josephine Butler 4, C. Butler 5, B. Goodall 6, G. Butler (cond.) 7, A. Gibbs 8.

## DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

About 70 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild on March 21st. The president (Canon J. Waring) conducted the service and presided at the meeting.

The yearly reports all showed progress. The officers were re-elected with the exception of one hon. auditor, Mr. D. Jones, of Dudley, being elected to this office. Twelve new members were enrolled.

This year being the jubilee of the Guild, it was arranged to attempt the annual peal at Dudley during April if possible.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on June 3rd at Kinver.

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**CANN-PRISCOTT.**—On April 24th, 1925, at St. Bartholomew's, Bristol, by the late Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Hugh John Cann to Ada Fanny Marjorie Priscott. Present address: Corner Close, Kilve, Bridgwater, Somerset.

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## MEETINGS

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Luton, Saturday, Apr. 29th. Ten bells (tenor 25½ cwt.) available 3. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. P. Burton, 129, Bradley Road, Luton, Beds.—Peter N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 6850

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Tickhill, April 29th, 3. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 6880

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Stockport and Macclesfield Branches) and **DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, April 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise Mr. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—C. K. Lewis. 6899

**TRURO GUILD.**—Penzance Branch.—Spring meeting, Tuckingmill (8), April 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Camborne (8) also 2.30 to 4, and 6 to 7.30.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 6878

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Radwinter (8), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 6884

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at St. Peter's, Staines, Saturday, April 29th. Bells from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Own arrangements for tea.—F. Finch. 6888

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bentley (6) on Saturday, April 29th, 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. Please notify for tea to Mr. A. Raggett, Church Lane, Bentley.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 6964

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Woolton Hill, April 29th. Six bells. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for those who notify J. A. Hill, Maesteg, Anna Valley, Andover. 6905

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Kedington (6), Saturday, April 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5, followed by business. Bring own food.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 6896

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Winterton (4.30), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names or numbers to Mr. R. E. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton. Buses from Yarmouth.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 6852



**ST. GEORGE COLEGATE, NORWICH.**—The ceremony of the Hallowing of the Bells will be performed by the Lord Bishop of Thetford on Saturday, May 6th, at 7 p.m., previous to their being hung in the tower.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Vicar. 6876

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Leicester, May 6th. Ringing, Belgrave (8), 11 to 12.30. Cathedral (12), St. Margaret's (12), All Saints' (6) from 2 to 4. Service, St. George's, 4.30. Tea, St. George's Hall, Colton Street, at 5, followed by meeting and social evening. Names must be sent by May 3rd to J. R. Smith, 75, Woodville Road, Leicester.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6881

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Worth (6), Saturday, May 6th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by May 3rd. 6890

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—By-meeting, High Halden, May 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 6894

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Washingborough (8), May 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 6901

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) served 5 p.m. in Radcliffe Lane School only to those who notify Mr. W. Barton, 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, near Leeds, by May 4th. General meeting same premises immediately afterwards. Subscriptions due and reports available.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 6900

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Hersham, May 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Notifications to W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, by 3rd.—F. Hawthorne. 6897

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea May 3rd.—R. F. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 6930

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, May 6th, at Barkstone (6). Bells 2.30. Meat tea at the Stag Hotel 4 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 5.30. Names to me for tea by Monday previous.—Bernard H. Dalton, Church Road, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 6936

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Simpson, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 6935

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery.—Meeting at East Coker on Saturday, May 6th. Usual arrangements. Early notification for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Marlock. 6931

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devises Branch.—Monthly meeting, Market Lavington, May 6th. Bells (6) 3. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6928

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Charlton Horne (8), May 6th. Service 4.30. Tea following.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat, Somerset. 6927

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Holywell, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6926

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Much Dewchurch, May 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 6923

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gullesborough Branch.—Meeting at Creaton (6), Saturday, May 6th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, before May 2nd, please. 6933

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting is at Whiston on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Wright, 501, Bawtry Road, Whiston, near Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 6920

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgewater Branch.—Meeting at Cannington, May 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 6917

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—May 6th, Stoke Bishop (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church House, Julian Road. Notify May 3rd.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Redfield, Bristol. 6914

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Lower Peover, May 6th. Bells 2.30. Tea provided. Names before May 1st to H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich. 6912

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Wargrave (8) on May 6th, 6 to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6909

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Leek, Saturday, May 6th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 6911

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Saxlingham Nethergate on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea for those who notify Mr. G. Poyntz, Saxlingham, by May 2nd.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 6907

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 6th, Emmanuel, Southport. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who notify Mr. B. Arnold, 8a, Threlfalls Lane, Marston, Southport, by May 3rd.—J. Burns. 6945

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—John Woods, Secretary. 6944

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale and Blackburn Branches.—The next meeting is at Rawtenstall on Saturday, May 6th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. A good attendance is requested. Business important. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 6942

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Wolverton. Dedication of recast tenor, new framework and re-hanging of first five bells on Sunday, May 7th, at 3 p.m. Bells available to visitors after service. Our practice night will be on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. 6922

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 13th. Service at St. Peter's, Brighton, 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Individual names for tea to me before May 6th. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', from 2.30. Good Shepherd in the evening.—S. E. Armstrong, General Sec., 21, Kenmure Avenue, Brighton 6. 6902

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, May 13th, Blackwell (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Smithson, 10, Bamford Street, Newton, Derbys, not later than Friday, May 12th. 6941

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City and District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James', Cowley, Oxford (6), on Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Ifley (6) 7. Names for tea to Mr. Walter Holloway, 17, Westbury Crescent North, Cowley Oxford, by Wednesday, May 10th.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 6916

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Badrick, 53, Western Road, Tring, by May 10th.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6924

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Sat., May 13th, Parkway, 3 p.m. until 5. Tea at Barley. Ringing at Barley after tea.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 6934

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Meopham (8) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea is by kind invitation. Will you please advise me by Saturday, May 6th, to enable the caterers to make their arrangements?—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 6932

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Crusaders of the S.W. Division.—Meeting at South Weald (6), May 13th, 3 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to Mr. F. Taylor, School House, South Weald, Brentwood. 6918

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Badby, Saturday, May 13th. Names to me for tea not later than Friday, May 5th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 6939

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Ulcombe (6), May 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6937

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Fryerning (6), Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Number for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6940

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanmore (6), May 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business, Parish Hall, 5. Names by May 9th to H. Ainsley, Chapel Road, Swanmore, Southampton. Bishop's Waltham (8) bells available 2 to 3.30 and 6 to 8.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 6921

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Aldridge, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names by May 9th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 6915

**PORTRICKERY, NEAR BARRY.**—Dedication of two trebles (to make six), Saturday, May 13th, at 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) for visiting ringers who notify by May 8th. Frequent Barry to Llantwit bus service.—L. J. Malings, Portkerry Road, Rhosce, Glam. 6908

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewerby (10) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec. 6892

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, Monday, May 1st, 7.15 p.m. Meeting, May 13th, Isleworth, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Further ringing after. Church rebuilt—dedicated May 12th. Names early, please. Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Wednesday, May 17th, 7.45. Everyone welcome to all.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 6946

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Whitbourne on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea May 10th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 6947

**UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.**—Lincoln Week, August 18th-26th. Members participating, please write before May 11th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6938

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting at Woodbury, May 20th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 14th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 6929

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