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SUFFOLK PUNCHES

UNKINDLY, perhaps, some people are apt to regard Suffolk as in a backwater of England. But the heritage of the county is so rich with its magnificent flint-work churches and worthies who have graced the arts that contemporary thought on the matter of bells and ringing is worthy of a wider field in the Exercise.

Mr. C. W. Pipe, the general secretary, in his report to the Suffolk Guild, touches on a number of points of common interest. Most Guilds have the problem of the lapsed member who neglects to forward his modest half-crown to the District Secretary. 'The Guild,' writes Mr. Pipe, 'does not function like a Trade Union. There is no closed shop. Every ringer is welcome to a pull with his comrades at any meeting, whether he has paid his subscription or not, and questions are never asked as to whether he is or not a member. A glance at the membership register shows up the erratic member, the "flash in the pan" type who pays one year's subscription and misses three.' We are tempted to ask if this 'go-as-you-please' payment of subscriptions is the prevailing practice among Guilds. In our opinion the crux of lapsed membership is indifference to Sunday ringing. The well-organised tower has no problem. May we commend the practice in the writer's own tower of a small weekly subscription from members with no question of subscriptions not being paid?

Mr. Pipe quite naturally refers to the question of broadcasting and, after deploring the standard of ringing in the Christmas Day broadcast, writes: 'Nothing else that comes from Broadcasting House would have been allowed to proceed as did the Christmas ringing, and it is evident that the B.B.C. are really ignorant of what constitutes good, bad or indifferent bells or striking. From an exhibition such as we received, I hope your minds are thoroughly made up that the time has arrived when action should be taken with the B.B.C. that we and our art should cease to be so grossly misrepresented.' The remedy he suggests is the appointment by the Central Council of a committee to approach the B.B.C. and advise on future ringing broadcasts.

The Suffolk report continues: 'It may be quite safely said that the B.B.C. was not altogether to blame for what was put over the air. Partly at fault were the local companies, who were not fit to handle the job themselves and did not invite reliable strikers. Here is a lesson by which we may all profit when the occasion arrives for Suffolk bells to be broadcast. While a local band whose striking is generally not first class suffices for local ringing, let us hope that they will give way to outside help by inviting the highest class strikers obtainable rather than adopt the attitude of "dog in the manger" as did quite probably happen in the Christmas ringing.'

Calling attention to the restorations carried out during the year at Blythburgh and Brandeston, the report mentions that it is proposed to add two trebles at Bures and Cotton and to restore the six bells at Monewden. Much more restoration is required in the county, where, on the whole, the bells have fallen low in rank compared with other counties. The majority of the heavyweights, once famous for tone and 'go,' have seen their best days, and recasting and rehanging, now so sadly essential, is the only answer. 'Is it fair to the public who have to endure the sound of bells out of tune, and of poor quality, and to the future of our art, when young folk are expected to learn on rough-going bells, that apathy should be so predominant among ringers and certain incumbents? There never was a time when bells of such pureness of tone were cast as those which the bell founders turn out to-day, and nearly all newly-hung bells are a real joy to manipulate. This is, indeed, the golden age of bell-founding and bell-hanging.'

The onus of responsibility in calling attention to neglected bells falls on local ringers. Mr. Pipe counsels: 'Let every ringer who resides in a parish where hangs a ring of neglected bells see to it that those worn stairs and rotten ladders and floors, constituting a real danger to the unwary and the risk of fire due to the rubbish which has accumulated for years, be brought to the notice of the incumbent and churchwardens and duly appear on the agenda at the next Parochial Church Council meeting. A simple report on the actual state of the bells and frame is only a step further in the right direction, and much good can evolve from a little interest and action taken in unringable bells which form one of the 40 cases of neglect and danger in the county.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Apr. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
ALBERT WALKER 2	TERRY H. HAMPTON 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 4	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS 10
HENRY H. FEARN 5	LEONARD TREVOR 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Maximus.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

ARCHER T. LOWMAN Treble	RAYMOND F. SMITH 7
JACK F. HODSON 2	*WALTER TOMLINSON 8
MARGARET A. SWANN 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS 9
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4	GEOFFREY M. MAYER 10
OWEN A. NEEDHAM 5	JOHN WALDEN 11
JOHN A. FREEMAN 6	CHARLES E. BROWN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 50th peal together. Rung for the Annunciation and as welcome to the Rev. M. Armstrong, whose installation as Archdeacon of Stow preceded this peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb.

EDWARD COWARD Treble	*BERNARD HAWKINS 6
*ALBERT ADAMS 2	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN 7
*GORDON PETERS 3	*GEORGE COOK 8
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ARTHUR H. SMITH 9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 5	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS Treble	†FREDERICK G. BEDDOW 6
*FREDERICK H. BIRKS 2	CECIL RADDON 7
†A. EDWARD REEVES 3	†BRIAN HARRIS 8
*†DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 4	PERCY SWINDLEY 9
†HAROLD WORRALL 5	†DOUGLAS W. KIRKPATRICK Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.' Rung on the first birthday of the granddaughter of the ringer of the 7th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	†REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	HARRY POYNER 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	SHIRLEY BURTON 8
*WINIFRED M. BURTON 4	TERENCE A. THORNER 9
PAUL L. TAYLOR 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5957 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*JOHN D. NIBLETT Treble	JOHN N. LINDON 6
†MRS. J. D. NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT 7
MURIEL REAY 3	HENRY H. FEARN 8
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS 9
H. JAMES TURNER 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD (1). Conducted by A. W. T. CLEAVER.

* First on ten bells. † First of Grandsire Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

WALTER ALLMAN Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 5
HENRY O. BAKER 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	FREDK. W. GROCOTT 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (148). Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

JOHN N. LINDON Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 5
TERRY R. HAMPTON 2	*ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER 6
MURIEL REAY 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS 7
HENRY H. FEARN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Superlative.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

C. Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

C. HENRY HARDING Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD 5
*STANLEY H. WALLIS 2	HAROLD W. SMITH 6
ALAN S. SMITH 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	BRYAN F. SIMS Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.' A compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Griffin on the occasion of the birth of their second daughter.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON Treble	ROBERT BELL 5
THOMAS W. CROWE 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON 6
*KENNETH PICKERING 3	JOHN A. BROWN 7
MARGARET FIDELL 4	†DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in the method. † 125th peal.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF 5021 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 3,069 Peterborough and 1,952 Bristol, with 21 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

CHARLES E. BROWN Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 5
*JOHN E. COOK 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS 6
OWEN A. NEEDHAM 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES 4	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in two methods by all and for the Guild. This composition has no 8.7's at backstroke.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. Treble S. GEORGE CHAPLIN .. 5
EVELYN N. FLETCHER .. 2 ARTHUR TIMMINS .. 6
*MOLLY P. FLYNN .. 3 FRANK E. HAYNES .. 7
JOHN F. ATKINS .. 4 THEODORE RUSSELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
*First peal of Stedman. Rung to celebrate the holy baptism of the infant son of Canon and Mrs. R. E. T. Allen.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.
*AGNES E. PRICE .. Treble †TONY PRICE .. 5
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 2 FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 6
JANET S. BAILEY .. 3 TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 7
*PETER C. RIDGEWAY .. 4 RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor
Composed by N. J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.
*First eight-bell peal. †Now completes this circle, and rung with seven of his pupils.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.
*DEREK WHITFORD .. Treble *CHARLES CLEGG .. 5
DEREK OGDEN .. 2 ROGER LEIGH .. 6
THOMAS BARKER .. 3 *SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 7
*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 4 *JACK CLEGG .. Tenor
Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.
*First peal in the method.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY Treble MARK L. LOCKWOOD .. 5
*MARGARET S. RHODES .. 2 JOHN W. GIBSON .. 6
FRED BENNETT .. 3 RONALD H. DOVE .. 7
JOHN T. DUFFIN .. 4 JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor
Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.
*First peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt.
RUSSELL PARKER .. Treble JOHN W. CRAPNELL .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. 2 ALBERT E. WHITING .. 6
CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. 3 WALTER W. MILLER .. 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES .. 4 LESLIE G. BRETT .. Tenor
Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIKE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.
*ALBERT M. COOPER .. Treble DUDLEY HENSHALL .. 5
CYRIL BYARD .. 2 DEREK OGDEN .. 6
JAMES B. ROBINSON .. 3 ALAN WARD .. 7
JAMES CARTER .. 4 †FRANK DAWSON .. Tenor
Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
*First eight-bell peal. †First peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. P. D. Butterfield, the new Rector.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.
ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. Treble ROGER KEELEY .. 5
CANON C. CAREW COX .. 2 NORMAN MALLETT .. 6
CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. 3 HENRY G. KEELEY .. 7
MRS. C. W. POWELL .. 4 GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor
Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CANON C. CAREW COX.
The first peal in the method. Rung for the Easter Festival; also as a compliment to the conductor upon his installation as a non-residential Canon of Salisbury Cathedral; also as a wedding compliment to Jill Poole and Peter J. Staniforth.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.
HERBERT BARLOW .. Treble JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. 5
STEPHEN L. PARRY .. 2 VERNON SYKES .. 6
AUDREY SEVILLE .. 3 PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. 7
FRED PRITCHARD .. 4 IVAN KAY .. Tenor
Composed by KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by IVAN KAY.
Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Miss Audrey Seville.

SALTFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 15½ cwt.
*RAYMOND STANLEY .. Treble FREDK. G. NURDEN .. 5
JOHN THOMAS .. 2 E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 6
CLIFFORD J. DARKE .. 3 *JACK E. ADIE .. 7
ROGER SAVOURY .. 4 *HAROLD WARD .. Tenor
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
*First peal.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Apr. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 HANBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. Treble ARTHUR D. COOK .. 5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 2 ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 3 CHARLES T. RICHARDS .. 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 4 GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor
Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.
CECIL RADDON .. Treble ALFRED WILKINSON .. 5
HAROLD WORRALL .. 2 A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. 6
*MARY COLEGATE .. 3 †HENRY PARKER .. 7
†HARRY W. HOWARD .. 4 DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
*First peal. †100th peal together. †50th peal.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.
WILLIAM G. GIGG .. Treble GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 5
PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 2 DAVID HOARE .. 6
HARRY GAYLARD .. 3 JOHN HILL .. 7
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 4 ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.



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THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON Treble	*SHIRLEY BURTON 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	*HAROLD J. POOLE 6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
* 300th peal together.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF 5088 BEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR MAWDESLEY .. Treble	PETER COXALL 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH 6
NORMAN HEAPS 3	EDWIN BIRKETT 7
RONALD KENRICK 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by all the band, for the Association and on the bells.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS Treble	IVOR GOULTER 5
FREDK. G. NURDEN 2	EDWARD EVANS 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	LESLIE BARRY 7
PETER BAKER 4	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
First peal of Little Bob by all except 1 and 3.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*G. DULCIE ROBINSON .. Treble	MAURICE BENNETT 5
*WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. 2	AUBREY D. MILLS 6
JOHN G. AMES 3	CYRIL WANDER 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal in the method by resident members of the Elloe Deaneries Branch.

SIX BELL PEALS

WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-in-the-Elms,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent of April Day, eight of Plain Bob, ten of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 23 of Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.
MARY A. CARPENTER (16) Treble ROYSTON WILMORE 4
F. K. THOMPSON (15) .. 2 JOHN W. LOWE 5
GEOFFREY J. LOWE 3 ROGER G. W. SOARS (15) .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LOWE.
First peal as conductor. A compliment to Jean Rowlett and Sidney Lewin, who were married at Cossington the same morning.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES

Being 2 extents of April Day, 1 of Reverse Bartholomew Bob, 1 of Place Bob, 10 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 6 of Plain Bob, 13 of Grandsire and five 240's by Morris. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.
*ANTHONY E. JOHNSON .. Treble F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. 4
JOHN W. LOWE 2 ROYSTON WILMORE 5
GEOFFREY J. LOWE 3 ROGER G. W. SOARS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LOWE.

* First peal. First peal in six methods by all.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 8 extents of Plain Bob, 4 of April Day, 12 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 16 of Grandsire and one 240 of Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

MARY A. CARPENTER .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. LOWE 4
F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. 2	ROYSTON WILMORE 5
JOHN W. LOWE 3	ROGER G. W. SOARS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROYSTON WILMORE.

First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Marjorie Lowe, daughter of the third ringer. Mary Carpenter is the first lady to ring a peal on these bells.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

LEWIS J. LAST Treble	ERNEST W. PYE 4
RONALD W. STEWARD .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 3	GEORGE W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Sylvia R. E. PIPE.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 1,680 Plain Bob, 3,360 Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

CATHLENE BLOXHAM .. Treble	ALAN J. TWIGGER 4
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 2	WALTER R. BEEBE 5
PETER J. WRIGHT 3	GEORGE H. TALLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

First peal in two methods by all the band.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ARTHUR GIBBS Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 4
ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 2	BRIAN AUSTIN 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 3	HARRY RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
FREDERICK A. JAINES .. Treble *WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 4
*REV. BERNARD AP IVOR .. 2 WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 3 LESLIE EVANS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Minor. Mr. F. A. Jaine has twice completed the 'circle' of this tower.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*P. JOHN WILKIN Treble CHARLES W. SMITH 4
CYRIL G. HURST 2 PETER BORDER 5
CHARLES W. COOK 3 JAMES W. R. QUINNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. COOK.

* First peal.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

GEOFFREY E. WATSON ..Treble	*GEORGE E. MOISEY .. 4
ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 2	JOHN E. SKERRITT .. 5
*LESLIE WITTEN .. 3	BRIAN AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN AUSTIN.

* First peal in five methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*C. DOUGLAS LININGTON ..Treble	MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY .. 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	†PETER F. ROMNEY .. 5
NORMAN J. SMITH .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

ARLECDON, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 480 each of Stedman, St. Dunstan's, New, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse College, St. Simon's, Old, April Day, Plain Bob, and 720 of Grandsire.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*R. MURIEL HAILETreble	†ROBERT A. JOHNSTON .. 4
J. NEVILLE HAILE .. 2	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 5
JOHN A. HAILE .. 3	HAROLD WILSON Tenor

Conducted by J. NEVILLE HAILE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor on tower bells. First peal in ten Doubles methods by all the band and for the Association. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Frederick J. Jackson and Miss F. Olive Brumpton on the occasion of their engagement.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*RICHARD J. MOORE ..Treble	FRANK BARNARD .. 4
*RICHARD CARTLIDGE .. 2	EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. 5
*J. VICTOR STONIER .. 3	JOHN E. BROUGH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal. Rung for the induction of the Ven. J. Tyler Whittle, as Rector of Astbury.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and Morris J. Morris's 240.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JEAN STEWARTTreble	†JAMES RUSH .. 4
*RONNIE KING .. 2	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 5
†FRANK KING .. 3	*STANLEY KENNY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Doubles on tower bells. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Forde, M.A., curate, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. Anderson, a local ringer.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford, Single Court and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

BERNARD H. DALTON ..Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN .. 4
DENIS A. FRITH .. 2	*HUGH LONGLAND .. 5
FRANK R. MITCHELL .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in three Minor methods. A farewell peal for the Rev. Gerald Sampey, who is leaving the parish to reside at Wasingborough.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
*JOAN M. GRAY 2	JOHN HARTLESS 5
†JOHN E. GILBERT 3	DAVID R. REED Tenor

Conducted by DAVID R. REED.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

DINDER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCIVAL H. HULL Treble	†HARRY SMITH 4
*ERIC HILL 2	*HENRY C. HILL 5
*ALBERT T. HARRIS 3	STANLEY G. ATWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL H. HULL.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung as a wedding compliment to Ronald Morgan (member of the local band) and Beatrice Jones.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROLAND ECCLES Treble	†HERBERT RAINFORD .. 4
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 5
FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. 3	RICHARD RAINFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALBERT H. HINTON Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 4
GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 2	ERNEST LINES 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 3	WILLIAM YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

First peal of Surprise Minor in more than one method by all the band. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*MARY A. CARPENTER .. Treble	GEOFFREY LOWE 4
MARY C. PAYNE 2	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5
F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. PAYNE.

* First peal of Minor.

MEREWORTH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN T. MEDHURST Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 4
LEWIS NEWMAN 2	LUTHER HONESS 5
WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 3	EDNA M. SILLS Tenor

Conducted by EDNA M. SILLS.

SANDHURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALBERT FLEET Treble	†BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 4
*REX J. CORKE 2	†LESLIE W. PAICE 5
MRS. A. J. N. RANCE .. 3	WILLIAM H. J. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. J. PARKER.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal away from treble. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HELLEDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT 87, REEPHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

NOLAN GOLDEN 1-2	*BERT GOGLE 5-6
HERBERT F. LASKEY .. 3-4	WALTER FORD 7-8

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major away from tenors.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, three of Plain Bob, one of April Day, thirty of Grandsire and two 240's of Morris's arrangement. Tenor size 9 in G.

F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. 1-2	GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4
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JOHN W. LOWE 5-6

Conducted by JOHN W. LOWE. Witness: FLORENCE LOWE.

First peal 'in hand' by all.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 30, 1951, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,

AT 52, RICHMOND ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 2,520 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER 1-2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
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HECTOR A. KNIGHTS 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

Rung on the second birthday of Ann Julie Trotman.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 1, 1951, in 1 Hour and 48½ Minutes,

AT OLIVE HOUSE, HORSEBRIDGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Consisting of forty-two 120's, four callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

*EVELYN M. CAPON .. 1-2	†FRANK H. HICKS .. 3-4
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†C. JOHN PIPER 5-6

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

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

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 2, 1951, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT RED ARCH, WARNER STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 9 in G.

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

Conducted by F. KEVAN THOMPSON.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' as conductor. A birthday compliment to Margaret A. Lewin, cousin of ringer of 1-2.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELRY,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

HARRY POYNER 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 5-6
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PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3-4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 7-8
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DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 9-10

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT 110, NOEL STREET,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

FREDK. A. SALTER 1-2	*DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 5-6
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CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	FRANK BRADLEY 7-8
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Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal on eight away from 1-2.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT 1, MAIN STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 600 each of St. Simon's, Reverse College, St. Dunstan's, Grandsire, Old, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and 840 of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

J. NEVILLE HAILE 1-2	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 3-4
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JOHN A. HAILE 5-6

Conducted by J. NEVILLE HAILE.

First peal in eight Doubles methods 'in hand' by all, and for the Association.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 1,2 leading: F. Cuss 1, V. Gilbert 2, G. Newman 3, C. Wood 4, F. Read (cond.) 5, A. Palmer 6, W. Liddiard (first quarter) 7, A. Jerram 8.

BADSEY, WORCS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Brazier (first quarter) 1, A. J. Taylor 2, R. R. Savory (first as cond.) 3, T. W. Hardiman 4, G. A. King 5, A. Reed 6, A. Worthington 7, E. Mitchell 8. First quarter on bells since rebanding.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Anderson (first quarter) 1, G. Carse 2, R. S. Ma'laburn 3, J. Livingstone 4, J. Carse (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, CHELTENHAM.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Foley 1, C. Martin 2, P. Baker 3, L. Tibbetts 4, T. Borcham 5, L. Aston 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, D. Aston 8. First quarter 1 and 8. First on the bells.

BURFORD, OXON.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, B. J. Forest 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, T. H. J. Prince 4, J. W. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. W. T. Packman.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rablah 1, H. Woods 2, Miss C. Smith 3, F. J. Hurrell 4, P. W. Richardson (cond.) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Hurrell 7, P. Sharman 8. Rung on the occasion of the christening of Judith Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Baxter.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On April 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Thomas 1, W. Godfrey 2, M. Norman 3, W. A. Lewis 4, J. Cobb 5, J. Sansom 6, W. Winter 7, B. A. Rose (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3 and 7.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On March 25th, 1,312 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. W. Todd 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, D. P. Jones 5, L. Fidler 6, E. W. Winters 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.—Also 1,312 Superlative Surprise Major: F. W. Todd 1, L. Fidler 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, E. W. Winters 5, W. Symonds 6, D. C. Mears 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Baldwin 1, F. Onions 2, G. R. Goodship 3, J. Townsend 4, S. Orchard 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6. A 93rd birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Wilson, a staunch friend of the local ringers.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): F. Miller 1, Rosemary Hutchings 2, S. White 3, Derek Millier 4, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 5, M. Hutchings 6.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. E. Thomas 1, J. C. Goulding 2, W. H. Harris 3, J. W. Davis 4, E. Cole 5, J. L. Smith (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Hallett.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Creber 1, I. Burroughs (first quarter) 2, J. Coleman 3, I. J. Burroughs 4, F. B. Comer (cond.) 5, R. H. Creber (first quarter 'inside') 6, H. W. Criddle 7, H. Petheram (first quarter) 8. Rung for 21st birthday of tenor ringer.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On April 1st, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: D. Coombes 1, Mrs. C. Woodgate 2, W. Perry 3, J. Belsham 4, H. O. Hume 5, A. Wiffen 6, V. W. Grimwade (age 16, first quarter as cond.) 7, C. Chambers 8. A 93rd birthday compliment to J. J. Tinsley, a friend of the ringers.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.—On March 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): Jennifer Lee 1, Shirley Golding 2, J. Boutland 3, B. Harris 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. S. Wood 6. First quarter in four Doubles methods for all the band.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On March 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. J. Cheal 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, W. S. Palin 3, W. G. Plumridge (first quarter of Stedman) 4, C. S. Jarrett 5, G. Kenward 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, E. Naylor 8. Rung for the wedding this day of Miss Peggy Duggan (a local ringer) to Mr. R. M. Naylor, brother of the 7th and 8th ringers.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On April 1st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, B. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6.

SLEAFORD, Lincs.—On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. R. Mitchell 1, Mrs. D. Wray 2, D. Frith 3, D. Wray 4, H. Longland 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Field.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On March 21st, 1,440 Bob Minor: E. Anger 1, R. Partridge 2, A. Peake 3, T. Stone 4, B. Bladon 5, P. Anger (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4. Rung half-muffled.

STAFFORD.—On March 28th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. B. Garbett 1, F. Eley 2, C. Hone (first of Triples) 3, J. Warrilow 4, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 5, A. E. Garbett 6, J. J. Taylor 7, H. Slimm 8. Rung for the wedding of F. R. Wiggins and Miss Mavis A. Mellor.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Hancock (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Tomlin 2, S. A. White 3, R. E. Wood 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, L. Duke 6. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. White.—Also on March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Luckhurst (first quarter) 1, Miss S. M. Hole 2, Miss B. M. Tomlin 3, S. A. White 4, J. T. Medhurst 5, R. E. Wood 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, L. Duke 8. Rung for Confirmation service and as a farewell to the Rev. P. R. Akhurst, ringer, who is sailing for South Africa.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On Easter Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Parr 1, J. B. Watts 2, J. S. Clark (cond.) 3, J. Rainsford 4, W. Smith 5, K. Stacey 6. Rung as a welcome to the ringer of the 2nd, a former captain of the tower, after two years' absence in Fiji.

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Williams (first quarter) 1, H. K. Price (cond.) 2, C. Williams 3, A. Webb 4, T. Bound 5, R. Farmer 6. A farewell to the Rev. E. E. and Mrs. Pinnix.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 1st, 1,440 Norfolk Surprise Minor: M. Fuller 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, R. Bird 4, J. Cannell 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for all.

WHITTLESEY, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,344 Bob Major: G. Oldfield 1, G. Bridger 2, W. H. Oldfield 3, Miss E. Mounfield 4, Miss J. Turner 5, H. Grice 6, D. Peters 7, F. H. Newman (cond.) 8.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral on March 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Paine 1, W. G. Lampard (cond.) 2, T. Parrott 3, E. G. Lampard 4, T. Tockock 5, H. Cook 6, J. A. C. King 7, J. Bulten 8, G. Nole 9, C. Haines 10. Rung as a compliment to the conductor and captain of the band, who has been a member for 60 years.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wratten 1, B. Taylor 2, J. Drewett (first quarter 'inside') 3, K. Curtis 4, K. Buckingham 5, F. P. Mead 6, A. J. Glass (cond.) 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

WITCHAM, ESSEX.—On March 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. S. Butler 1, P. Elliott 2, H. Pratt 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, D. Portway 5, S. Bones 6, A. Elliott 7, E. W. Bright (cond.) 8.—Also on March 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss Mary Edwards (first quarter, age 14) 1, P. Elliott 2, W. S. Butler 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, J. Elliott 5, D. Portway 6, S. Bones 7, E. W. Bright (cond.) 8.

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The Middlesex Association have done something really practical in connection with the forthcoming Festival of Britain. They have compiled from their members a list of addresses offering hospitality to ringers visiting London, which can be obtained from Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore, Middlesex. Another useful circular gives a selection of their towers with details of Sunday ringing and practice nights. Visitors are advised to write to tower secretaries beforehand to avoid disappointment in case a quarter peal is in progress.

Sheffield's oldest ringer, Mr. George Holmes, aged 89, died at Blackpool on March 29th.

By ringing the seventh to a peal of Stedman Caters at Worsley, Lancs, Mr. Cecil Raddon has completed the circle of the tower.

The peal at Hoby, Leics, was arranged to enable the local captain, Mr. J. R. Burnham, to ring his first peal.

By ringing the tenor to the peal at Bobbing, Kent, on Saturday, April 7th, Mr. W. May 'completed the circle' in this tower.

Yardley Hastings, Northants, ringers rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor for the christening of the Vicar's grandson on Easter Monday.

The name of Miss F. Wyman was inadvertently omitted from the list of mourners attending the funeral of Mr. Oliver Sippetts at Crawley last week.

Mr. Alan Cattell has now rung peals of Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques. His latest performance was conducting a peal of Doubles on tower bells in which he rang the treble and second.

Godalming Parish Church had its second belfry romance consummated on Easter Monday when Mr. Alan Edwards and Miss Daphne Ward were married. Miss Susan Steer, another local ringer, was a bridesmaid.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Exercise will extend their condolences to Mr. Harold Cashmore and his celebrated band of handbell ringers. After great concentration and much practice they rang a peal of 12 Spliced Surprise Major methods, a new record in the annals of handbell ringing. A re-check of the composition last week-end revealed that it was false! They are to try again.

Mr. C. Childs, who had been tower captain at Godalming, Surrey, for 54 years, died in St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, on Monday.

The badge of the Kent County Association was designed by Mr. C. Cullum and not Mr. Fred Cullum, as stated in our report of the annual meeting.

We regret that the peal at Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, on March 31st, was published as Superlative Surprise Major when it should have been London Surprise Major.

Mr. Tony Price was elected, by ballot, Master of the Middlesex Association at its annual meeting last Saturday. He succeeds Mr. C. W. Roberts, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was passed for his services to the Association.

At the annual meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild at Armley, Leeds, on March 31st, it was suggested that this section of the Guild should be called the Yorkshire District. It was agreed to deal with the matter at a general meeting in July.

Since the first peal in 1923, at Terrington St. John, Norfolk, nearly 50 peals have been rung on the bells. The peal on April 1st was the first in which Mr. Wallace W. Cousins had not taken part. The family was, however, well represented by his nephew, Cyril, who rang his first seven-method peal 'inside,' and by his brother, Claude, who has rung in all except one peal on the bells.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Resignation of Mr. W. Ayre

MR. Walter Ayre, who since 1946 has been hon. secretary of the Hertfordshire County Association, tendered his resignation from that office at the annual meeting of the Association at St. Albans on March 31st. His successor is Mr. A. V. Frost, Master at St. Peter's, St. Albans.

The meeting was preceded by evensong at the Abbey where the Dean preached and the Bishop of St. Albans read one of the lessons.

Mr. R. G. Bell, the retiring president, presided at the meeting and after extending a welcome to the company thanked the Association for giving him such a happy year of office.

Apologies were received from the Dean and Mr. H. Cashmore, who was attending a meeting of the Methods Committee.

The meeting confirmed the provisional elections of Mrs. N. O. L. Manchip (Enfield) and D. A. Welch (St. Albans) previous to a peal and elected the following new members:—Miss Joyce Lewis (Hemel Hempstead), Miss A. E. Salter, Mr. P. L. Baycock and Mr. J. G. Hall (North Mymms).

Mr. G. W. Debenham presented the statement of accounts which showed a balance in hand of £50 5s. 2d., compared with £34 1s. 4d. at the beginning of the year. The Association had also a reserve fund of £57 8s. 8d. The Bell Fund had a balance of £38 6s. 3d. and the Benevolent Fund £10 1s. 8d. at the Bank and £55 17s. 6d. on deposit.

FACILITIES OF SIX-BELL TOWERS

The secretary said that would be the last report he would submit to the Association. He regretted to find that so many towers were not affiliated to the Association. Two or three years ago he suggested that meetings should be held at towers not visited for years but he was afraid this suggestion had not been adopted. In some parts of the county the six- and five-bell towers did not seem to attract the attention they should. He felt that many of the members did not know what they were missing.

Their president, Mr. R. G. Bell, had visited every district and had received a warm welcome. He had always left behind, a friendly feeling, words of wisdom and a sense of sincerity of purpose. The district secretaries had, with their usual enthusiasm and determination, held frequent meetings, which had been of great use. Might he suggest to the Northern and Eastern Districts that in their large areas it would easily be possible to hold monthly meetings. To all incumbents who so readily granted permission to hold meetings as well as to attempt peals they gave their grateful thanks. These were privileges they should not abuse and, above all, they should always try to give of their best in respect to striking.

Unfortunately, they had to report the loss of several members, not all prolific peal ringers, but faithful members of the Association and loyal servants of the towers. They were G. Radley, of Broxbourne, ex-president, for some time Eastern District secretary and a faithful servant to his tower and Church; J. Radley, Hertford, one of the old company of both St. Andrew's and All Saints', very regular and sure; Mr. Cross, of Sawbridgeworth; J. J. Allen, Bushey, one of the old band at Bushey, a good sound ringer, regularly at his post; W. Hayes, Flamstead, one who loved good striking and said so, churchwarden, parochial worker, etc.; A. J. Rogers, King's Langley, one of the original band at this tower who rang in the first peal on the bells. To all those who were left to mourn their passing they offered their deep sympathy.

FIFTY-SIX PEALS

From the point of view of peals they had equalled their last year's total of 56, made up of 52 tower bells and 4 handbells. Mr. S. F. Carter was the leading conductor with 15 peals.

Outstanding peals were Grandsire Cinques at the Cathedral, conducted by Mr. B. C. Johnson (ten first peals of Grandsire Cinques, first of Cinques as conductor and first of Grandsire Cinques on tower bells for the Association); Yorkshire Surprise Major at Northchapel giving G. W. Seaman his first peal of Surprise as conductor; Primrose Surprise Major at Redbourne, the first in the method for the Association; Gonville Bob Major at Northchapel, first in the method by the Association by the whole band; Spiced Surprise Major in nine methods at Bushey, conducted by Mr. H. G. Cashmore.

The secretary had rung his 600th peal and also his 300th for the Association. The list included a first peal and a first peal 'inside.' In the near future they hoped to record a peal of Surprise Major in 12 methods, by the remarkable Bushey band under the conductorship of Mr. H. G. Cashmore. He would like to see the peals spread more about the county with more young conductors.

He had been called in to give opinions on the restorations in the Diocese and if he was asked he would be pleased to visit any tower where restorations might be anticipated. Stevenage bells had been augmented to eight. Bengoe eight were to be recast and by the time the report was in print Hemel Hempstead bells would be returning to their tower after tuning, to be rehung in a steel frame. A rehanging of North Mymms bells was pending.

'Finally, to one and all: stick to your local company; support your district secretaries; do not stagnate, but progress, and in the well-known words, "We wish you good luck, in the name of the Lord." Do not think too harshly of one who has always been a nuisance and, I suppose, will continue to be so.'

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Meeting at Willenhall

The quarterly meeting of the Society was held at Willenhall on March 31st, when ringing took place at the Parish Church of St. Giles with its good ring of ten bells. Ringing was temporarily held up owing to a succession of weddings—at one time two brides were sitting outside the church awaiting their turn. As one ringer jocularly remarked, 'The country must be in a worse state than people think when it comes to having to queue for your wedding.' Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. S. B. Ashley, who was away in London, the service was conducted by the Rev. W. T. Sidwell, of the Diocesan Relief Staff. A wealth of spring flowers in the sanctuary and choir added to the beauty of this fine parish church.

After the service an excellent tea was served by the British Restaurant to 60 members and friends in St. Giles' Schools. The lay secretary, Mr. Fred Bennett, announced that he would be circularising all the towers in the Archdeaconry, giving particulars of the suggestions put forward by the committee for the Festival of Britain ringing. A return was then made to the tower for further ringing when all tastes were suitably catered for by the Ringing Master, Mr. Eric Speake.

This report would not be complete without expressing appreciation of the efforts of Mr. C. Wallater and his local band towards the success of the meeting. The next meeting of the Society will be at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, May 19th.

F. B.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. T. G. Southam was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year. In thanking the members he promised to do his best to go round the Districts and attend as many meetings as possible.

Mr. G. W. Debenham was re-elected hon. treasurer. The name of Mr. A. V. Frost was submitted by the general committee for the post of general secretary and his election followed with the unanimous support of the meeting. Mr. Frost promised to do his best 'to liven up' the annual meeting which brought forth a rejoinder from St. Albans colleagues: 'You had better do a bit of "comping" at home.'

Mr. C. S. Sayer was re-elected librarian. Elected to the Central Council were Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, C. W. Woolley, W. Ayre and R. G. Bell.

GRANTS TO TOWERS

Upon the recommendation of the committee, it was decided to vote the sum of five guineas to Bengoe for the restoration of their bells and five guineas to Aldenham, a tower that was damaged by enemy action.

The committee recommended, in regard to the Festival of Britain, that, where possible, peals should be attempted on the opening day of the Festival and that each tower should hold an open day for the public.

The meeting agreed to hold the next annual meeting at St. Albans.

Mr. C. W. Woolley proposed that peals should no longer be written in the peal book and that at the next annual meeting he would bring up the question of discontinuing the peal booking fee.

Mr. Cartmel deplored the suggestion of discontinuance of the peal book. He thought the matter should be considered by the General Committee.

The question was adjourned to the next meeting but the meeting agreed with Mr. Woolley that the peal book should not be written up, pending a decision. The money received, he pointed out, could go towards the printing of the annual report.

Ringling followed on the Abbey bells.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

All the retiring officers were renominated at the annual nomination meeting of the Society held at Armley on March 31st. Ringling was enjoyed throughout the afternoon.

In the absence of the president, Mr. F. Hutchinson presided at the business meeting. The Vicar and churchwardens were thanked on the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. W. Ambler. The Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Walmsley) acknowledged the vote of thanks and was supported by Mr. H. Lofthouse.

New members elected were Miss Joan Mountain and Mr. Ray Manning (Otley). Messrs. H. S. Imeson and A. Booth (Birstall) and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schofield (Drighlington).

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The March meeting was held at Felkirk a week earlier than the usual date as a farewell meeting to the Vicar (the Rev. Donald Moxon), who is taking up duties at Brighouse. Ringling commenced about 3 p.m. and tea was served in the ancient schoolroom which stands within the churchyard.

The Vicar acted as chairman for the business meeting in the absence of the president, and offered a hearty welcome to all and assured the Society that a similar reception awaited them in his new parish.

Those present reciprocated by wishing the Vicar and Mrs. Moxon every happiness in their new home and thanked them for the cordial welcome given to the Society when it visited Felkirk. Further ringling followed until 8.30 p.m., good use being made of the bells.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Ringine Master's Regret

THE annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild took place at Ipswich on Easter Monday when ringing at the five towers began from an early hour.

The committee met at 11 a.m. and recommended grants of five guineas from the Bell Restoration Fund to Blythburgh, Bures, Cotton, Hartest, Monewden and Tunstall.

A splendid and well-attended service was held at the Church of St. Lawrence, conducted by the Guild clerical secretary, the Rev. C. P. Newell, the lesson being read by Mr. Oliver G. Barnard and the sermon preached by Canon F. Tucker-Harvey, Vicar of St. Clement's. A choir was formed by members of the Guild and the three hymns and psalm were heartily sung by all. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 3s. 8d.

A well-filling lunch was enjoyed at Nightingale's Restaurant and at the business meeting which followed, the vice-president, Mr. Charles E. Fisher, gave the honour of chairman to the Rev. Newell. The general secretary, Mr. C. W. Pine, welcomed the visitors, as did also the chairman in a witty speech. Mr. Charles J. Sedgley, Ringine Master, gave his report for the year. There was, he said, a time when Suffolk enjoyed an 8- and 12-bell band second to none in the country but deaths and Anno Domini and the failure to train young recruits had been the cause of the Guild losing its position. The reports of the general secretary and treasurer followed and were adopted. Nine new members were elected and the recommendations of grants to the above churches were seconded and carried.

Mr. Ernest W. Pve proposed that the Central Council representative attending the forthcoming meeting at Chester should ask the Central Council to form a committee to investigate the affairs of the Barron Bell Trust. This was seconded and carried.

The following officers were re-elected:—President and vice-presidents; Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Ringine Master; Mr. C. W. Pine, general secretary and treasurer; the Rev. C. P. Newell, clerical secretary; Mr. J. W. H. Prestner, auditor. Messrs. Derek Woodward, Charles Shemming and Leslie Mills were elected to the committee and Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe elected minutes secretary.

A discussion arose on the ways and means of supplementing the Bell Restoration Fund and Mr. M. A. Fitch proposed a peal levy but obtained no seconder. Mr. Frank L. Fisher proposed the opening of a voluntary fund allowing any person to make a donation, which would be published in the annual report each year. This was seconded and carried unanimously, and donations immediately poured in to the general secretary and treasurer.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks. Ringing followed until a late hour.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Deanery Branch

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) preached at the Guild service conducted by Bishop W. J. Buxton when the Bicester Deanery Branch held its annual meeting at Bicester on April 7th. A company of 57 members and friends attended and tea was provided by members of the Mothers' Union.

Mr. F. Sharpe presided at the business meeting and the branch secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch) reported that the branch was making steady progress in ringing and obtaining new members. He hoped that all members would endeavour to improve their ringing not only in methods but striking.

Officers elected were:—President, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper; vice-presidents, the Rev. H. Benson and Mr. F. Sharpe; secretary, Mr. C. H. Kinch; representatives on Guild Committee, Mr. C. Stockley and Mr. W. Baggett.

The sum of £5 was voted to the Canon Coleridge Memorial Fund.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Special Acknowledgment of Secretary's Good Work

THE annual meeting was held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells at St. Paul's and St. Peter's were made available during the day, while the six at Biddenham were open during the morning and the six at Elstow after the business meeting. Attendance was well up to standard with the various belfries always full. By 12.45 p.m. all ringers and friends had assembled in St. Paul's Church for a short service which was conducted by the Rev. Hart.

The lunch which followed was provided by Mr. Foskett and his band of helpers, and was arranged in St. John's Hall. Thirty-five names only were received, but the number expecting a meal was over 50.

Miss Steel, the president, before opening the business meeting, arranged for the visiting ringers to return to St. Paul's tower for further ringing. Apologies for absence were read from Canon Rust, Mr. A. King and Mr. H. B. Whitney.

In the matters arising from the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting the president explained that the new Association badge was now on sale to members, price 3s. 6d., and that last year's Summer Festival had to be transferred to Biggleswade because the re-hanging of Maulden bells had taken longer than expected. The annual report, the committee's report and the balance sheet were adopted with satisfaction expressed at the increased balance in hand.

Miss Steel was, without opposition, re-elected president. Before the vice-presidents were re-elected the secretary spoke of the passing of Mr. Joe Nicholls, of Leighton Buzzard, and the pioneer work he had done in the district. Two new vice-presidents were then elected—Mr. L. H. Bywaters, of Henlow, and Mr. P. Inskip, of Kempston.

In proposing the re-election of the secretary, Mr. A. E. Sharman thanked Mr. Plummer for his good work and asked that a special record should be made in the minutes to this effect. Mr. Mason, the auditor, and Mr. Foskett, the librarian, were also re-elected. Mr. A. Sinfield and Mr. H. Harding were again asked to represent the Association on the Central Council.

Bedford was chosen for the 1952 annual meeting while the Summer Festival was arranged for Cardington with Turvey as an alternative. A resolution from the committee that only the names of life members elected during the year would be printed in the annual reports of the future was carried, after discussion.

RECOGNITION OF FIRST PEALS

Mr. Foskett next followed with a proposal to provide a special certificate for ringers securing their first peal. A general discussion followed and it was agreed that all members ringing their first peal would be specially listed in the annual report.

Ringing for the Festival of Britain was not a popular item for discussion and it was left to the local ringers to organise special ringing if they so desired.

Mr. M. Hooten, of Simpson, was elected a life member and Mr. R. Dunkley and Mr. W. Tabbett as performing members.

The president then closed the meeting with votes of thanks to Mr. Foskett and his helpers for providing the lunch, to the Vicar of St. Paul's for arranging the service and to Mr. Lockey for playing the organ.

CORRECTION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Will members please note the following correction in the Central Council Agenda:—

(f) Towers and Belfries.

The following retire and are eligible for re-appointment if still members of the Council:—Messrs. E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn, F. Sharpe and E. Alex Young.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Lancaster Resigns Secretaryship

IN spite of freak thunderstorms there was an exceptionally good attendance at the annual meeting of the Derbyshire Association held in Derby on March 31st. In response to a general desire from members, the bells of St. Andrew's (10) were available during the morning and during the afternoon and evening ringing was in progress simultaneously at the Cathedral (10) and St. Peter's (8).

A short service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost, Bishop O'Ferrall.

More than 80 members and visitors enjoyed a very good tea at the St. Peter's Parochial Hall, which was followed by the annual meeting at which the chairman was the Association's president, Bishop O'Ferrall.

The general secretary (Mr. W. Lancaster) made reference to the fact that the president had just reached his silver jubilee as a Bishop and said that all members would wish to offer him their congratulations. The presence of the Vicar of Melbourne (after a serious illness) and several stalwarts of the old Midland Counties Association was noted with pleasure. The president suitably replied.

Mr. Lancaster had indicated that he did not wish to offer himself for re-election as general secretary and Mr. A. B. Cooper, of Bolsover, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. The president and Mr. T. Bailey paid tribute to the excellent work which Mr. Lancaster had done in building up the Association to its present strength and a formal resolution was passed with acclamation. The president, Bishop O'Ferrall and one trustee, Mr. Francis Lowe, were re-elected.

For the first time in the history of the Association, a ballot was necessary for the election of two Central Council representatives, and Mr. Alfred Mould and Mr. Dennis Carlisle were successful. Mr. Gordon Briggs was thanked for his services in this connection in previous years.

In the report on the activities in 1950, reference was made to the increased number of peals, 67, which had been rung during the year and the fact that there had been 17 different conductors showed considerable progress in this connection.

The new secretary (Mr. Carlisle) paid tribute to Mr. Gordon Briggs for the number of peals he had arranged and successfully conducted during the year. The treasurer (Mr. Fletcher) warned members that the increased annual subscription was not likely to bring in sufficient funds to meet rising expenses and suggested that special efforts should be made to increase the number of active members.

A discussion took place on plans for ringing during the Festival of Britain and it was unanimously agreed to accept the committee's recommendation that as many peals as possible should be attempted on May 4th and 5th and, where possible, quarter peals should be arranged for Sunday service ringing on May 6th. Members who wished to take part in peals should notify district secretaries accordingly.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbents of the churches where, as usual, the bells had been made readily available and to the ladies at St. Peter's, who had provided the tea.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR

We have received the following additions to the Ringers' Roll of Honour:—

Irish Association.

WALPOLE T. W., Cork (St. Finbarre's).

Lancashire Association.

CRAWSTON G. H., Burton-in-Kendal.

TOWNLEY, W. E., Kendal (Westmorland).

VAREY T. W., Burton-in-Kendal.

Middlesex County Association.

COOK E., Edmonton.

IRBY AND H. S., Edmonton.

PEARCE, P., Edmonton.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.

HOWELL, H. G., Walsall (St. Matthew's).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE

Dear Sir,—In connection with my recent article on 'The Bells of St. Mary Redcliffe,' Mr. C. J. Matthews has written me pointing out that his late father, Mr. John D. Matthews, took part in a peal of Plain Bob Maximus which was rung in the tower on January 1st, 1901. On investigation I find that this is correct, therefore my statement that Grandsire Cinques was the first 12-bell peal is incorrect. I regret the error, the date of the Plain Bob Maximus having inadvertently been given me as being rung in 1902. May I also point out two other inaccuracies. Bells 8 and 12 do not bear the date of 1622, as stated, but were either cast or recast by Thomas Bilbie in 1763. In the list of peals I am credited with having conducted 14 peals, the correct figure being 4.—Yours faithfully,

St. Albans. DONALD G. CLIFT.

Dear Sir,—I found Mr. Donald Clift's article on St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, very interesting, but I venture to write to point out that the peal of 1901 was not, apparently, the first 12-bell peal.

On December 31st, 1899, a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Redcliffe, the peal commencing on New Year's Eve at 9.3 p.m. and coming into rounds at 12.30 a.m. on New Year's Day, 1900. The composition, 5 007, was by Henry Johnson, and was conducted by Henry Porch. The band also contained such famous names as William A. Cave, James Hinton and George Daltry. The tenor was rung by two men, one of whom took over from the other. The peal is recorded as the first peal of Cinques on the bells.

Out of this peal two controversies arose. In the first place, 'Plain Sneaker,' that entertaining and not always tactful contributor to 'The Bell News,' commented on the fact that the tenor was rung by two men and inferred from that that the bell did not go well. William Cave replied to the point that the going of the bell had little to do with the matter, the reason for the arrangement being that one of the men had recently been ill and that it was thought better that he should not have the bell for the whole length.

The second controversy was more serious. A letter appeared from a certain 'W.R.' expressing the opinion that the peal could not have been rung in the time given, 3 hours and 28 minutes. 'W.R.' who was afterwards assumed to be William Rought of Ipswich, was answered by Fred G. May and later by George Daltry. Edward P. O'Meara of London, also joined in, and a lively debate ensued. Daltry's second letter, in which he gives his views on the swing of heavy bells and the time taken by peals on 8, 10 and 12 makes interesting and instructive reading. Anyone interested in this correspondence will find it in 'The Bell News,' January 6th, 1900 and the following numbers.

At the time referred to everyone gives the weight of Redcliffe tenor as 50 cwt. (except Mr. O'Meara who gives 48 cwt.). Mr. Clift may therefore like to verify this and also to confirm that Taylor of Loughborough did between 1888 and 1898 actually do the repair work 'arranged to be carried out'.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

HELLINGLY OUTING

Hellingly (Sussex) ringers enjoyed a special outing on Easter Monday. Towers visited were Aldrington (recently rehving six), West Tarring (with its mighty climb) Heene, Anmering, Ivminster (one of the gems of the day), Arundel (one of the finest sights for their weight), Felpham (the lone draught did not help striking), Walberton (with its quaint wooden spirelet bell-fry), Storrington, Thakeham (a joy ring), Washington (probably the best six in Sussex) and Steyning. Thanks are expressed especially Mr. Len Stillwell, who arranged the towers and tea.

INTEGRITY OF CONDUCTORS

Dear Sir,—I notice that in the footnote to the 5.088 Spliced Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Pudsey Surprise Major, arranged by Mr. E. A. Barnett, it is suggested that anyone attempting the peal should have an umpire. The reason given is that all the methods produce the same lead head and, presumably, this implies that the methods could be interchanged by an error in calling and whilst, if the bobs were called correctly, the peal would come round, it would in fact be false.

In some other compositions of Spliced Surprise Major, particularly those by Mr. A. J. Pitman, in which the bells ring all the work of all the methods, it is possible to effect a similar interchange of methods by a miscall but, although these compositions have been rung several times, it has not been thought necessary that the peals should be umpired and I do not think that an umpire will be necessary when Mr. Barnett's composition is rung.

I think that it is desirable that certain record peals should be umpired but I believe that, generally speaking, the integrity of conductors capable of calling a composition of the calibre of those under discussion is sufficient to ensure that such a composition is called and rung properly.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN FREEMAN.

Wellingore Hall,
Near Lincoln.

FORM OF SERVICE

Dear Sir,—Norwich and Guildford Diocesan Guilds are considering the revision of their form of service at ringers' meetings, in order to devise a form with a larger selection of specifically ringers' hymns (as distinct from hymns which are to be found, if required, in the ordinary hymn book) and to provide a service which shall most fittingly lead our minds to God. We feel that other Guilds may like to join with us, both by giving the benefit of their kind advice (several have already done so), and by sharing the advantage of getting a new service book. We should be most grateful therefore if the secretaries of any Guilds who care to do so and have not done so already, would be kind enough to send copies of their service forms to either of the undersigned.—Yours faithfully,

G. S. JOYCE, 130, Shio Lane.
Farnborough, Hants.
GILBERT THURLOW, 3, Colegate,
Norwich.

LENT

Dear Sir.—The reference in your leading article with regard to the attitude of the Bath and Wells Association towards peal ringing during Lent and your own reference to the Bishop of Willesden's conscience allowing him to umpire the Boat Race on Holy Saturday, has reminded me of the first two rectors of Crayford that I remember.

The first, a fine man, although perhaps rather autocratic, and one to whom I shall always be indebted for his teachings (incidentally his son has been a Residentiary Canon of Wells Cathedral for many years) would not allow the bells to be rung on Lent Sundays under any circumstances but he never made the slightest objection to practice nights and peal attempts during that period.

The second, also a fine man, of a somewhat gentler type, always gave up smoking during Lent but if one went into his study on Sundays while he was there you would find him smoking like a factory chimney.

He said there were 40 days in Lent excluding the Sundays, therefore they did not come into it.—Yours etc.,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

DEVON MEN'S PEAL IN LONDON

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to see recalled in 'The Ringing World' of March 30th a peal in which I took part 50 years ago at Putney, but was a little startled to read that the only survivors were Messrs. Shepherd and Wilson, which makes me well and truly defunct. As I ring regularly at our weekly practice and twice on Sundays, you will see that your information was slightly inaccurate, but it is one of those little errors that one likes to see corrected—better say 'He's dead but he won't lie down'.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. OXENHAM.
Bampton, Devon.

Dear Sir,—It was a surprise to read that Mr. L. A. Wilson and myself are the only survivors who took part in the Devonian peal in London on November 25th, 1901, but Mr. Wilson will be pleased to hear that two other members of the band are still with us, viz., Mr. E. H. Oxenham and my brother, Mr. F. J. Shepherd, who conducted the peal. Probably Mr. Wilson confused the death of my father, Ferris Shepherd, with my brother, Ferris J. Shepherd now at Brighton, who is debarred from ringing for health reasons.

I do not know of any other peals by an all-Devon band in London but the nearest approach is a peal on February 11th, 1910, at Hersham, Surrey, when a handbell peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by four Shepherds, the first handbell peal by the Devon Guild.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Addlestone, Surrey.

IN WHICH CENTURY?

Dear Sir,—Mr. Arthur Davis does not see why peals rung in 1900 should be considered as rung in the last century, as indeed they certainly were.

The example Mr. Davis gives does not prove his contention. His example is of a person who was born on the first day of the last year of the 18th century and so has his 100th birthday on the first day of the last year of the 19th.

Mr. Davis is wrong when he thinks we must accept a year 0 A.D. and 0 B.C. There was, of course, a zero hour, viz., the time of our Lord's birth but from the hour of his birth he started the first year of his life, as all infants do, not the 0th, and so at the end, not the beginning, he completed the first year of his life. So 1900 years are not completed until the end of 1900 (31st December).

It might help Mr. Davis if I suggest that a good example would be a book containing 100 full pages of some 365 words per page. If he read such a book he would not complete it when he reads the first word on page 100, but the last, similarly the 19th century was not completed until the last day, viz., December 31st, 1900.

So those who wished each other a happy new century at midnight on December 31st, 1899, were not correct. 1899 years A.D. had been completed, not 1900. I well remember January 1st 1901 as being the beginning of a new (20th) century.

If I have not made the point clear to Mr. Davis, I suggest he has a look at an Historical Time Chart.—Yours faithfully

H. V. W. HARRIS,
(Member of St. Peter's, Bournemouth,
Ringers, 1909–1920).

SURREY ASSOCIATION

North-Western District

A discussion took place at the meeting at Kingston-on-Thames on Easter Monday, attended by 50 members, on bell broadcasting. The general feeling was that Triples or Caters were preferable to Major or Royal and 12 bells were not suitable as a general broadcast to the public.

Among those who took part in the discussion were Mr. W. Hewett and Mr. P. Cannon. Five ringing members were elected and a collection for the Bell Fund produced £1 2s. 3d. Mr. F. E. Collins presided.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Minutes of Eastbourne Meeting

MINUTES of the third session of the twentieth Council (53rd annual meeting) held in the Town Hall Assembly Rooms, Eastbourne, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 30th, 1950.

The Bishop of Lewes and the Mayor of Eastbourne, Alderman R. J. S. Croft, extended a very warm welcome to the Council, which was suitably acknowledged by the President, who also presented the Bishop with a copy of 'The History of the College Youths.' The Bishop offered prayers.

PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. G. W. Cecil, Mr. E. G. Fenn, Mr. A. B. Peck.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.
Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfeld.
Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. E. M. Atkins.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. E. Bibby, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. C. K. Lewis.
Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrins.
Derbyshire Association.—Mr. G. C. Briggs.
Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. E. W. Biffin, Mr. T. G. Myers.
Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. A. Relfe.
Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. E. H. Mastin.
Essex Association.—Mr. F. V. Gant, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.
Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. S. T. Price, Mr. F. Skidmore, Mr. W. Williams.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.
Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. J. Lewis.
Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. G. Cashmore, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.
Kent County Association.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sonc, Mr. G. H. Spice.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson.
Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.
Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stith.
London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. T. H. Taffender, Mr. T. W. Taffender.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. W. H. Coles, Mr. F. A. Finch, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.
Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—Mr. T. R. Butler.
North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine.
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. F. C. W. Knight.
Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.
Survey Association.—Mr. D. Cooper.
Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles, the Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Roberts.

Universities Association.—Miss M. Cross.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford.
Yorkshire Association.—Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary Members.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. G. E. Debenham, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mrs. L. K. Marshall, Mr. W. A. Osborn, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. W. H. Viggers, Mr. E. A. Young.

SUMMARY.

	Members	
	Associations.	Present Absent.
Wholly represented	24	70
Partially represented	19	38
Not represented ..	11	17
	54	108
Hon. Members ..		13
		121
		46

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 54 Associations were now affiliated, entitled to elect 149 representatives as follows:—24 Associations entitled to four representatives, 5 to three, 13 to two, and 12 to one. The addition since last year was the Police Guild, entitled to one representative.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: The Rev. B. F. Sheppard, Cambridge University; Mr. F. C. Smale, Devon; Messrs. F. Ainsley and W. N. Park, Durham and Newcastle; Mr. C. Evans, East Derbyshire; Mr. W. Cook, Ely; Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Essex; Messrs. G. E. Oliver, and W. F. Moreton, Hereford; Mr. R. G. Bell, Hertford; Miss E. Steel, Ladies'; Mr. B. G. Key, Midland Counties; Mr. A. J. Hughes, North Wales; the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Oxford University; Alderman A. Paddon Smith, St. Martin's; Mr. F. Preece, Salisbury; Mr. G. L. Hewitt, Shropshire; Mr. H. Denman and Miss J. Southerst, Southwell; Messrs. C. J. Sedeley and G. E. Symonds, Suffolk; Mr. O. Sionnets, Sussex; Mr. D. H. Bennett, Swansea and Brecon; Messrs. J. D. Johnson and S. T. Holt, Worcestershire; the Rev. C. O. Ellison, Yorkshire; and Messrs. C. Dean, T. Groombridge and A. Walker, hon. members.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following new members were presented: the Rev. J. Kingdon, Chester Guild; Messrs. W. H. Coles, F. A. Finch and F. W. Goodfellow, Middlesex; Inspector T. R. Butler, Police Guild; Mr. F. E. Haynes, St. Martin's Guild; Messrs. P. N. Bond and F. E. Hawthorne, Royal Cumberland Youths; Mr. C. H. Kippin, Winchester and Portsmouth; and Mr. W. H. Viggers, hon. member.

The President extended a very cordial welcome to the new representatives of the Middlesex Association and expressed regret that the representatives sent to York the previous year had a fruitless journey.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring member, Mr. W. Osborn, together with Mr. F. I. Hairs and Mr. C. K. Lewis, were elected on the proposal of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. F. Dallaway.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The members stood in silence as the President formally reported the death of the following: Canon G. F. Coleridge, C. F. Johnston, G. W. Steere, the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Mrs. N. Edwards, J. Morgan and W. Andrews.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, the minutes published in the 'Ringing World' on May 5th were taken as read and approved.

REPORTS

The various reports and accounts as presented have been published as indicated and are preserved in the Council's records.

REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN

('Ringing World,' No. 2,044, June 9th, 1950, page 362.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre. Permission was given for duplicate books to be distributed to the libraries of affiliated Societies.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' No. 2,044, June 9th, 1950, page 362.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who also reported as auditor.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,044, June 9th, 1950, page 362.)

The Trustees' report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. Grateful thanks were expressed to Mr. D. Hughes and Mr. B. Price for their work on the reconstruction of the machine.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary reported that this Committee had received and circulated the reports received from the sub-committees dealing with Rules, Decisions and the Roll of Honour and recommended that these reports be considered.

The Committee had also made recommendations on matters arising in the Agenda.

The adoption of the report was seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes and carried.

REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE

The sub-committee, through Mr. G. E. Debenham, presented its report together with its proposals which had been revised since the previous meeting. The Council considered each proposed rule separately and finally adopted the Rules shown in the attached schedule.

On the motion of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, it was resolved that the new rules operate from the close of the meeting.

The thanks of the Council to Mr. G. E. Debenham were expressed by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 377.)

The Report and schedule to the Report were presented by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

The Standing Committee recommended that members be asked to consider the schedule and to send their observations to the Committee as soon as possible so that final conclusions can be presented as motions at the next meeting or as soon as convenient.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

The Report and recommendation were adopted on the proposal of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and the Council also approved the appointment to the Committee of Mr. F. W. Perrins, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Mr. C. W. Roberts.

ROLL OF HONOUR

('Ringing World,' No. 2,044, June 9th, 1950, page 362.)

Mr. H. Miles presented an interim report, the adoption of which was seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs and carried. To assist the completion of the Roll, members were asked to enquire of their Associations if particulars had been furnished.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,044, June 9th, 1950, page 363.)

Adopted on the motion of Mr. H. G. Cashmore, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 378.)

Together with their report the Committee presented an interim report on Extension of Even Bell Methods to higher even numbers.

The reports were adopted on the proposal of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers, and it was agreed—

That further consideration be given to the publication of the Surprise Method Book and that, as requested by the Committee, approval be given to the following departures from previous decisions to apply to Doubles Methods only:

(a) The working bells need not be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the plain course.

(b) No bell shall strike more than four consecutive blows in any one place, usually in 5ths place when the treble leads in a 2nds place method, or at the lead in the reverse of such a method, or, if found to be necessary, at other times also.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 378.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.

It was agreed that a peal of Doubles with a treble leading continuously be not included and that a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major with a sixth place bob be recorded as Cambridge. It was also decided to add Mr. H. Miles to this Committee.

REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,044, June 9th, 1950, page 363.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. L. K. Marshall.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 378.)

Mr. E. H. Lewis reported verbally. The adoption was seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe and carried.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 378.)

Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 378.)

Mr. W. Ayre reported verbally. The adoption was seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and carried.

REPORT OF BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 378.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers.

REPORT OF 'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' No. 2,045, June 16th, 1950, page 379.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

MOTIONS

It was proposed by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. G. H. Spice and carried: 'That this Council through an appropriate Committee and by liaison with the organisers should determine the nature of the part to be played by the Ringing Exercise in the Festival of Britain.'

It was also agreed on the recommendation of the Standing Committee that Dr. E. S. J. Hatch and Mr. G. H. Spice be appointed to a sub-committee, with power to co-opt, to consider this matter and report to the Standing Committee.

It was proposed by Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. A. Ballard and carried: 'That unanimous decisions of the Methods Committee shall at once be published in "The Ringing World" and shall be submitted to the next meeting of the Council for confirmation.'

Arising from this resolution the Council, on the proposal of Mr. H. J. Poole, agreed to consider a decision of the Methods Committee which had been omitted from its Report and it was proposed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. H. Kippin and resolved: 'That the method called Steadfast was no different from Shipway's principle of 150 years ago.'

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council decided to accept an invitation to visit Chester, on the proposal of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Inspector T. R. Butler. The Council was assured of a warm welcome by Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Guild.

MEMORIAL TO CANON COLERIDGE

On the proposal of the President, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, the Council agreed to donate the sum of £50 to the bell restoration at Christ Church, Oxford, promoted by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the President's motion, grateful thanks were expressed to the Mayor and Corporation for the use of the Hall, for hospitality and privileges granted to members, to the Bishop of Lewes for his attendance and welcome, to the Vicar of Eastbourne for arranging a corporate Communion service, to the Sussex County Association and its committee, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. P. H. Rollison, Mr. R. G. Blackman and Mr. F. H. Dallaway for arrangements.

It was also decided to send a letter to Mr. O. Sippetts regretting his illness and a wish for a speedy return to health.

Thanks were also recorded to all incumbents for the use of bells and to tower-keepers.

The President also proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary and Mrs. Fletcher.

Thanks to the President, officers and members of committees for their work during the past year were expressed by Mr. W. H. Rogers.

After the meeting the Mayor and Mayoress, supported by many aldermen and councillors, received the members and friends at the Winter Gardens, where they were entertained to tea as guests of the Eastbourne Corporation.

A social evening was later held in the Town Hall.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held at Thornhill, Dewsbury, on March 31st, and resulted as follows, after each team had rung three leads practice and 504 changes test piece, any method:—Friezland 0 penalties, 47 faults, total 47; Shelley 5, 120, 125; Silkstone, 5, 30, 35; Liversedge, 0, 41, 41; Meltham, 5, 36, 41; Lindley, 15, 85, 100; Cawthorne, 0, 105, 105.

Silkstone were thus adjudicated the winners of the Association's Silver Cup. This is the first time they have won the trophy.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER

Winchester Honours Mr. W. C. Lampard

On Easter Saturday the bellringers of Winchester Cathedral rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters in honour of the captain's (Mr. W. C. Lampard) 60th anniversary as a ringer at the Cathedral. Later, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lampard invited the ringers to a tea in Fuller's Café where great appreciation of Mr. Lampard was expressed by various speakers.

This was carried a stage further on Sunday, April 8th, when, amongst other local dignitaries, the Mayor and Mayoress assembled in the belfry together with the local band and Canon Cowley—representing the Dean and Chapter—to present Mr. Lampard with a wrist watch inscribed 'To Mr. W. C. Lampard, 60 years a bellringer in Winchester Cathedral. From his fellow-ringers and friends. Easter, 1951.'

Canon Cowley, in asking the Mayor (Councillor S. R. Evans) to make the presentation, spoke of his great affection for and appreciation of Mr. Lampard.

The Mayor in replying, thanked the ringers for his invitation which, he said, was an honour and a privilege. He further continued that 60 years as a ringer at the Cathedral was a record of which Mr. Lampard could be justly proud.

Amid applause, the Mayor then made the presentation to Mr. Lampard, who was deeply moved by this show of affection.

Mr. Lampard replied that no words of his could say how he felt. It was a pleasure to ring the bells with such an enthusiastic team. He recalled that 50 years ago the band had been called to the Cathedral by the tolling of the tenor at the death of Queen Victoria when the bells were rung fully muffled. Never before or since had they been rung fully muffled and he considered that the bells had never sounded so majestic as then. Since then he had rung for several accessions.

Mr. Lampard first took up bellringing under his father, Mr. W. S. Lampard, who was in charge of the St. Lawrence bells. He first joined the Cathedral band as a 'strapper' (supernumerary) under Mr. W. Masters.

Some time later, Mr. Lampard, with some friends, rang the extent of changes on four bells. This was the first time changes had been rung on the Cathedral bells.

Mr. Lampard then ended by saying that he hoped to carry on as long as possible and expressed his deepest thanks to all.

Mr. E. G. Lampard, replying, thanked Canon Cowley for his interest in bells and expressed the hope that Canon Cowley would one day become a ringer. He finally thanked all who had subscribed to make the presentation possible and also Mr. T. Parrott, who had arranged the presentation.

Canon Cowley then closed by saying the Ringers' Prayer and the band rang a plain course of Grandsire Cinques for the benefit of the visitors.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western Division at Upper Armley

The annual meeting was held jointly with the Leeds and District Society and the Northern Division of the Ladies' Guild on March 31st when about 40 members were present from a wide area.

Ringing continued in a variety of methods until tea time and the Armley company are to be congratulated for the catering arrangements and thanks were accorded to the anonymous donor who subsidised the meal.

Mr. P. J. Johnson was re-elected vice-president and Messrs. H. Armitage, Wm. Dixon and Miss P. M. Barton were re-elected to the District Committee with H. Armitage retaining his seat on the general committee. Mr. E. H. Simpson was elected to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. Hardcastle. It was hoped that suitable arrangements could be made to hold the June meeting at Tadcaster.

OBITUARY

MR. OLIVER SIPPETTS

By the death of Mr. Oliver Sippetts, of Crawley, Sussex, the Exercise in general and the Sussex County Association in particular have lost one of their oldest members.

Mr. Sippetts, who would have been 61 next month, learned to ring at the age of 11 and a year later made the first of 14 attempts for his first peal, which was finally accomplished in 1905. Two years later, his third peal was his father's first. Making good progress thereafter, he rang many peals up to the outbreak of war in 1914, under the conductorship of another celebrated ringer, Keith Hart, ringing his 50th peal in 1912 and his 100th the following year. A few years after the war he began the work for which he most deserves to be remembered. The band at Crawley which had been so prominent in the days of James Parker, had become practically non-existent and a new band was formed and taught by Mr. Sippetts. Under his leadership the band progressed through the standard methods; in 1930 they rang Bristol at the first attempt, the first in the method by all except himself and then, on April 20th 1932, they accomplished the first peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major by a local band, again the first by all except Mr. Sippetts, who had in 1927 taken part in the first of such peals ever rung.

Up to the outbreak of the 1939 war a steady stream of peals followed, mostly in advanced methods, although, as will be seen from his peal list, he did not scorn the simple ones. His favourite method was London, of which he rang over 90 peals, and he stood in several attempts for a 14.144 of this method one which he was calling, ending after over 9,000 changes had been rung.

Mr. Sippetts was a splendid striker and a fine method ringer and conductor, one who demanded a high standard from his band for he would not tolerate slovenly ringing. Outside the belfry however, he was a most genial companion and he will be greatly missed. He had been treasurer of the Sussex Association for seven years and was also a Central Council representative and Ringing Master of the Northern Branch. Altogether he had rung 835 peals, of which he conducted 427; 191 were rung at St. John-the-Baptist, Crawley, 61 at St. Peter's, Brighton, and 44 at Warnham. His complete list is as follows:—

Doubles.—1 (cond. 1).
Minor.—Plain Bob 5 (4). Kent Treble Bob 1 (1). Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 6 (5). London Surprise 2 (1), three Minor 1 (1), four Minor 5 (5), five Minor 2 (1), seven Minor 37 (21), seven Surprise Minor 1 (1).
Triples.—Grandsire 27 (18), Bob 2 (2). Stedman 43 (1) Oxford Bob 1 (1), Court Bob 1.
Major.—Plain Bob 36 (27), Double Norwich Court Bob 77 (36), St. Clements 1 (1), Canterbury Pleasure 7 (6), College Single 3 (1), Kent Treble Bob 71 (50), Oxford Treble Bob 8 (7), Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 2 (2), Cambridge Treble Bob 2 (2), Granta Treble Bob 1 (1), Superlative Surprise 119 (51), Cambridge Surprise 90 (51), London Surprise 92 (49), Bristol Surprise 45 (21), Yorkshire Surprise 21 (13), New Cambridge Surprise 4 (4), Guildford Surprise 1, Norfolk Surprise 6 (5), Dublin Surprise 1, Berkeley Surprise 1 (1), Lincolnshire Surprise 3 (2), Londonderry Surprise 1 (1), Padsey Surprise 3 (3), Rutland Surprise 1 (1), Ipswich Surprise 1, Soliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise 1 (1), four Soliced Surprise 16 (7), five Soliced Surprise 1 (1).
Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Caters 17.
Plain Bob Royal 7 (3), Kent Treble Bob Royal 23 (15), Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 23 (1), Yorkshire Surprise Royal 8, New Cambridge Surprise Royal 2 (1), Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Royal 1.
Stedman Cinques 1.
Total 835; conducted 427.

MR. CHARLES TURNER

Whilst on his way to practice at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dover, on April 4th, Mr. Charles Turner, captain of the local band, dropped dead in the street. He was in his 71st year.

'Old Charlie,' as he was affectionately known throughout the Canterbury District, had rung at St. Mary's for 50 years. Always reliable, both as man and ringer, he was as unsparring as he was unselfish in his efforts for the Church and Exercise.

The Vicar (the Rev. Stanley Cooper) conducted the funeral service at the church which was attended by the churchwardens, members of the local band and also Messrs. B. J. Luck, F. Rye, T. Anderson, F. Saywell, H. R. French, T. W. Robinson, J. Willis, Firminger, J. Benfield, W. Evers and F. Whittaker. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by members of the local band.

In the evening the bells of St. Mary's were rung half-muffled to 1,260 Grandsire Triples by Mrs. George I. H. J. Saunders 2, C. George (conductor) 3, E. Walker 4, T. Ellender 5, F. Dennis 6, F. Rye 7 and T. Anderson 8.

MR. SYDNEY DAWSON

For 35 years steeple-keeper of Duffield Church, Derbyshire, Mr. Sydney Dawson died on April 1st at the age of 73 years. The funeral service was held in Duffield Church on April 5th and afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, were rung by the Duffield ringers.

MR. DAN MEADLEY

The members of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. Dan Meadley at the age of 69 years, after a long illness. He was always popular at meetings of the Association and also at the Beverley and District meetings. He had a very keen sense of humour and will be missed by both Societies in East Yorkshire.

He was formerly attached to St. James' and All Saints' Churches in Hull but of late years, since both these rings are out of order, he had been a regular ringer at Holy Trinity, Hull.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung half muffled to his memory on the bells of St. Mary's, Beverley.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The meeting for March was held in Hull at the towers of St. Mary and Holy Trinity.

At St. Mary's, Lowgate, the ringers had the unique experience of ringing on the terraced steps of the church gallery. In order to reduce noise in the ringing chamber the ropes have been lowered to the next stage in the tower. The noise abatement is a success, but the local ringers are faced with a problem of levelling the new floor and putting up a barrier to stop ringers falling into the church below.

Standard methods were rung after ringers of three and four had become accustomed to looking up for treble and five, and right up for the tenor.

The service was held in the beautiful Perpendicular Church of St. Mary conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Carroll. This is the first time the Society had held its service in this church and to mark the occasion the choir led the singing.

In his sermon the Vicar spoke of his ancient church older than its architecture implies, which had had a ring of bells for 200 years. He paid compliment to his ringers for their unselfish labours and to the brotherly co-operation which existed between the two ringing towers in the city.

The tea and meeting were held in the Y.P.I. and then the bells of Holy Trinity were rung until 9 p.m. in methods up to Cambridge Major.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 9d. per head.—B. J. Luck. 8670

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 8668

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Reading April 21st. St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Laurence's (12) after meeting.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 8680

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, April 21st at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—G. S. Jovce. 8645

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tarrington, April 21st. Service 4.30. 8704

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North District.—Meeting, Knebworth, April 21st. 3 p.m. Unable to arrange tea.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 8718

HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Wheathampstead, April 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. 8716

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—Next meeting, Haxey (6, tenor 18 cwt.), on Saturday, April 21st. 8717

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting. Kingswood, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. 8718

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—April 21st, Goodworth Clatford (6) 2.30—4.30, 6—9. Tea 5 at Abbots Ann (5) 6—9. Transport between. Names to J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover. 8697

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Beaminster, April 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to C. H. Lathey, Bradpole. 8694

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, April 21st, Salehurst. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 8684

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Escrick, April 21st. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon Sec. 8731

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Stoke-by-Clare (6), Saturday, April 21st, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 at Parish Room; free and ample. Notify, if possible, Mr. Orbell, 2, Railway Terrace, Stoke-by-Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk. Clare (8) at 7.30 p.m.—A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 8745

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual meeting in the Dean's Rooms, Clare, Wednesday, April 25th. 9 p.m. 8728

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Meeting at Batcombe, April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting following.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 8709

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Broxbourne, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 25th, to John Kemp, Dis. Sec., 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford. 8642

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Leicester on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing at Belgrave (8) 11—12; Cathedral (12), St. Margaret's (12) and All Saints' (6) from 2—4. Service at St. George's Church. 4.30. Tea in St. George's Hall at 5, followed by the business meeting and a social evening. Names, by 25th, to W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. 8713

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 28th. Bells of Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8) St. Peter at Gows (6), available during afternoon and evening. Cathedral evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Wesley Schoolroom. Clasketgate, only to those who notify, by Tuesday, 24th, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 8721

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Boyne Hill, Saturday, April 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (2s.). Names for tea by 23rd.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8712

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Castor, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than April 23rd, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8690

SALISBURY GUILD.—Annual Festival, Wimborne, Saturday, April 28th. Annual meeting, Church House. 2.15 p.m. Guild service in Minster at 3.45. Tea 4.45. Tea tickets from F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2s. each, before April 23rd. Bells available:—Poole, Wimborne Minster, St. Giles', Cranborne, Kingstone, Swanage, Bournemouth (St. John's), Hampreston, Lytchett Matravers, Corfe Mullen, Sturminster Marshall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and after 5 p.m.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 8693

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

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—April 28th, Thurlough. Bells 3.30. Owing to catering difficulties, send names for tea to Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kempston. No names, no tea. 8750

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

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

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Adwick (6), April 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 8739

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Joint East and West.—Chester-le-Street, April 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by April 25th, to Mr. S. C. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 8734

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

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

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Bramley and Womersley, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by April 25th, to R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 8744

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at St. Ambrose (8) on April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea, by April 23rd, please, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 8726

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Deane, April 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting follows tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook. 8753

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 8755

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

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Kislingbury, April 28th. Names for tea, by April 23rd certain, to Mr. E. Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 8727

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Blaxhall (6), Ringing meeting, April 28th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by April 23rd, to P. S. Bedford, 37, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh. 8725

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Hellingly, Saturday, April 28th. Tower open 2.30. Tea arranged.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec. 8733

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District) and **OXFORD GUILD** (Newbury Branch).—Combined meeting, Wolverton, April 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify, by April 24th, Mrs. A. Cooper, Fairfield Villa, Wolverton.—John Chesterman, Sec. 8738

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

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 5th. Ringing:—St. Peter's, afternoon and evening; St. Nicholas' and Good Shepherd, evening. Hart Memorial unveiling, St. Peter's. 4.20. Service 4.30. Tea, price 2s. 9d. Individual names to me by April 30th. Usual allowances.—S. E. Armstrong, 21, Kenmore Avenue, Brighton. 8706

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Market Weighton on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) recently recast, 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 3s. 6d. each, for those who notify, by Thursday, April 26th, Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 8722

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

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

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

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

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

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Croughton (5), Saturday, May 5th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 1st.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Ryeby. 8730

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

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

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

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