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'RINGERS' PARLIAMENT'

ONCE again the annual conference of the Central Council is upon us, and although the opportunity has passed for submitting the many possible motions for reform and advancement of the activities of the Exercise, yet from the Council's Agenda published in the previous issue it is seen that a little more interest is being shown this year in this vital connection.

I am one of those who believe that slender support is to be found among common-sensed ringers for the idea that the Council is autocratic; still less that its committees dominate its decisions. But I believe that cautious observers may be right in thinking that some recommendations get through Council 'by default.' The plain fact is that every representative is expected to be sufficiently well informed to reach his own decision after debate; or to vote as his constituency would require. Nevertheless, certain aspects of ringing debate, technical for example, call for considerable reflection before their implications can be fully grasped for a balanced judgment. A case in point was the 'Report on Extension,' the technology of which was apparently admitted by some councillors to be 'beyond' them; which is not surprising—all things considered!

Unfortunately, inconsistencies and anomalies may be found in branches of ringing literature other than technological, and examples may be found in the extracts from Council Decisions, published recently in these pages. We must, however, pay tribute to the Council's Honorary Secretary in thus 'letting the dog see the rabbit' well before the chase and ultimate dispatch. Of what was shown there can now be no sort of rabbit-ex-hat excuse of being in ignorance. either of what Decisions exist or of how they are set down. But as to proposed amendments, intended for the Handbook, that is another matter.

Indeed, there is much that needs attention to put the house fully in good order, and our main objective is to focus attention on the need for careful framing and drafting of regulations, and to emphasise that no 'Decision' that is not unequivocally expressed and not generally acceptable to the Exercise as a whole need ever get into, or remain upon, the 'statute book,' if C.C. representatives fully exercise their prerogatives.

The importance of this is paramount. Some years ago an invitation was given by a senior member of one of our older universities to submit, for a 'Proceedings' reading, a thesis on Method Structure. The invitation was declined, largely because one's researches and conclusions were still unresolved; but another, and in the present connection more cogent, consideration is that it would have been impracticable to quote directly (i.e., without considerable editing) from the 'Decisions' as an authority. In a 'free lance' work on Method Structure it has been found necessary to amend and supplement the substance of the 'Decisions'; in fact, when the appropriate sub-committee was about to begin its task of revising and incorporating them in the Handbook, advice to this effect was submitted, with a copy of the 'Decisions' duly annotated accordingly.

But these remarks only emphasise the wisdom of the recent publication of the extracts; and although it is now too late for the submission of further motions, yet comments on some of those extracts, considered jointly with some items of the published Agenda, may serve as talking points, leading to the 'Decisions' being less at variance with some viewpoints, and to a Handbook comprehensively and technically exact.

Items originally selected for comment (mainly from those extracts) included:— Use of the term 'Division'; Lead-end coursing order (C. D. P. Davies' pamphlet, 'Lead Ends,' C.C.); Definition of Double Methods; Ambiguity in ringing terminology; Treble-bob reclassification (simplifying); M.C. 'Report on Extension' (critical review, similarity with original Grid Analysis, etc.); Effects of calls, rule and non-conformity in Stedman; Methods 'Blue Book'; etc. Space now precludes discussion on these, but in the following comments reference may be made to the Extracts in the issue No. 2,295 of 'The Ringing World,' dated March 25th, pages 185, 186 and 187, also to the Agenda on page 265 of the previous issue.

C.C. MOTIONS. Of these, (a) to (f) inclusive will be seen all to relate directly or indirectly to the method of Plain Bob as on odd-bell stages. Motion (a) seems to cover also (b), (c) and (d); while (b) is more comprehensive than (c), and (c) more than (d). Those who feel strongly about Bob Triples, etc., may note that on page 185, under '1905,' Plain Bob on odd-bell stages and Grandsire on even-bell stages are NOT (as therein quoted) declared illegitimate, except in ONLY the Triples and Major stages, respectively.

The sponsors of motion (e) will no doubt agree that 'Conditions required for Peals' (page 187, 'Ringing World' No. 2,295) must now logically include specific reference to the 'Report on Extension' which, having been adopted by the Council, now governs peals on all stages above the basic form, in any method.

Relative to motion (f) it is interesting to note that in the extracts, on page 185 of 'The Ringing World,' there is given, under '1954,' a decision which excludes the method up to then known as 'London Royal (No. 3) Version,' and particularly by rule 10(2) in the 'Report on Extension.' Incidentally this, the issue of the pivot place, is the very one that gave rise to the whole investigation, and it therefore seems queer to see a peal still reported without even the 'No. 3 Version' in the title. But there is nothing to prevent this method being pealed (yes, I've been in one!), and included in the Analysis, if called by some other name, such as 'Bow Surprise Royal.' This is legitimate, because the method, first published before the war, does not come under the '1926' ruling (see page 185) of 'old and historical.' The apparent difficulty over name-change of some of these methods is imaginary rather than real, since all that is needed is the appropriate official declaration, an example of which is given under '1897' on page 185.

Motion (g), to be comprehensively effective in methods also that are not hunt-controlled, seems to require the addition of the words, 'or division,' after 'in the same lead'; but even then it would not cover cases of 'internal' 4-blow singles, for example, as in 'Real Double Grandsire.'

Space precludes further exemplification. But, in general, it is essential to realise that decisions made in the 'Ringers' Parliament' need not differ substantially from those made in majority 'territorially.' If local district meetings have first discussed matters and primed their district representatives to meet their Association officials in general committee, then their C.C. representatives can be finally primed there. The ultimate outcome is, of course, the majority vote in the Council. Careful PRELIMINARY study, however, of any C.C. Committee's detailed recommendations is essential for an informed vote. From this angle it is difficult to see how (in referring to motion (h)), without a preview of its draft, the new Handbook can be wholly digested and satisfactorily approved in the brief time that may be allotted to this one matter. Sympathetic consideration, however, will lighten the burden of its sponsors. Happy Conference!

A. Y.-B.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY TOUR

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Apr. 10, 1955, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
At 130, HADY HILL,**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

*SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. 1-2 | *RUTH M. K. HOW .. 3-4
PETER BORDER .. 5-6

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Minor on handbells.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Treble | *PETER R. SANDERS .. 5
*DAVID HODGSON .. 2 | GLYN F. JENKINS .. 6
DAVID A. EDWARDS .. 3 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. 7
†JAMES L. EATON .. 4 | PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., Apr. 13, 1955, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*GLYN F. JENKINS .. Treble | *DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. 2 | PETER BORDER .. 7
†RUTH M. K. HOW .. 3 | †EWART H. EDGE .. 8
*ROBIN G. TURNER .. 4 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 9
†WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5 | RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal on tower bells.

‡ First peal of Yorkshire Royal. § First peal of Royal.

The first peal of Yorkshire Royal for the Society.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., Apr. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.**A PEAL OF 5040 'OXFORD' MINOR**

Being one extent of Old Oxford Delight, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, and Double Oxford Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

DAVID HODGSON .. Treble | DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4
*PETER R. SANDERS .. 2 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. 5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. 3 | PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Minor.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble | ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2 | JOHN PINFOLD .. 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 3 | *JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 8
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 4 | †C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. 5 | GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* 200th peal. † First peal of Surprise Royal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Patricia Cartwright, of Selly Oak.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT .. Treble | WILLIAM F. OATWAY .. 6
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 2 | W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
ERNEST W. RAZZELL .. 3 | BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 8
JAMES PHILLIPS .. 4 | FRANK E. DARBY .. 9
ROYDON DAVIES .. 5 | JOHN CHILCOTT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 24, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS',**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

RODERICK W. PIPE .. Treble | GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2 | DAVID VINCENT .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 3 | LESLIE G. BRETT .. 8
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4 | GEORGE W. PIPE .. 9
GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 5 | CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed (No. 12) and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 29 cwt. 83 lb. in C.

WILLIAM ROSE .. Treble | CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 5
NORMAN V. HARDING .. 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN .. 6
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 3 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. 4 | BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jill Bridges, of the local band.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.**A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
*DAVID HEIGHTON .. 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN .. 6
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3 | ARTHUR G. BASON .. 7
GEORGE SAYER .. 4 | BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major in the method. Rung with 6th place bob, and believed to be the first so rung for the Association.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.

JEAN POWELL .. Treble | *A. RYAN PRICE .. 5
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2 | *DAVID KING .. 6
JACK R. WORRALL .. 3 | WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 7
*GLYN JENKINS .. 4 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by H. POYNER.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. 250th peal as conductor.

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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
JOHN L. MORRIS 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 6
RALPH BIRD 3	TREVOR A. CROSS 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,472 of Lincolnshire, 2,176 of Yorkshire and 1,408 of Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*E. MARTIN FIELDEN .. Treble	J. HENRY FIELDEN 5
†SHEILA M. TAYLOR 2	RALPH BEAUMONT 6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT 3	ROBERT E. MOULDS 7
†M. VIVIAN COPPING 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by ROBERT E. MOULDS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Spliced Surprise.

Rung by an All Souls', Halifax, band.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. Treble	LESLIE EVANS 5
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 2	E. PETER ROCK 6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds & District Society.)

On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 6
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE 3	*ROBERT L. BUTTERFIELD .. 7
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. 4	GORDON BENFIELD Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by T.W. STRANGWAY.

* First peal in the method.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*A. HARRY WRIGHT Treble	FRED C. LYNE 5
FREDERICK G. KINCHIN .. 2	†JOHN L. FINDON 6
*JOHN W. KINCHIN 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7
†J. ROGER NIBLETT 4	FRANCIS J. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire and of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

The first peal on the bells since rehanging by John Taylor & Co. The Southern Branch quarterly peal.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*MARION J. DAVIES Treble	GLYN F. JENKINS 5
†JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	†ROBERT E. COLES 6
†DOROTHY A. ATWELL 3	DAVID J. KING 7
FREDERICK J. BAILEY 4	JOHN E. MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal on eight. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal on eight 'inside.'

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Frederick J. Bailey on his election as Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ANN SHIELS Treble	JESSE HARRISON 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	ALBERT BRIDGES 6
DOROTHY FLETCHER 3	WALTER LEE 7
KATHLEEN FLETCHER 4	PETER G. HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal, aged 14.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.

THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sun., Apr. 17, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

*STANLEY C. WILLIAMS .. Treble	JOAN GRAY 5
†KENNETH J. MINCHINTON .. 2	*GERALD WESTON 6
*BRENDA L. SHEPPARD 3	*F. ALLAN BENNETT 7
PHILIP M. J. GRAY 4	*JOHN J. F. ROPER Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE (C.C.C.99). Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal of Bob Major ever rung in Australia on tower bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN PINFOLD Treble	PETER BORDER 5
MURIEL REAY 2	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Arranged by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

The first peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
FRANK E. WALKER 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

This was the conductor's 1,000th peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

VIVIENNE HORTON Treble	*EDWARD F. GOBEY 5
*GORDON A. HALLS 2	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON 3	*DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 7
HAROLD TAYLOR 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

* First peal in the method.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	*GEOFFREY PEARSON 5
ROBERT SWIFT 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 3	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 7
*JOHN R. COOPER 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5152 GREET SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MURIEL REAY Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	MICHAEL G. MORTON 7
PETER BORDER 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

The first peal in the method.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

THYLMA DUCK Treble	GEORGE W. WHITE 5
*HARRY SHORT 2	†JOHN HODGSON 6
JOHN R. WALLER 3	SIDNEY R. ELWICK 7
DOUGLAS ELWICK 4	HUBERT WATERS Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY R. ELWICK.

* 25th peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Breckon, who were married in the above church on April 22nd, 1905.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
*MARGARET D. WOOLLEY .. 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER 6
D. KAY ADKINS 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS.

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*PETER M. GILES Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
ALFRED MOULD 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD 6
BRIAN BUSWELL 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

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

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 23, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

RICHARD BUSBY Treble	DENNIS R. AIREY 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	THOMAS COOKE 6
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
ROLAND PARK 4	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung to celebrate the golden anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooke, the parents of the ringer of the 6th.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
STANLEY W. COPLING 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rush, of Eye.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 EVENLODE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

DAVID BEACHAM Treble	JOHN N. DISERENS 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 2	RONALD F. DISERENS 6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS 3	GEORGE F. BURTON 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in this method.

Rung for the Feast of St. George the Martyr.

LLANBADARN-FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADARN,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 2	REGINALD T. JONES 6
LESLIE EVANS 3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 7
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. Treble	*ARTHUR COWAN 5
CECIL RADDON 2	HAROLD WORRALL 6
VICTOR NEAL 3	HARRY W. HOWARD 7
HENRY PARKER 4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. Tenor

Composed by W. NICOLLS.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First in the method.

Rung to celebrate St. George's Day. Also a farewell peal to Sydney Leatherbarrow, who is shortly leaving the district.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

MARION J. PARKER .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
NELIA M. LEAHY 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
RUSSELL R. H. PARKER .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
ROBERT G. LEALE 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Barbara Jane Smith, daughter of the Vicar (Canon W. J. Smith), to Capt. Ralph Walter Nye, Royal Educational Corps, which took place in this church earlier in the day.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

DENISE J. SHAW Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	*FREDERICK J. JACKSON 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*PETER L. WESTERMAN .. Treble	†JOHN KINCHIN 5
†DAWN V. ELSON 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE 6
†MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 3	MICHAEL F. AMOS 7
ERNEST G. ORLAND 4	VICTOR A. PERRY Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Woodward on the birth of a daughter.

SIX BELL PEALS

COWLEY, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*JOHN CRUICKSHANK Treble	†ROBIN TREBILCOCK 4
*MICHAEL EASON 2	TONY OTTER 5
*VERNON GREEN 3	TOM SMITH Tenor

Conducted by TOM SMITH.

* First peal. † First 'inside' of Minor.

Rung by an all Headington band as a birthday compliment to Robin Trebilcock.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	THOMAS A. A. POTTER .. 5
*ROBERT C. BUTTON 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal 'inside.'

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
E. JACK PARISH 2	*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5
GEORGE E. CRISP 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Surprise.

CASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Court, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Oxford T.B. (5) Kent T.B. (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Treble	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 2	JOHN S. BARNES 5
*WILLIAM M. MANN 3	JOHN R. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. approx.

WILLIAM R. MANSEY Treble	*KEVIN S. HOHL 4
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	JOHN W. MEADE 5
LUTHER J. HONESS 3	*COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. MEADE.

* First peal in the method.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' twice.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN S. HARRISON Treble	†CHARLES GEARY 4
*SHELLAGH KILBOURN .. 2	†DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 5
†MAURICE BAILEY 3	§REGINALD G. NEWSUM .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ 25th peal for Association and first peal of Grandsire Doubles as conductor.

§ First peal.



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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being one 720 each of (1) Ipswich, (2) Cambridge and Primrose, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Thelwall, (6) Double Oxford, (7) Double Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY DUNCAN Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4
ROY L. SHUTTER 2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT 5
WALTER AYRE 3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in ten methods.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Good, and the wedding anniversary of the conductor and Mrs. Ayre.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, one extent of Plain Bob, and two extents of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MARGARET CARTER Treble	FRED BRIGHTMAN 4
BETTINA A. DUFFY 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

Rung as a farewell peal to Rev. E. F. Wright, who has been appointed Vicar of All Saints', Stamford.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. Treble	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS 4
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	JOHN WARNER 5
*MARY DOWSETT 3	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 25th peal.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb.

WALTER ELSEY Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS 4
FREDERICK C. ROPER 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD 5
JOHN R. SMITH 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 4
*PHILIP G. MORGAN 2	REGINALD T. JONES 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. 200th tower-bell peal as conductor.

TENBURY WELLS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK A. JAINE Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS 4
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
PHILIP G. MORGAN 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

The peal was a birthday compliment to Dr. J. E. Blundell-Williams (Vicar's Warden) and John R. King (Vicar's son).

BLEADON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one 240.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*SHEILA BANWILL Treble	HOWARD COLLINGS 4
*MARION MACFARLANE 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
MARJORIE LEGG 3	FRANK PARRAMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Albans, College Bob Four, London Scholars, College Exercise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL BARKER Treble	JOHN WARNER 4
ALAN R. SYDER 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
WALTER ARNOLD 3	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(St. James' Guild, Silsoe.)

On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, six of April Day, ten of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

*ANN CULPIN Treble	THOMAS P. HARRIS 4
†DESMOND R. BRAZIER 2	*JOHN F. OLNEY 5
*PRISCILLA L. OAKESHOTT .. 3	*PETER J. LAWTON Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND R. BRAZIER.

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

First peal by a resident Silsoe band.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) Treble	J. D. PAINTER (Caius) 4
J. D. L. RICHARDS (Corpus) 2	R. BEAUMONT (Selwyn) 5
W. T. COOK (Jesus) 3	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's) Tenor

Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.

Rung for St. George's Day.

HANDBELL PEALS

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 17, 1955, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

AT 7, BARE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob; (2) Oxford Treble Bob; (3 and 4) Double Bob; (5) Reverse Bob; (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in F.

*JOHN S. HARRISON 1-2	*MAURICE BAILEY 3-4
†W. RODNEY HARRISON 5-6	

Conducted by W. RODNEY HARRISON.

* First peal in six methods. † First peal in six methods on handbells. First handbell peal in six methods for the Association.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison, of Ockbrook, parents of ringers of 1-2 and 5-6.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

IN JESUS COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 17 in A.

B. J. STAFFORD (Queens') .. 1-2	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's) .. 5-6
*J. D. PAINTER (Caius) 3-4	W. T. COOK (Jesus) 7-8
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. 9-10	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Royal.

IRISH ASSOCIATION**Northern District at Londonderry**

Over 100 ringers travelled to Londonderry on April 11th for the Northern District annual meeting and the Cunningham and Adamson Cup Competitions. Seven teams took part in the Cunningham Cup Competition, and the results were: 1 St. Malachi's, Hillsborough, 80 per cent.; 2 St. Comgall's, Bangor, 78; 3 St. Bronach's, Rostrevor, 74; 4 St. Macartan's, Enniskillen, 66; 5 St. Donard's, Belfast, 60; 6 Christ Church, Lurgan, 58; 7 SS. Philip and James', Holywood, 30. Teams 5 and 7 rang Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples respectively, and the others call changes. The Adamson Cup for change ringing was won by Holywood (35 faults) to St. Donard's (60 faults).

The Dean (the Very Rev. L. R. Lawrenson) presided at the luncheon and afterwards conducted a short service in the Cathedral.

At the annual meeting silent tribute was paid to the following members who had died during the year: Miss E. McAuliffe (Carrickfergus), E. W. Evans (Rostrevor), Archdeacon Manning (Holywood), T. Nelson, M.P. (Enniskillen) and R. Burns (Ludgan).

The District Secretary reported that membership was now approaching 200. Thirty new members were elected at the meeting.

District officers elected were: Chairman, the Rev. C. H. B. Craig (Ballymena); District secretary, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody; assistant secretary, Miss Jean Stewart (St. Donard's); hon. treasurer, the Rev. John J. Fielding (Belfast). Mrs. R. W. Adamson was nominated a life member of the Association.

**EVENING CLASS IN
BELL-RINGING**

Evening classes in bellringing, sponsored by N.W. Derbyshire Education Authority at Eckington Evening Institute, ended on March 30th, and although more advantage could have been taken of this opportunity whereby the Education Authority provided a tutor, those attending were most enthusiastic and made good progress during the course.

Some learned to handle a bell and ring rounds during the session, others progressed from rounds to Bob Singles and Bob Doubles on tower and handbells. Tower-bell ringing also included raising and falling in peal, call changes on eight bells and plain hunting on six bells. Handbells were used a good deal, and besides courses of Bob Minor, quite a little time was spent tune ringing on 12 bells.

On the night of Eckington Evening Institute Exhibition the bellringing class provided items of tunes on handbells, which were appreciated.

On Wednesday, March 30th, the last gathering of the session, the tutor (Mr. Norman Chad-dock) was presented with a set of glasses. In making the presentation on behalf of members of the class, Mr. Morris, of Killamarsh, said how much he and his colleagues had enjoyed the class, and expressed their appreciation of the help which their tutor had given them.

Melksham Ringer's Wedding

The wedding took place on April 23rd at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Melksham, Wilts, of Miss Jean Abbott, of Melksham, and Mr. David Carey, of Chatham, Kent. Jean is a member of the St. Michael's band, and the happy couple left the church to the pealing of the bells. The bride is also a Sunday School teacher and a youth leader.

**TWENTY TOWERS ON EASTER
MONDAY**

Following last year's successful Easter Monday 'tower grab' organised by Mr. Pat Chapman, in which 18 towers were visited quite comfortably, a very good programme covering 20 towers was equally well arranged this year. The area chosen was Cambridgeshire and Essex and a wide variety of belfries was visited.

The towers visited were Croxton (no stay on No. 5, a nearly unringable treble and a tenor with a clapper hung at an angle of 45 degrees), Gamlingay, Great Gransden, Caxton, Bourne, Orwell, Barrington, Meldreth, Melbourne, Foxton, Harston, Staplesford, Whittlesford, Duxford, Ickleton, Littlebury, Saffron Walden, Wendons Ambo, Elmdon and Chrishall.

At the time it was thought this might be record number of towers for one day, but the writer heard of another party of friends who managed 25 on Easter Monday.

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Bells will be heard on Sunday, May 15th, prior to the morning service broadcast from the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Kingsland, Herefordshire, in the Midland Home Service, and from Tickhill Parish Church, near Doncaster, before the morning and evening services to be broadcast from there in the North Home Service. The latter will also be heard in the basic (London) Home Service in the evening only.

The peal of Evenlode Surprise Major at Kingham, Oxfordshire, on April 23rd, proved an acceptable 21st birthday compliment to Mr. John N. Diserens. The method is the seconds place version of Brereton (No. 44 in Corrigan's Collection).

In connection with the South of England ringers' rally at Bournemouth on May 7th, St. Peter's and St. John's, Surrey Road, will be open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Visitors are asked to apply for their tickets as soon as possible.

In a Minor peal attempt at St. Mary's Church, Peterborough, on April 23rd, the conductor—a well-known Lincolnshire conductor—thinking a reasonably good peal had been accomplished, brought the bells home and called 'Stand,' only to discover that six 720's had been rung instead of seven.

Aldington, in Kent, had in the 1930's a well-known band of stalwarts. It is encouraging to find that one of these—Mr. D. Hooker—has the foresight and enterprise to undertake the training of a band of youngsters, and so ensure that this fine tower will not become silent. The new Rector—the Rev. P. F. Goldsmid—is young, and very much a live wire, so we may feel confident that the tower will not lapse for want of enthusiasm.

BELFRY GOSSIP

News is to hand from Australia this week from Mr. P. M. J. Gray. He has just conducted a peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. This is the first peal of Bob Major to be rung on tower bells in Australia.

Progress at Benhilton is denoted by the first quarter rung for morning service by the local band.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal at Hawkshead (page 244) should be J. Bagnall and not as printed.

The London County Association hope for a big gathering at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on May 14th to meet the new Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Matthews.

May I, if not the first, suggest that readers' thanks be passed to H. Chant for his very fresh, lively and interesting articles on Bob Major. We can very well do with more from his pen.—C. G.

In connection with the peal of Double Norwich rung at Nantwich on April 23rd, the band would like to offer their gratitude and congratulations to Mr. Stephen Layland, who stood in at literally one minute's notice. He was persuaded to ring just as the others were preparing to go home after meeting one short.

The peal at Stradbroke was specially arranged for David Vincent, who was on a short visit to his native place and was thus enabled to fulfil a wish to ring a peal there on the bells which were augmented to ten in 1952 by his and his sister's generosity. The ringers were hastily got together at short notice by Cecil W. Pipe, and were entertained to tea by Mr. Vincent, after which a pleasant couple of hours were spent in reminiscence and with handbells.

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MR. HERBERT AUDSLEY RINGS HIS 1,000th PEAL

THE latest ringer to join the slowly growing list of those who have rung 1,000 peals is Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, of Erith, Kent, who reached this total on April 18th by calling a peal of his favourite method, Stedman Triples.

A native of Crayford, where he was born on January 31st, 1900, Mr. Audsley first learned to ring under the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., just before the 1914-18 war. Returning from Germany in 1919, he accomplished his first peal on January 10th, 1920, and made rapid progress. In 1925 he was the youngest member of the band who rang the famous 7,392 of Cambridge Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, and another noteworthy peal in which he took part was the first peal of Cinques by the Devon Guild, at Exeter in 1927.

Though his peals have been rung in many parts of the country, perhaps the most remarkable feature is that no fewer than 562 of them have been at four towers in three adjoining towns—222 at Crayford (118 on the 5th bell), 184 at St. John's and 44 at Christ Church, Erith, and 112 at Dartford. Mr. Audsley is, so far, the only ringer to have scored over 100 peals at three different towers.

Though the number of peals he has called is less than 100, it is certainly not through lack of ability in this direction, particularly in Stedman Triples; the writer can recall many occasions when his timely intervention has made all the difference between success and failure. Perhaps the reason is that two men with whom he was closely associated in his younger days—John H. Chesman and Edwin Barnett, sen.—called some 500 of his peals.

The band for the 1,000th peal would, but for his unfortunate accident, have included an old friend in Mr. James Bennett, and the ringers would like to associate him with the peal and wish him a speedy recovery. Two other people, one felt, should also have taken part had it been possible, Mr. John Wheadon, for many years a ringer at Dartford, now residing in Cheshire, and Mr. Harry Hovord, who took part in some 400 of Mr. Audsley's peals, and whose continued enforced absence from peal-ringing is so much regretted.

The list of Mr. Audsley's peals is as follows:

TOWER PEALS

Doubles.—1.

Minor.—2.

Triples.—Grandsire 36 (conducted 3), Union 2, Plain Bob 1, Canterbury 1, Stedman 230 (38), Erin 1 (1).

Plain Major.—Plain Bob 31 (1), Reverse Bob 2, Double Bob 2, Canterbury 3, Double Norwich (including 'Real') 105 (3), Double Oxford 5, Hereward 1, Painswick College 1, Pulford Bob 1.

Combined Major.—Bob Major and Stedman Triples 1, two plain methods 4, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Little Major.—Little Bob 2, Little Canterbury 1, Crayford Little Court 1, Dartford Little Bob 1, Erith Little Bob 2, Northfleet Little Bob 1, Wellington Little Court 1.

Treble Bob Major.—Kent 24 (2), Kent (Granta) 2, Kent (Cambridge) 1, Oxford 9, Kent and Oxford 3.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 135 (24), New Cambridge 11, Superlative 72 (3), Cambridge and Superlative 1, London 35 (2), Bristol 44 (8), Apsley 1, Ashted 1, Belgrave 2, Belvedere 1, Camdon 1, Crayford 1, Eardley 1, Erith 1, Ipswich 3, Lessness 1, Lincolnshire 5 (1), Norfolk 4, Painswick 2, Premier 1, Pudsey 7, Rutland 4, Staffordshire 1, Uxbridge 1, Wheatley 1, Yorkshire 27 (5), four Spliced 12.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 29 (2).

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Little Bob 1, Kent 9, Kent (Granta) 1, Oxford 1, Cambridge 8, Pudsey 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 3, Erin 1, Stedman 44 (2).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent 7, Cambridge 18*, Yorkshire 1.

* Including 7,392.

Total tower bells 985, conducted 90, with one each non-conducted of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Major.

HANDBELLS

Triples.—Grandsire 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 1, Double Norwich 2.

Caters.—Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Erith Little Bob 1, Kent 2, Oxford 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The best wishes of the Canterbury District are extended to Mr. Frank Pack, of Faversham, who has entered Canterbury Hospital for an eye operation.

Mr. W. A. Yates, of Boycott, informs us that the peal of Grandsire Caters at Northampton (page 258) was not his first of Caters, but his third.

The golden jubilee festival of Southwark Cathedral is from May 8th to May 15th, and there is to be a commemorative peal attempt on May 9th.

CENTRAL COUNCIL CIVIC RECEPTION, BRISTOL

Members are asked to note that Saturday, May 7th, is the latest date for applications to be made for tickets. Please write to F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

A local band from Harrow Weald ringing at Warfield, Berkshire, failed to get a peal of Watford Surprise due to the clapper of the seventh falling off three courses from the end.

A ringer who unwittingly left his subscription reminder card on his office desk received the somewhat terse comment from his chief that as the second reading of the Ban on Horror Comics had been passed in Parliament he should discontinue the journal!

As eight members of the Norwich Association left the tower of St. Mary's, Saxlingham Nethergate, on April 13th, they were feeling particularly virtuous. They had rung a peal of Kent Treble Bob without any bell striking four blows in any one place.

The young band at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, average age 13½ years, were recently televised with a view to appearing in Television Children's News Reel. The band will start change ringing shortly. Visiting ringers will be welcome on Sundays 10.45 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Mondays 7.30 p.m.

Golden wedding congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Breckon, of Whitby, Yorks. In honour of the event a peal was rung—but unfortunately Mr. Breckon's health would not permit him to stand in. After the peal Mr. Breckon entertained the ringers, and among the reminiscences after the meal was the peal he conducted for his silver wedding. In the recent peal Mr. Harry Short and Mr. Hubert Waters rang their first peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Support for Bob Triples

EASTER Monday, ringers and Ipswich (but many years ago) were closely connected, for it was the occasion of the annual general meeting of the old Norwich and Ipswich Association—Norwich one year and Ipswich the next.

Ringers would turn up in their hordes and the writer will remember seeing such distinguished personalities as the Borretts, Burtons, Duffields, Souters, Durrants, Motts, Tilletts, clergy and a host of well-known names all plying their art in the belfries.

There would probably be 200 at the service and well over 100 at the luncheon, where, seated at the top table in gleaming dog collars, were the reverend gentlemen and business men correct in dress for the occasion, and looking all the more dignified with their whiskers, beards and huge gold watch chains.

But those days are almost gone and it is doubtful whether the best of general secretaries could revive such occasions, for we, like many other Associations, have now neither the talent nor the type to grace our belfries and luncheon tables. The passing years have brought us flannels, jeans and fish and chips.

So it was again this year on Easter Monday the Suffolk Guild met at Ipswich for the annual general meeting, when the bells, such as they are, were available all day.

At the business meeting Mr. Charles E. Fisher, a vice-president of the Guild, took the chair supported by Mr. Charles J. Sedgley and Mrs. C. W. Pipe (minutes secretary), who deputised for the general secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Fisher gave a warm welcome to all present, numbering 36, including the visitors (Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers and Mr. David Heighon) and asked the company to stand in silence as a tribute of respect to Mrs. Margaret Groom, Messrs. W. J. G. Brown, I. Chapell, L. J. Last, W. R. J. Poulson and any others who had died during 1954.

Treasurer's Report.—This was read by the chairman, which showed, after the payment of grants of £35 to Stonham Aspal and Tannington Bell Funds, an increase of £15 8s. 10d.

Peal Secretary's Report.—Mr. John W. Blythe said 1954 had been a record year for peals, the number being 127, which exceeded the Guild's previous record by 11. This was extremely encouraging in view of the newly-imposed peal levy.

Election of Officers.—The new Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. A. H. Morris, had signified his willingness to be president. Other officers elected: Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Sedgley; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. W. Pipe; hon. auditor, Mr. J. W. H. Preastner; committee, re-elected en bloc with Mr. J. W. Blythe and Mr. R. W. Clouston co-opted members.

A lengthy discussion took place on the date of future annual general meetings and it was finally and unanimously agreed that these be held at Bury St. Edmunds and Ipswich alternately on either the first or second Saturday after Easter.

Mr. Ronald Clouston reminded the meeting of a resolution passed at a general meeting held at Newmarket, which read: 'This meeting requests our Central Council representatives to support proposals that Bob Triples be recognised as a standard method.' This was discussed and carried.

The chairman paid a tribute of thanks to incumbents for the use of the bells, to Mrs. Pipe for deputising as general secretary, and to Mr. C. J. Sedgley for his work as Ringing Master during the year.

Mr. George E. Symonds proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. C. E. Fisher for ably conducting the meeting.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Warning as to Standard of Peals

THE report of the Executive Committee presented at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held at Guildford on April 23rd contained a warning as to the standard of certain peals. The paragraph read:—

'Adverse comments by members of the committee on the ringing in some Guild peals led your committee to issue a reminder in our last report as to the necessity of maintaining a high standard and in view of this reminder, the committee has received with serious concern complaints as to the quality of peal ringing in 1954. Although the committee appreciates that performances must be judged on and due allowance made according to the experience and ability of the ringers concerned, it will not feel able in future to refrain from drastic action if, in any particular instance, complaints are substantiated.'

GREAT ACTIVITY

The report stated that there was great activity in peal ringing. Fifty peals were rung for the Guild and there were 17 'first pealers' and two 'first as conductor.' The conducting was shared by 13 members, of whom Mr. E. J. Wells again headed the list with 17 conducted peals. One hundred members took part in peals and lady members were prominent in these performances. Miss Eileen Turner, of Worplesdon, made history by being the first lady to conduct a peal for the Guild.

Among the peals rung were the first of St. Simon's Doubles for the Guild, the first in 14 Doubles methods, and the first in six and 13 methods of Minor, and the first in seven Plain Minor methods respectively. Little Bob Major, Double Oxford Major and Southwell Surprise Major were also rung for the Guild for the first time.

The report gave the membership of the Guild as 495 ringing and 123 honorary members. Members stood while the following deaths were reported:—David Sleet (Ottershaw), Stephen Sleet (Ottershaw), P. A. Macdonald and J. Ranger, honorary members (Cobham), Samuel Marshall (Puttenham), Frederick Bennett (West Clandon), Raymond Philpot (Seale) and Michael Whelan (Ash).

The balance sheet showed a balance of £52 4s. 10d., compared with £48 18s. 9d. There was a balance of £102 13s. 6d. on the Benevolent Fund from which grants amounting to £25 had been made during the year. The New Cathedral Bell Fund had a balance of £81 1s. 5d.

THE NEW CATHEDRAL

The front of the report contained a 'thought for the year,' which read: 'The New Cathedral is not an ecclesiastical luxury; it is a diocesan necessity.' In this connection the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. L. Grover) brought before the meeting a recommendation of the Executive that the Guild subscribe £5 to the Cathedral Fund. This was carried unanimously. Another recommendation that the Districts, from their balances, should subscribe another £5 in proportion to their funds was also accepted by the meeting.

Mr. A. Harman, who presided, was re-elected Master. Other officers re-elected were: Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary and treasurer), Miss W. Oliver (assistant hon. secretary), Mr. L. C. W. Hunter (hon. auditor), Major E. J. Bragg (peal recorder), Mr. A. C. Hazelden (librarian). Mr. G. S. Joyce (badge secretary).

Reporting on the Guild library, Mr. Hazelden said the library required volumes 1887, 1890 and 1891 of the 'Bell News,' and 'The Ringing World' from 1914 to 1927. The committee decided to advertise for these volumes, either bound or loose copies. They had duplicates which could be offered in exchange. 'The Church Bells of Oxford' had been added to the

library. The meeting decided to purchase Mr. Ernest Morris' latest book, 'Towers and Bells of Britain.'

Mr. G. S. Joyce reported that 48 badges or brooches had been sold during the year.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The meeting ratified the following as compounding members: Miss N. Leahy, Miss M. Butler, Miss Jean Powell, Miss Margaret Lewis, Messrs. G. K. Dodd, J. M. Lakin and P. Nash Elected as new members were Miss D. Taylor and Mr. F. Wilson (Shalford) and Mr. George Egerton (Shere).

A recommendation of the Executive, that Mr. W. J. Robinson, formerly of Holy Trinity, Guildford, and now living in Bedfordshire, be elected a life member of the Guild, was carried unanimously.

Reporting on the annual dinner, Mr. W. Viggers said it was very popular, between 30 and 40 people having to be refused tickets. It was decided to hold the dinner at Guildford on October 15th. The Dinner Committee agreed to carry on, and Mr. Jack Worrall was added to their number.

The hon. secretary drew attention to the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild to be held at Guildford on July 2nd. The secretary and the assistant secretary were authorised to make arrangements for the visiting Guild being entertained to tea.

Mr. C. Denyer proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the Guild, which was heartily endorsed.

The service was held in the afternoon at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church and was conducted by the Rev S. G. Cheetham. Ringing took place during the afternoon at Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' Churches and also at those churches and Stoke in the evening.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AS customary, the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Ringing at St. Paul's Church during the morning was well attended by members from most parts of the county and visitors were most welcome from Leicestershire, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire.

After an excellent lunch members and friends attended the business meeting which followed. The president, Miss E. Steel, opened the meeting by welcoming members and friends. Apologies for absence were received from Canon A. Rust and Mr. A. C. Sharman.

The committee's report stated that membership had shown a slight increase, the 1954 figures being 23 honorary, 248 performing and two probationary. The financial position again improved, the balance showing £80 17s. 10½d., an increase of £10 1s. 8½d. over the year.

Peal ringers again showed an increase, the total for the year being 39. No less than 14 members rang their first peal, and no doubt the experience gained will be put to good use on Sundays.

The officers of the Association were re-elected as follows: President, Miss E. Steel; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. King, A. E. Sharman, H. D. Harris, W. Stapleton, C. J. Ball, L. H. Bywaters, P. Inskip; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. W. Sinfield; auditor, Mr. G. H. Mason; peal secretary, Mr. D. Knox; librarian, Mr. S. Foksett; assistant librarian, Mr. D. Thompson.

Bedford was proposed for the place of the 1956 annual meeting. Luton was once again put forward as an alternative, but as there was no seconder the original proposition was carried. It was also agreed to hold the summer festival at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, June 25th.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest was held at Marsden on April 23rd. Five teams entered to ring a six-score practice and 600 changes, any method, test piece.

The results were:—Friezland 19 faults, Shelley 25, Meltham 34, Silkestone 66, Longwood 67.

Mr. H. Roberts (Kirkburton) remarked that he had never judged before a contest where there had been so few faults. The winning team had that extra steadiness throughout.

At the business meeting Mr. J. Burgess gave notice of the motion for the annual meeting that each individual in a team that wins the competition be penalised as a handicap as an incentive to encourage more teams to enter.

Sincere thanks were accorded the Vicar, churchwardens and local company for the excellent arrangements and splendid tea provided.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

A very happy meeting was held at Royston on April 9th, when about 25 ringers joined in a good variety of Minor methods.

The Vicar (the Rev. P. Leavey) acted as chairman at the business meeting at which 13 towers were represented. The Vicar was thanked for his hearty welcome, the ladies for providing teas and the local company. The next meeting will be held at Sandal on May 14th and the annual Shield Contest at Ossett on June 11th. Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the annual meeting of the Cambridge University Guild held on April 27th, the following new officers were elected:—Master, W. T. Cook (Jesus); Secretary, J. D. Painter (Caius); auditor, J. H. Fielden (St. Catherine's). The other officers were re-elected.

Previous notice had been given by Mr. S. Foksett of a proposed notice of motion to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to withdraw the decision of the Council of 1904 regarding peals of Plain Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques. From the discussion and voting that followed it was apparent that the proposition had the overwhelming support of the Association members present.

Following a notice by Miss Joan Ashton of an addition to Rule 6, it was agreed that: 'Members elected for the first time after June 30th should pay a half-year subscription.' Miss Daphne Hare seconded the proposition, and this was carried.

The meeting was of the opinion that another Association dinner should be held on the nearest Saturday to March 13th, and the general secretary and District secretaries were asked to explore the possibilities.

A vote of thanks to Miss E. Steel for presiding was proposed by Mr. H. D. Harris. Members then returned to the Bedford towers and Clapham for further ringing. J. W. V. S.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Mayor and Mayoress of Deal (Ald. and Mrs. A. E. M. Cavell) attended the annual meeting of the Canterbury District at Deal on April 23rd. They were present at the service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. O. Clark) and also at the tea prepared by members of the Social Guild of the church and at the meeting.

Forty-nine members representing 18 towers attended. The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Margate, and the by-meeting at St. Peter's-in-Thane. The collection taken at the meeting was given to the Deal Bell Rope Fund.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POSTCARD GALLUP POLL WANTED

Dear Sir,—We append below copies of two notices of motion for the Central Council meeting at Bristol on Whit Tuesday, and we are taking the unusual course of soliciting through the medium of 'The Ringing World' the opinion of those ringers sufficiently interested. It is hoped that this may save time at the Council meeting and give non-members of the Council an opportunity of considering the motions and, if they so desire, of expressing their opinions thereupon.

Motion No. 1:—

'That this Council takes note of the strong expressions of feeling in the columns of "The Ringing World" and elsewhere against the growing tendency of the Council through the committee technicians to decide and dictate the choice of methods to be rung by ringers generally, and that this Council resolves to give advice to the Ringing Exercise as to the varying qualities of methods, but to include in its analysis all true peals rung in conformity with the "Conditions Required for Peals" as published in "The Ringing World," page 187, in the issue of March 25th, 1955.'

Motion No. 2:—

'That this Council resolves that all true peals of Bob Triples be included in the Council's Analysis.'

Possibly readers may like the opportunity to express an opinion on this matter and accordingly we should be glad to receive from anyone interested a postcard giving answers to the following:—

(a) Are you in favour of Motion No. 1?—Yes or No.

(b) Are you in favour of Motion No. 2?—Yes or No.

Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY,
11, Bowley Avenue,
Melton Mowbray,
Leicestershire.

HAROLD J. POOLE,
The Wayside,
150, Narborough Road South,
Leicester.

REMEDY IN MEMBERS' HANDS

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Blagrove's letter on page 251. He is fully entitled to his opinions and so are other people if they differ from him. What I said was that the four blows behind coupled with a double change every treble lead is a blot on Bob Triples. The four blows in Grand-sire Singles and Kent Treble Bob are interior places and do not come every treble lead.

I always thought that most ringers respected the opinions of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. However, Mr. Davies condemns Cambridge very much for its double changes, which make Middleton's unmusical peal the only possible composition.

I will make no attempt to follow the reply to M. R. P., but I notice his dig at the Central Council. The answer is that we have the Central Council which we have put there. If they do not come up to expectations then the remedy is in the hands of Association members. This is my final letter on this subject.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

GREET SURPRISE MAJOR

58, 16, 12, 36, 12, 58, 56, 1.
4th place bob. 2nd at lead end.

SQUIRE PROCTOR

Dear Sir,—I was most interested in the article about Squire Proctor and his band and wonder what living person could ever have known so much about them. The D'Arth family, his relatives, used to live at the next Rectory to mine and gave me, in 1893, my first lesson in method ringing. We used to hear a lot about Squire Proctor and his men learning methods by moving stones—with different coloured ones for different bells.—Yours, etc.,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

14, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I beg to point out the following slips that have occurred in 'Random Thoughts' recently concluded:—

Page 189, diagram, centre column: 2nd course, after W 35264 (1 lead) not (2 leads).

Page 221: 'In A, the Bob B brings 2-3 back to normal,' not 'In A, the Bob W brings 2-3 back to normal.'

I apologise for these errors.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

BELLS AT WEYMOUTH

Dear Sir,—There are three good rings of bells within the borough of Weymouth—an eight at Wyke Regis, and two sixes, one each at Upwey and Preston. The two former towers appear in Mr. Dove's 'Church Bells of Britain' (first edition), but unfortunately there is no indication that they are at Weymouth. The ring at Preston was augmented from four nearly three years ago, after the Guide was first published.

The ten bells at Christ Church, Weymouth, were hemispherical bells. The tower actually stands in the part of Weymouth called Melcombe Regis, and it appears in Mr. Dove's Guide under that name. There are no ringable bells in the churches standing in the immediate vicinity of the sea shore and shopping centre at Weymouth.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. SLADE.

Preston, Weymouth.

Dear Sir,—In reply to E. G. C.'s inquiry re the 10 bells removed from the belfry of the disused Christ Church, Weymouth, I can advise him that the report was correct. The bells, however, were 'hemispherical dish bells with chiming apparatus,' the tenor weighing 3 cwt. and, according to Canon Raven's 'Church Bells of Dorset,' they were Imhof's patent, each inscribed J. Taylor, 1874, and the diameter of largest 29½ in. They are in 'Dove' on page 79 under Melcombe Regis.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

Dear Sir,—I have been rather surprised that no one has raised a question before about those mysterious ten Weymouth bells to be given away. I wonder whether any of your readers besides me, except perhaps bellhangers, have ever seen them. If so, it may have been Canon C. C. Cox. The fact is that they are not bells, but hemispherical gongs. It was over 50 years ago that I explored them. In those days they used to chime the ten about half an hour before service, and then three for the last few minutes.—Yours sincerely,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

St. Luke's Hostel,
14, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

HEMISPHERICAL BELLS FOR LINCOLN

Dear Sir,—I see on page 247 of 'The Ringing World' that E. G. C. wants information about the ring of ten bells lately transferred from Christ Church, Weymouth, to this parish.

If E. G. C. had consulted a copy of Dove's Guide he would have discovered that these bells are noted as hemispherical. They were cast by Taylors, at Loughborough, in 1874. The tenor weighs 4½ cwt.

When I came to this parish in 1950 I left a church with a fine ring of eight, and found here only one discordant bell of about 2½ cwt. Because of the smallness of our steeple the alternatives before us were either a chime of very small bells or a set of hemispheres. The advantages of the latter over a light-weight chime are (a) that they take up little space, as they can fit partly into each other, and (b) that for the weight of metal they have surprisingly deep tones.

There was a chance that among the bombed churches which will not be rebuilt there might be one with hemispherical bells. So with Dove's Guide in hand, I searched—but in vain.

However, my summer holiday in 1953 took me to Weymouth and I went to hear the ten bells at Christ Church (Melcombe Regis) only to find the church closed and derelict.

After negotiations with the Rector, the Church Council and the Commissioners, the Order in Council signed by the Queen authorised the demolition of that church with the condition that the bells be given to St. Andrew's, Lincoln. We are very grateful for them.

At Weymouth the church clock used to sound the quarters on these bells, and each day a different tune at certain hours. We have had to refuse the gift of the clock with the bells because the cost of transferring and erecting it would be beyond us. We regret that very much.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Ringers have been very generous in giving us a contribution towards the cost of restoring these bells. That is truly generous, because they will never be able to ring a touch on them, let alone a peal! They said they thought we deserved encouragement in our determination not to stoop to using gramophone records of bells.—Yours faithfully,

St. Andrew's Vicarage, Lincoln.

KENNETH RICHARDSON (Rev.).

P.S.—In the course of my search I discovered that the hemispherical bells listed by Dove at St. Luke's, Prestonville, Brighton, do not exist. There is only one small bell of about 4 cwt. and no trace of any other installation.

On the other hand the six bells listed at Ollerton Parish Church (Notts) are hemispherical and sounded by a chime-barrel hand-turned. The clock strikes the hour on a proper bell of about 10 cwt.

There used to be eight hemispherical bells (Mears and Stainbank's) at Lillington, near Warwick—but not now.

It was also of interest to know what has happened to the set of hemispherical bells which Tyack said were installed at St. James', Bermondsey, for Queen Victoria's Jubilee. ('A Book About Bells,' page 274.)

Other hemispheres not listed by Dove were to be heard at Bayon's Manor, Lincs. five, tenor 5 cwt. (I have seen and heard these); Brancepeth Castle, five, tenor 10 cwt.; Fordingbridge Town Hall, five, tenor 3 cwt.; Keble College, Oxford, has a clock chiming on three hemispheres; Ryde Town Hall, five, tenor 6 cwt.; Westwood Hall, Leek, three, tenor 4 cwt.

I believe that Mauresa House, Roehampton, has a clock which does ting-tang quarters on hemispheres. Also in Norwich Cathedral are two jacks with hemispherical bells (no longer in use). These are described in 'Church Bells and Ringers of Norwich'—Thurlow.—K. R.

LETTERS—Continued

RINGING IN MIDDLESEX

Dear Sir,—Further to Mr. Felstead's article, St. Barnabas', Pimlico, bells are unringable, also Holborn. Hampstead is finished as regards peal ringing due to the proximity of a hospital. This may also be true of Chelsea.

Other long silences mentioned are as follows:—St. Stephen's, Westminster (complaints), Tottenham (rough), Aldgate (rough), St. Dunstan's-in-the-West (completely unringable), St. Gabriel's, Pimlico (complaints), Shadwell (unringable). Harrow is now O.K. but was for years a 'stone' tower.

Of the sixes, Stoke Newington (hardly any wheels left), South Mymms (reputed unringable: however, the parson doesn't like ringing or ringers), West Drayton (bells on floor), Hayes (one cracked, bells reputed unringable—this is dubious).

St. Andrew's, Undershaft (hung dead), St. Catherine Cree (unringable), St. Luke's, Nutford Place (hung dead). There is also Homer-ton (Parson's Gag).

Of the fives, Smithfield is close to the Hospital. There is no five at Bethnal Green; at least, I have been unable to find it.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's article does not really go far enough, as I feel three or four pages would not do justice to a county such as Middlesex. Dalston, for instance, has had only four peals, these bells are now unpealable. Wood Green has reached double figures, 22 peals to date.

Stamford Hill (ten peals) did not have its first peal for 37 years.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.15.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX

Dear Sir,—There may be many of your readers who have at some time or other rung on our merry little ring of five at St. Peter's, Twineham, Sussex.

Our church, like many others, is almost falling down and we are faced with the task of finding several hundred pounds for repairs at once. Twineham is a small agricultural parish with a population of 202, and this is a big task. If anyone would care to send a sixpence or a shilling towards the fund we should be very thankful and I would acknowledge it personally.

We are hoping to add a treble some day to make six, and there is about £20 in a fund opened some years ago for the same object, but at present we must do something for the church or it will be a heap of rubble.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES H. WICKENS,

Rector's Warden.

7, Blackstone Rise, Woodmancote,
Henfield, Sussex.

CHARGE FOR PEALS AND QUARTERS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. Bottrill's letter about our 'Ringing World.' I think it would be a good idea to introduce a peal and quarter peal publication fee of 6d. and 3d. per rope respectively for ringers between the ages of 16 and 65. This would then do away with the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column, and leave space for more interesting matter.

If the income from this source proved sufficient (as I am sure it would), could not there be a reduction in the scale of charges for 'Meeting' notices? Surely these should have more claim to 'free' space than, say, the illustrious doings of the St. Martin's Guild, or the latest peal at the Foundry Campanile.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. CONWAY.

Bath.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Doubles Methods Debated at Annual Meeting

Far off most beaten tracks, dominating a tiny country town, and with its roots lost in the history of a thousand years, stands Southwell Minster, since 1198 the mother church of Nottinghamshire and since 1884 the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Southwell.

No one who visits Southwell Minster forgets it. Many would hold it to be one of England's most beautiful buildings. The Chapter House is justly famed for the exquisite stone carving fashioned by master craftsmen long ago. It was to this noble setting that ringers gathered on April 16th for the ninth annual meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

In addition to the Minster bells, St. Michael's, Averham, was open for the use of visitors, and approximately 60 ringers availed themselves of the opportunity of trying this fine-toned six by Mears. The 'go' of these bells is bad. They need rehanging and, as the Guild chairman remarked, it is not often that ringers can ring on the two most awkward rings of bells in the Diocese in one afternoon.

Be that as it may, there was a very pleasant atmosphere at the meeting, and upwards of 100 ringers assembled for the best attended annual meeting since the formation of the Guild.

Evensong in the Minster at 3.15 was conducted by the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood, who warmly welcomed the Guild.

Tea at the Admiral Rodney was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

A minute's silence was observed for four deceased members, namely, the Rev. Canon F. D'Arblay Burney and Messrs. Arthur Crawford, Harry Hall and George Nowell, who had passed away since the last meeting.

The reports of the hon. general secretary and the hon. District secretaries showed a satisfactory state of affairs without, however, giving grounds for complacency. Mention was made of well-attended meetings, increases in membership as well as lapses, and a splendid win by Warsop of the Sheffield and District Cup. It was reported that Ordsall had won the Crawford Cup Competition.

ADVANCE IN PEALS

The Peal Committee's report revealed that 61 peals were rung in 1954, which was an appreciable advance on the two previous years, and amongst new methods rung for the Guild was Southwell Surprise Major, the first peal in the method. Conductors numbered 16 and 'first-pealers' 14. A gap of 38 years was closed by a peal at West Retford.

The Peal Committee stressed the new Rule 13, which has come into operation and provides that before a peal can be acknowledged and recorded by the Guild the subscriptions of the ringers shall be paid by the end of the year in which the peal is rung; the conductor shall forward the figures to the peal secretary and remit the booking fee of sixpence per bell to his District secretary within one month of the peal being rung. The Peal Committee orally stated that they intend to enforce this Rule strictly.

The hon. treasurer's statement of account showed a very satisfactory financial position. Surplus income for the year amounted to £16 12s. 3d., badges sold to £4 2s., the balance of the Bell Repair Fund stood at £74 13s. 10d., while cash capital on general account amounted to £117 6s. 3d.

Arising from the financial statement it was reported that the committee had recommended that £10 of the surplus income be used to augment the reserve for expenses of the Guild's delegates to the Central Council, and it was resolved to leave this matter in the hands of the committee.

Another point arising on the financial statement was the question of reducing the subscription from 3s. to 2s. 6d. This step had been authorised at the last annual general meeting if it were found that the surplus income for 1954 exceeded £10, but after estimating likely increases in expenditure in the ensuing year, the committee were of the opinion that this step would be unwise and recommended that the previous Minute be rescinded. The meeting fully endorsed the committee's recommendation with the result that the subscription remains at 3s. per annum.

DISCUSSION ON DOUBLES

The most controversial item on the agenda was a resolution which briefly had the object of getting the meeting to instruct their Central Council delegates to take a firm stand against the banning of certain methods, especially Doubles, and went on to add that if 120 different changes could be produced they should be recognised as a true extent, even though the extent might include the plain course of one method and a bob or single lead of another method.

Mr. Glenn, on behalf of himself and the other two Central Council delegates, was invited by the chairman to comment on the resolution and stated by way of introduction that the resolution was loosely worded and inquired what methods were to be banned and what were to be included. The Methods Committee were engaged in revising Doubles, Minor and Triples in that order. He understood there were no less than 97 Doubles methods each with an individual plain course and its own bob and single.

April Day was Plain Bob pure and simple with a Grandsire single. A bob was no part of the method. The Central Council's decision that calls were not part of any method, but were only means of passing from one course to another, was still in operation, and the Guild on affiliation had agreed to abide by the rules and decisions of the Central Council. He urged the proposer to be patient.

The proposer of the resolution, in reply, stated that the motion arose as a result of a peal of mixed Doubles. He was warned that certain methods were not likely to be accepted in the future whereupon he wrote to the peal secretary, who repeated his warning. He (the proposer) felt that if 120 changes could be produced, then though they included a bob of one and a single lead of another, they should be accepted. The Council should not be dictatorial and the methods in the new book should be a guide to ringers. Nevertheless, he agreed to defer further discussion on the subject until the book of Doubles Methods was published, and he accordingly withdrew his resolution.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Provost, the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood, Canon D. N. Allenby, the local ringers and in particular to Mr. Fred Picard for his indefatigable help in making the local arrangements, concluded the meeting.

Ringing continued at the Minster until 8.30 p.m. So ended a perfect ringers' day.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held at Kirk Ella on April 23rd and was attended by 30 members from 14 towers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Ford), during which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

The vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, presided over the business meeting at which Mr. Roy Leaske, of Thorne, was elected a member. The meeting stood in memory of Mrs. A. E. Sellers (the wife of the vice-president) and Mr. C. G. Constable, of Beverley. Howden was selected for the annual meeting.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Law (first quarter) 1, Pamela Law (cond.) 2, H. W. Brown 3, Diana M. Gough 4, R. D. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6. Rung for the marriage of Mary W. Brown, former secretary, to Bryan K. Turnbull, of Babbacombe, Devon, who both learned to handle a bell in this tower.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 7th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, H. G. Summers 2, J. W. T. Taylor 3, A. R. Guy 4, F. W. Perrins (cond.) 5, L. M. Callow 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, P. K. Williamson 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Payne, church organist for many years.

BATLEY, YORKS.—On April 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Ireson 1, A. E. Marsh 2, J. W. Gibson 3, H. Schofield 4, Shirley Marshall (first quarter) 5, K. E. Davies (first quarter) 6, D. Atkins (first of Major as cond.) 7, A. Booth 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 1,264 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, R. Buckland 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Harrison 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. Also for Evensong on the same day, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Ann Shiels (first of Major) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, R. Buckland 5, D. Lamb 6, J. Harrison 7, A. Bridges 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. Woodhatch (first quarter) 1, E. Goldsmith 2, Miss A. Faulkner (first 'inside') 3, C. Blundell 4, P. Richardson (first as cond.) 5, D. Neville 6. Rung in the Octave of Easter. A. compliment to the ringers of the treble and tenor on their engagement. First in method by all the band.

CEFN COED, BRECONS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. D. Griffiths 1, D. Tamberlin 2, G. Gwenlan 3, C. A. Rowles (first double handed, cond.) 4-5, G. Williams 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6. First quarter for all in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Gwenlan.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire, 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew): G. Barber 1, W. McDowell 2, R. Barratt 3, L. Connall 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, G. Forrester (first quarter) 6. Also on April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Jackson 1, R. Barratt 2, A. Worth 3, H. Callwood 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, G. Forrester 6. Rung for Evensong on Easter Day.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss P. Smith (first in method) 1, L. S. Woods 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, N. J. Fleetwood 4, A. C. Chaplin 5, I. Campbell 6, J. R. Fleetwood 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. Rung in memory of Thomas Laybourne, who was killed on April 19th, 1947.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—On April 21st, 1,260 Minor (120 St. Clement's, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 780 Plain Bob): Rev. J. M. Oulces (first of Minor) 1, K. Alton (first 'inside') 2, R. E. Old 3, J. M. Nash 4, J. G. Chapman 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. First of Minor in three methods 'inside' for 3, 4 and 5. To commemorate the Queen's birthday. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): E. Nobles (cond.) 1, R. E. Old 2, J. Hadley 3, J. G. Chapman 4, J. M. Nash 5, C. T. Windram 6. First of Minor 'inside' in two methods for 3 and 6. Last quarter on the bells before work of restoration, and a farewell to the Rev. J. M. Oulces.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 cover): D. Small (first quarter) 1, F. Hurrell 2, J. Hurrell 3, E. Cood 4, D. Holland 5, Miss M. Kent 6, B. Aldridge (cond.) 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for the birth of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLEX.—On April 24th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, F. Goodall 3, A. Goodall 4, E. Prior 5, A. Warren 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubbs 8. Rung for Evensong and to mark the return to fitness of F. Goodall.

FULHAM, S.W.—On April 24th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Anne Garnett 1, H. M. Page 2, J. Chilcott 3, H. Belcher 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, B. K. Lunn 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8.

HALESOVEN, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, B. E. Woodall 2, L. Clissett 3, H. Shilcock 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, J. H. Cox (cond.) 6, T. Greenhall 7, A. H. Harris 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Webb on their golden wedding day.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Perkins 1, M. J. Dyer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Also on April 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, F. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. Perkins 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Also on April 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, M. J. Dyer 2, Miss B. Spicer 3, G. D.

Whitehead 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Also on April 25th, 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Warrington.

HORSELEY, SURREY.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): D. Pollard (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, D. G. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6. First quarter in four methods by all.

HURSTPIERPONT, SUSSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. P. Lewry (first quarter) 1, Stella M. Wickens 2, Edna M. Everest (first quarter) 3, K. Knight 4, G. Mansbridge 5, J. Dearlove 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, H. Bright 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fagg 1, C. W. Linington 2, P. N. O. Robinson 3, S. A. Hill 4, P. C. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to C. Douglas Linington, a member of the band serving with the Royal Navy.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.—On April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss S. Richardson 1, L. Stilwell 2, G. Francis 3, W. L. Weller 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5. First of Stedman Doubles by all except 2 and 5, and first as conductor.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Place Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absalom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6. Rang for St. George's Day. First in 10 methods by all the band.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Wood 1, Jean Horton (first 'inside') 2, Sylvia Streeter 3, G. Lee 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, H. C. Weaver 6. Rung for St. George's Day.

LUTON, BEDS.—On April 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. King 1, J. Rushton 2, J. Scott 3, Miss E. Preston 4, W. Bottrill 5, A. Smith 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, R. Kendall 10. Rung for Evensong.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 Doubles (560 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): P. Lampert 1, D. Neville 2, Ellen Chandler 3, A. Ham 4, I. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Tucker (first quarter) 6, R. Collins (first quarter) 7, D. Elliott 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

READING, BERKS.—On April 17th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. J. Diserens (cond.) 1, A. Diserens 2, R. F. Diserens 3, S. Webb 4, F. Lewis 5, C. Lewington 6, D. Brecham 7, R. E. Turner 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. K. Cotterill to Miss P. Bigood, two local ringers.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Westwood 1, A. Cox 2, Ed. Large 3, W. C. Dowling 4, J. Pinfold 5, K. Haslam 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss P. A. Cartwright, one of the local band, to Mr. G. T. Chamberlain.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. N. Brown (first on treble) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, Miss J. Midgley 3, R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, A. F. Lee 5, T. J. Milson 6.

TWYFELL, NORTHANTS.—On April 25th, 1,320 Southrepps Pleasure Bob Doubles: H. Willis (first of Doubles) 1, C. H. Newell (first quarter) 2, L. G. Berridge 3, D. W. James (cond.) 4, F. E. Crosier (first of Doubles) 5. First quarter by present local band of Cranford St. John. Birthday compliments to 3 and 5 and the niece of 1. Also rung to celebrate the birth of a grandchild to 2, Cranford St. John tower captain.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hewitt 1, R. Chapman (cond., aged 15) 2, H. Rumens 3, H. J. Maynard 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, F. C. Maynard 6, E. E. Holman 7, B. Collard 8. Rung for Evensong, and 70th birthday of Mr. H. J. Maynard. Longest length as conductor.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): W. Gamage 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, F. Rollings 3, F. Benfield 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Janet Walker, of Weston Favell, to Mr. Gerard Allen, of Merthyr Tydfil.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Devenish 1, M. Sinden 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, J. Chapman (cond.) 5, W. T. Elson 6, F. Corfield 7, J. Brickell 8. For the birthday of H.M. the Queen, and the opportunity was taken by 'Bill' Elson to ring a quarter for his own 88th birthday, which he celebrated on April 6th.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A Record Year for Peals

The annual general meeting of the Derbyshire Association was held at Derby on April 16th. Approximately 50 ringers were present from all districts of Derbyshire, and ringing took place during the afternoon at the Cathedral, St. Andrew's and St. Peter's.

A short service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Association President, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby. In his address the Provost paid tribute to the important duties carried out by the ringers at their various churches and contended that whilst ever the bells were rung the presence of the Church and all it stood for would be proclaimed to those who appeared to show little or no interest in religion.

Tea was provided in the Diocesan House by the wives and friends of the Cathedral ringers. The president was chairman for the business meeting which followed, and reports on the activities of the Association during the year were presented by the general secretary (Mr. A. B. Cooper, Chesterfield), the peal secretary (Mr. D. Carlisle, Risley) and the treasurer (Mr. J. B. Stennitt, Derby).

The general secretary and one trustee (Mr. F. Lowe) were re-elected for a period of two years, and thanks were accorded to all who had assisted with arrangements for Association meetings during the previous year. It was reported that the total of peals (61) rung by members during 1954 was the greatest number recorded since the Association was formed in 1946. The peals were conducted by 22 separate members, which indicated much progress in that direction.

The financial statement revealed a satisfactory position. It was, however, stressed that every effort would be necessary to maintain the position.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Backwell on April 16th, when 34 ringers representing 19 different towers put the fine ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.) to good use until 4.30 p.m., when the service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. B. H. Kay). Mr. D. Yeo was at the organ.

At the business meeting, which followed a fine tea in the Women's Institute Hall, new members were elected from Backwell, Nailsea and Ubley.

The Rector thanked the ladies who helped with tea, and the organist, and Mr. H. Knight thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service. Next quarterly meeting, Tickenham.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR BELLRINGERS

Many teams of bellringers are insured under the special policies issued by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, Ltd., 11, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C.2. Particulars will be supplied on application. Those with old policies are recommended to consider increasing the scale of benefits provided.

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OBITUARY

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS

With deep regret we report the death of Mrs. C. J. Matthews, the former secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Mrs. Matthews died in the Middlesex Hospital on Friday, April 29th, after a short illness.

MRS. L. EAST

Many ringers in the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and ringing bands who have visited North Collingham, will be sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. L. East, in Lincoln County Hospital on Wednesday, April 20th, at the age of 63. She was a member of the old North Notts Association and a founder member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, but had had to give up ringing lately owing to acute ill-health.

The Vicar, the Rev. O. G. O. Larr, officiated at the funeral service on Monday, when members of the church choir were present.

A quarter peal was rung by the members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild after observing one minute's silence and a short service, in which the Vicar dedicated the ringing to the memory of Mrs. East.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

At the annual meeting of the East Devon Branch held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday, which was attended by the Guild president, Preb. E. V. Cox, it was reported that the financial position of the Branch was stronger than at any time in its history with a credit balance of £39 15s. It was decided to devote some of the balance to encourage monthly practices at towers in outlying parishes.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. G. C. Woodley (Sidmouth); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Webb (Honiton); vice-chairman, Mr. F. Parr (Bucknell); Ringing Master, Mr. P. Davis (Sidmouth).

Six members received proficiency certificates and two new members were elected. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. R. Price).

5,056 HUMBERSTONE DELIGHT

Method and Composition by T. E. HAROLD

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ENGAGEMENT

HARVEY—FAULL.—The engagement is announced between William James, elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. H. Harvey, of 29, Smithfields, Totnes, Devon, and Valerie Kathleen, younger daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. R. J. Faull, of 21, Park Avenue, Plymouth, Devon. 6263

THANKS

RETURN THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cotterell wish to thank Mr. Robert Turner and the band who rang for their wedding at St. Giles' Church, Reading, on April 16th. 6271

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

SCARBOROUGH.—Board residence, bed, breakfast and high tea or bed-breakfast only. Reduction children under 12. H. & C. Convenient all parts. Personal attention of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield. 6253

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bristol on Saturday, May 7th. St. Stephen's 11.50; St. Mary Redcliffe 2.40; St. Thomas' 4. Tea, at the Grosvenor Hotel, 5. Train 9 a.m., Paddington. Names for tea to Mr. A. M. Tyler, 32, Hengrove Road, Knowle, Bristol 4.—A. B. Peck. 6146

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Marple, May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 6249

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Histon on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 6225

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Witham (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. 6213

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ewell, May 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30.—A. H. Smith. 6216

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey (8), May 7th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6239

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Ruckinge (5) May 7th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. P. G. 6203

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual General Meeting, on Saturday, May 7th, at 3 p.m., at St. Philip's, Hulme. Bells (eight) available. Also ringing at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme (8), from 6.30 p.m. Tea provided. 6295

MEDICAL RINGERS.—Meeting at All Hallows', Twickenham (10), May 7th, 3 p.m. Dinner 7.30. Names, please, to D. J. Neal Smith, 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham. 6208

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bolsover, May 7th, 3 p.m.—J. Seager. Sec. 6155

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Godstone, May 7th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. Champion, Miss D. Colgate, Hon. Dis. Secs. 6211

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Titchfield, May 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Parish Room. 6243

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, May 11th, 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6270

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at Merstham (6) on Wednesday, May 11th, from 7-9 p.m. 6303

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sandal, May 14th, 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Miss J. Goodwin, 8, Carr Lane, Milnthorpe, Nr. Wakefield, not later than May 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 6296

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Aspley Guise, Saturday, May 14th. Bells, 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. A. Kershaw, 58, Mount Pleasant, Aspley Guise, Bletchley, Bucks.—D. Knox, Dis. Sec. 6283

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Market Weighton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service, 4.15 p.m. Tea in Londesborough Hotel, 5 p.m., price 4s. Names for tea to Mr. J. V. Hobson, 4, Holme Road, Market Weighton. 6277

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crews Branch.—Joint meeting with Shropshire Association, Market Drayton, May 4th. Bells (8), 2.30 p.m.; Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 12th to F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 6299

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Spring meeting, Tarvin, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 6302

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Over (8), Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own arrangements for tea.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 6301

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield (8), Saturday, May 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Parker, The Green Dragon, Church Street, Dronfield. 6300

DEVON GUILD (N.E. Branch) and BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).—Joint meeting, St. Peter's, Tiverton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by May 12th (not later) to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 6258

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Caxton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at Bricklayers' Arms.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6278

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Meeting, Chigwell, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 6257

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Malmesbury (8) May 14th. For tea advise H. Blanchard, Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury.—W. B. Kynaston. 6269

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, May 14th. 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 6288

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. —Quarterly meeting at Pencombe, May 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names, please, to R. L. Price, Schallenge Cottage, Bromyard. 6251

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley (6), May 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by the 11th.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 6255

HERTS ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—May 14th, Little Hadham, 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by 11th to A. S. Kent, New Road Cottages, Upwick, Albury, Much Hadham. Service Much Hadham, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 7 p.m. Badges and reports available.—T. J. Southam. 6268

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester on Saturday, May 14th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 6268

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Crosthwaite, Nr. Kendal, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Hudson, Fell Edge Farm, Crosthwaite, Nr. Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6294

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brindle, Saturday, May 14th. Bring own food. Alight at Brindle Bar on Preston—Blackburn Old Road, and Clayton Green on Preston—Chorley Road. Bus 298 from Clayton Green 2.10 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 6294

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Rainhill, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. Members requiring tea (for which there will be a charge of 1s. 6d. per head) must please notify Mr. H. Ashton, 367, Walker's Lane, Rainhill, not later than Wednesday, May 11th.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 6264

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Milnrow, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea, bring own food.—F. Pritchard. 6285

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby (6), Saturday, May 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in the Village Hall 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 9th, to J. H. Musson, The Bungalow, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs.—J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec. 6260

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bride's Major on Saturday, May 14th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Secretary, 2, The Causeway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge, Glam. 6245

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 14th. St. Stephen's, Ealing (65 bus from Broadway) 3 to 5 p.m. Choral Evensong and handbells 5 p.m. Tea and business. Parish Room, 5.45. Ringing, Christ the Saviour's, 7.30. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth (HOU 3921). 6233

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, May 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing: St. Mary's, Holloway Road, 2-4; Clerkenwell 3-4.30; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 8-9. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore (WORDSWORTH 5109). 6235

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at March Baldon, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by May 10th, please, to T. S. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 6237

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Welford, May 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Rev. E. G. Elcock, Welford, Rugby.—J. Kinchin. 6284

SALISBURY GUILD—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Calne (8) May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to E. Buckeridge, High Street, Calne. 6291

SOUTHWELL GUILD—North Notts District.—Meeting at East Drayton (6) Saturday, May 14th. Brumpton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 1.0, 3.15 and 4.45 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. each for those who notify by 10th Mr. J. J. Roberts, Ashlands, East Drayton, Retford. H. Denman. 6280

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Leiston (8), May 14th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please send names for tea, by May 11th, to A. R. Bridges, Theberton, Leiston. 6234

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Ruspur (8) Saturday, May 14th. Please bring own tea.—E. Rapley, Hon. Div. Sec. 6281

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Heene (8) on Saturday, May 14th. Names for tea please by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 6290

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.—Next combined practice, Tuesday, May 17th, at 7.30 p.m. 6265

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Thorington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, please.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 6232

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.W. District.—Meeting at Chrishall (6) on Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Schoolroom. Names please to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6272

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch Annual, Sleaford, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—F. Lord, Hon. Sec. 6275

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Pakefield, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, to Mr. P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, South Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 6298

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Cholsey, May 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Important—notify by 17th, A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen St. Abingdon, Berks. 6267

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, please, to R. F. J. Gillling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 6292

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth and Towcester Branches.—Joint meeting at Pottersbury, on May 21st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday previous to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lanc, Boycott, Buckingham.—A. E. R. Walker, W. A. Yates, Branch Secs. 6266

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival, Marlborough, Saturday, May 21st. Annual general meeting, Town Hall, 2.15 p.m. Service in Church of St. Mary, 4 p.m. High tea, Town Hall, 5 p.m. Tickets 4s. (before Wednesday, May 18th, from Hon. Sec.). Bells available from 12—2 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. Aldbourne (8), Marlborough St. Mary (6). Preschute, Overton, Pewsey, Everleigh, Ramsbury, Burbage, Ogbourne St. Mary, St. George, Chilton Foliat, Melksham (8), Devizes (8), and Bishop's Cannings (8) will be open if necessary.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham (Phone 2297). 6282

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting at Rugeley, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than May 18th to Mr. J. H. Joyner, Wedgnoek, Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffs. 6274

SUFFOLK GUILD—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8) Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Miss E. M. Peckett. 6287

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—75th anniversary dinner will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, May 21st, at 7 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Immanuel, Streatham (8), 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Peter's, South Croydon (10), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Beddington (10) 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. John's, Croydon (12), 4.30 to 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 15s., now available from W. F. Oatway, 233, Thornton Road, Croydon. 6289

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Southern District.—Annual joint meeting at Thrybergh, Nr. Rotherham, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names to Miss D. J. Shaw, Deer Park Farm, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh. by 19th. New annual reports, also badges will be available.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 6297

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival and annual meeting at Much Wenlock, on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Service, Holy Trinity, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m. Much Wenlock (8), Coalbrookdale (10), Broseley (8), Madeley (8).—W. R. Thomas, Gen. Sec. 6273

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) on Whit-Monday, May 30th, at Peterborough. Service in the Cathedral with address by the Lord Bishop at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. Committee meeting in the precincts at 1.45 p.m. Applications for tea at 2s. 6d. each cannot be accepted after May 21st. Apply to Mr. G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. Towers for ringing: Oundle, 10.30 to 12.0; Alwalton, 11.0 to 1.0; Whittlesey, St. Mary's and St. Andrew's, 12.0 to 2.0; Fletton and Stanground, 12.0 to 2.30; Woodston, 11.0 to 12.15; Yaxley, 12.0 to 1.30; Glinton, 11.0 to 12.30; Peterborough St. John's, 12.0 to 2.45; St. Mary's, 11.0 to 2.30. All open after tea.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 6293

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