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THREE PEALS NOT COUNTED

On the assumption that the peal published in this issue is the last to be recorded for 1946, there were 1,797 peals rung during the year, which includes 240 on handbells. This is a substantial advance on 1945, when the number was 1,304, with 173 in hand. Peal ringing has now reached a state almost equal to that in pre-war years—in rosy years the number exceeded 2,000. The expanding number of peals creates a problem for the Editor; arrears so far have been dealt with by the occasional 16-page issue we are allowed, but if the same ratio of progress is forthcoming in 1947, then editorial ingenuity will have to be employed to provide accommodation. This peal ringing is a healthy sign, and denotes a pleasing vigour among a number of associations.

Three of the peals published in 'The Ringing World' have not been counted by the Peals Analysis Committee in their total for 1946. The committee's recommendation in this case requires the ratification of the Central Council, and it is probable that this will be challenged. The first exception relates to a peal rung at Norton, Stoke-on-Trent, on September 28th, for the North Staffordshire Association. This peal of Minor in seven methods was rung with a non-ringing conductor, and in the opinion of the committee it is not in accordance with the following decision of the Council: 'That no other person than those ringing in the peal shall take part in the calling or in rectifying an error.'

The second exception of the committee was respecting a peal of Minor in three methods (Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob) rung at Sefton, Liverpool, for the Lancashire Association with the tenor covering. The wording of the decision reads: 'The Council has declared its mind as follows: On six bells. That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, the bells striking round only once at the end of each and immediately going into the next.' No mention is made in this decision of a covering bell, and as covering bells are specifically mentioned in regard to peals of seven, nine and eleven bells, the committee are not recommending this peal.

The final exception is in regard to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Basingstoke, on October 12th. Here, again, rejection has been argued on omission and not on a definite negative. The decision states: 'On eight, ten or twelve bells. That there be no less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval.' This is unquestionably a matter for argument. The Peals Analysis Committee

recognise that the law of England is built up on precedent, and when applied to bellringing the traditional procedure does give a lead. No rule or law exists on which some clever person might not devise some means of circumventing what is in view. In order that the Exercise at large can take a considered opinion of the points at issue, the Peals Analysis Committee have wisely lost no time in making known their recommendations.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32½ cwt.

STAFFORD GREEN	Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON	7
LAWRENCE GREENHOW ...	2	J. FREDK. MILNER	8
FREDERICK E. WILSON ...	3	ERNEST MORRIS	9
HARRY G. WAYNE	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	10
COLIN HARRISON	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
ERNEST W. RAWSON	6	WALTER AYRE	Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK W. STOKES...Treble	FRANK LORD	7
JOHN WALDEN	KENNETH W. MAYER	8
LEWIS SNELL	JOHN A. FREEMAN	9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ...	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	10
JACK BRAY	JOHN FREEMAN	11
STANLEY E. BENNETT ...	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	7
STAFFORD GREEN	HERBERT W. PERKINS ...	8
JILL POOLE	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
ERNEST MORRIS	HAROLD G. JENNEY	10
HARRY G. WAYNE	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	HAROLD J. POOLE	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES G. SEDGLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Jan. 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING...Treble	JAMES F. HARVEY ...	7
GEORGE F. SWANN	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	8
JOHN PINFOLD	LEONARD TREVOR	9
ALBERT WALKER	GEORGE E. FEARN	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	JOHN S. MASON	11
LEONARD TUFFERY	HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung half-muffled. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson. 21 courses in the Inverted Tittums position, 17 courses in the Handstroke Home position.

TEN BELL PEALS

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*BARBARA CLEVELAND ...Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ...	6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ...	THOMAS F. KING ...	7
GILBERT H. HARDING ...	†HENRY J. SANGER ...	8
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	9
GEORGE J. HAWKINS ...	ROGER O. FRY ...	Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

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

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*MISS JOYCE ENGLAND...Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY ...	6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS... 2	JOHN PHILLIPS ...	7
CHARLES POTHECARY ... 3	†GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES	8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	9
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS... 5	GEORGE W. STEERE ...	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

* First ten-bell peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...Treble	ERIC NOBLES	6
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	GEORGE CARE	7
BERTIE O. SODEN	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	8
PHILIP JONES	BURLEY P. MORRIS ...	9
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ...	WM. J. WHITMORE ...	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

* First peal of Royal by all except B. O. Soden. The quickest peal of Royal on the bells. Rung for the induction of the Rev. G. W. Curtis-Thomas, M.A., to the living.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

*SQUIRE CROFTTreble	†CHARLES W. OTTLEY ...	6
†THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 2	†LEONARD H. BOWLER... 7	
†GEOFFREY DODDS ... 3	†HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 8	
†THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 4	FRANK E. DARBY 9	
*WILLIAM J. ELLIS 5	JAMES BULLOCK	Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by T. W. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Royal and first in the method. † First peal in the method. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

Pritchard's Four-part.	GORDON W. LIMMER ...Treble	CYRIL A. BURGESS ...	5
	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	6
*MARY R. JAYCOCK ... 3	H. WILLIAM BARNETT ...	7	
†DAVID PEARCE 4	GEORGE GILBERT	Tenor	

Composed by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal. † First peal other than Doubles. Mary Jaycock, aged 12, is the youngest girl to take part in a peal of Major.



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BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
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On Fri., Jan. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, HALLIWELL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Five-Part.

EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... Treble	ALBERT HEYWOOD ... 5
LESLIE OWEN ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
JOHN F. WOOD ... 3	EDWARD IDDON ... 7
CHARLES BROWNLOW ... 4	ARNOLD C. MOSS ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

In memoriam to the Rev. P. Marr Davies, M.A. (Vicar), who was interred at Bristol on this date. Also to Rupert Richardson.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OSWALD DELIGHT MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
MARGARET TUTT ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANDLE ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	FRANCIS BIBBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted to JOHN E. BIBBY.
First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN COOK ... Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 6
CHAS W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*WILKINS MASSEY ... 4	HAROLD A. MAY ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal of Major.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	*LAURENCE WOOD ... 5
GEORGE LARGE ... 2	ROBERT E. COLES ... 6
FRANK J. BAILEY ... 3	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 7
ERNEST STITCH ... 4	ALFRED W. HEATH ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by T. M. RODERICK.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal on eight as conductor. First of Stedman on the bells.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5
FRED READ ... 2	WILLIAM PROCTER ... 6
JAMES BARNES ... 3	*FRANK HEYES ... 7
JOHN F. WOOD ... 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
* First peal.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's irregular Ten-part.	Tenor 20 cwt.
ARTHUR LINTOTT ... Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	FREDERICK S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5090 CHANGES;

NESTA D. SMITH ... Treble	*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 5
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	WALTER C. ROSE ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3	REGINALD A. REED ... 7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First Surprise peal.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK H. HICKS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 4	WILLIAM ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. A welcome peal to the new Vicar (the Rev. J. L. Yeo).

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WILLIAM PERKINS ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5
ALAN D. STEEL ... 2	NEVILLE HOLLAND ... 6
FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 3	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... 7
FREDERICK GROCOTT ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by A. W. HALL.

First peal of Major on the bells.

WOOLWICH, LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 13 cwt.
JAMES E. BAILEY ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
ROBERT A. JOHNSON ... 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 6
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 4	CHARLES DANN ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Mon., Jan. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	RICHARD A. POST ... 6
CHARLES COLES ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 4	WM. H. B. WILKINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

A 76th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER. — At St. Peter's on Jan. 21st, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Udale 1, O. Castleman 2, A. Skinner 3, R. Swann 4, J. Udale 5, J. Kesterton 6, R. Barrow (conductor) 7, K. Lawson 8. Half-muffled as a token of respect to F. Sharman, for many years a ringer at the above church.

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SIX BELL PEALS

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE A. PAGETreble	*PETER ANGER 4
HERBERT ABRAHAMS 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 3	FRANK L. HARRISTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

* First peal in three methods.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*THOMAS CUMMINSTreble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS 4
†MISS RHODA BROWN... .. 2	JOHN R. KEMP 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	JOHN R. YOUNGTenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Morning Star, five each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

PERCY JENKINSTreble	E. PETER ROCK 4
JOHN D. ROCK 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS... .. 3	ARTHUR WILLIAMSTenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

First peal as conductor.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two different 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five different 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*KILBY R. HOLTOMTreble	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE 4
MISS MAUD CLARKE 2	VICTOR A. PERRY 5
JAMES H. WEBB 3	ERIC NOBLESTenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Minor in two methods. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. S. Powell, ex-Vicar of Staughton and Ringing Master of the above Guild, on his retirement, and to Mrs. Powell.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Biggleswade District.)

On Wed., Jan. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 of April Day, 10 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and 20 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MAURICE LOCKEYTreble	†RONALD J. SHARP 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 2	†THOMAS HARRIS 5
†ANDREW C. SINFIELD 3	*SIDNEY SHARPTenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

CARBROOKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FREDERICK WILLIAMSTreble	FREDERICK C. JOHNSON 4
GEOFFREY W. SMITH 2	*ALBERT E. DIXON 5
*EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTONTenor

Conducted by L. W. HOUGHTON.

* First peal.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. N. Beeny 1, J. Hobden 2, G. Beeny 3, F. Blackman 4, E. E. Breed 5, B. Stepney 6, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 7, R. W. Hunnisset 8. First quarter by 1 and 8. First other than Doubles by 4, 5 and 6.

ALBURY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*HAROLD A. MAYTreble	GEORGE L. GROVER 4
*C. ERNEST SMITH 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	A. PATRICK CANNONTenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ERNEST STITCHTreble	†LAURENCE WOODS 4
*ALFRED HANNINGTON 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK... .. 5
ARTHUR HOARE 3	GWYN I. LEWISTenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., Jan. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AT GOWTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

*ARTHUR MELTONTreble	†VICTOR BRIGGS 4
ARCHER T. LOWMAN 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN 5
†HORACE HURST 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSETenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal. † First Surprise peal. Rung half-muffled. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

HANDBELL PEALS

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

*BRIAN D. PRICE 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS 5-6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED 3-4	MRS. R. G. CROSS 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. G. CROSS.

* First handbell peal away from the tenors.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

IN CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN A. POTTS 1-2	JOHN WORTH 5-6
JOSEPH WHITTAKER 3-4	*CHARLES W. LAWTON 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First handbell peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Newcastle Cathedral Guild.)

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. ANDERSON, 3, SALTERS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	CHRIS. HETHERINGTON 5-6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3-4	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7-8

*ERNEST WALLACE 9-10

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal of Royal. First peal as conductor.

ALFORD, Lincs. — On Jan. 15th, at St. Wilfrid's Church, 1,260 and 720 Bob Minor: Miss D. Clark 1, S. H. Sutton 2, Miss C. Dunnington 3, I. Smith 4, G. Manser 5, K. Ketteringham (conductor) 6. First quarter by 1 and 3. First quarter in method by 2, 4 and 6.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS. — On Jan. 6th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: R. West 1, Miss E. Steele 2, C. Bransom 3, L. Turner 4, P. Inskip (conductor) 5, C. Prindeville 6. Rung in memory of the late Vicar of Biddenham.

BIRMINGHAM. — On Jan. 12th, at Bishop Ryder's, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Scott 1, H. H. Fearn 2, G. W. Critchley (conductor) 3, J. F. Harvey 4, G. E. Fearn 5, E. T. Lloyd 6, R. W. Daniels 7, J. S. Mason 8.

BRADPOLE, DORSET. — On Jan. 13th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, after an attempt for a peal had failed, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. H. Poole 1, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 2, H. D. W. Bishop 3, J. L. Glyde 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. S. Morris 6, C. W. H. Powell 7, C. H. Lathey 8. In memory of John Thomas Lathey, father of the tenor ringer, and for over 50 years a ringer at Bradpole Church.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS. — On Jan. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Pike (first quarter) 1, Myra Tiller 2, B. Tiller 3, J. Hull 4, F. Gilbert 5, R. E. Tiller (conductor) 6. First quarter of Minor by all, and believed to be the first quarter of Minor rung by an entirely local band.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL. — On Jan. 18th, at St. Anta and All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Roach 1, Miss M. L. Lidgley 2, H. Miles 3, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts (conductor) 5, K. Nicholls 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung by local band.

CHELSEA, MIDDLESEX. — On Jan. 19th at St. Luke's Church, 1,257 Stedman Caters: T. H. Francis 1, W. H. Hewett 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, H. Belcher 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, R. F. Deal 6, E. A. Reaves 7, J. Prior 8, J. Phillips (conductor) 9, C. T. Bartlett 10.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST CROMPTON, LANCs. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Minor, being 36 Plain Bob. 504 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure: J. Butterworth (conductor) 1, F. Butterworth 2, R. H. Byrom 3, H. Butterworth 4, E. Harrison 5, J. R. Buckley 6. To celebrate 50 years' service as a ringer by B. Whitehead.

HECKINGTON, Lincs. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Severs 1, H. Connell 2, J. Ward 3, J. H. Clark (conductor) 4, W. Woods 5, W. Jackson 6, A. Dixon 7, W. Asher 8. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK. — On Jan. 15th at St. Mary's, on handbells, 1,280 Bob Major: R. Heath 1-2, A. E. Austin (conductor) 3-4, J. A. Acres 5-6, C. N. Austin 7-8.

OAKHAM, RUTLANDS. — On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Stimson 1, J. A. Fenton (conductor) 2, P. Armstrong 3, F. J. Stimson 4, H. Ale 5, H. Clayton 6, E. Higgs 7, G. Bailey 8. First quarter Stedman for all except 2 and 7.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE. — On Jan. 16th, 1,008 Grandsire Caters: M. Bennett (age 15) 1, Miss J. Mitchell (16) 2, P. Woodward 3, T. Duffin (conductor) 4, W. Walker 5, F. Bennett 6, L. Fisher 7, H. Kirby 8, W. Tattersall 9, J. Kirby 10.

OXFORD. — On Jan. 19th, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,947 Stedman Triples: A. Higgins 1, P. Walker 2, A. H. Gearing 3, J. Higgins (composer and conductor) 4, K. Walker 5, V. J. F. Bennett 6, R. Higgins 7, W. Allen 8.

PRESTWICH, LANCs. — On Jan. 19th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Bob Triples: L. Reynolds 1, G. Sanders 2, S. Emmott 3, H. Emmott 4, G. A. Bell 5, F. J. Maude 6, F. Reynolds (conductor) 7, A. Lavton 8. In memoriam to W. Foster.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE. — On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crawshaw 1, W. Schofield 2, A. Jackson 3, H. Saxon 4, J. Jackson 5, F. Hodge (conductor) 6, V. Turner 7, A. Brownhill 8. For the induction and institution of the Rev. A. S. Barlow to the above benefice.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE. — On Jan. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Allman (conductor) 1, C. Ward (first inside) 2, R. B. P. Hulse 3, T. H. Mather 4, J. Orme 5, E. E. Hughes 6, T. A. Billington 7, D. Maddock 8.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX. — On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Church 1, M. Thomas 2, R. Pridgeon 3, E. Marsh 4, J. Toms 5, F. Howe (conductor) 6, F. Page 7, F. Cox 8.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX. — On Jan. 19th at St. John's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. E. Cattell 1, E. J. Leversuch 2, J. E. Rootes 3, R. Wilkinson 4, R. Wenban 5, W. J. Nudds 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, C. Wenban 8.

STOKE, COVENTRY. — On Jan. 15th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Stone 1, A. Roberts 2, J. H. White 3, R. D. Hayne 4, F. Brassington 5, H. Summers 6, F. E. Pervin (conductor) 7, F. Rouse 8. In memoriam to Charles Freeman and Rupert Richardson.

SWINDON, WILTS. — On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples at Christ Church: W. Carter 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Miss N. Davis 3, W. W. Daniell 4, T. Townsend 5, G. Wells 6, C. Gardener (conductor) 7, W. Bullock 8. First quarter of Stedman for 2 and 3.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. — At the Church of St. James, by the N.S.W. Association, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Campigli (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Somerville (first quarter inside by a lady in N.S.W.) 2, W. H. Short 3, W. M. Rowe (conductor) 4, J. B. Watts 5, K. Stacey 6.

WIMBLEDON, LONDON. — At St. Mary's Church on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Dixon 1, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 2, Squire Croft 3, T. H. Taffender 4, C. W. Ottley 5, H. W. Rogers 6, J. Bullock 7, L. Rogers 8.

WEST HAM, LONDON. — At All Saints' on Jan. 19th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: A. W. Brighton 1, F. W. Housden 2, E. W. Furbank 3, A. Prior 4, J. F. Grove 5, R. W. Stannard 6, C. E. Willmington 7, G. Dawson 8, E. D. Smith (conductor) 9, J. MacPhail 10.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

This seems to be an issue of youth. Apart from Mary R. Jaycock, of Burnham, who rang her first peal at the tender age of 12 years and 9 months, there is John E. Manners (13) at Swindon, Joyce Eng'land (16), Beddington, and Basil Osborne (16), Hasketon, Suffolk, who started change ringing less than six months ago. Good wishes to you all for a happy ringing career.

Linton, Kent, is the seventh tower in which Mr. Thomas F. Sone has 'completed the circle' as a conductor, the peal being called on Jan. 18th. Now then, 'circle specialists,' who has more towers to his credit?

To the Editor's collection of ringing cartoons has been added that which appeared in 'The Bulletin and Scots Pictorial' on December 30th. It depicts the haggard steeplekeeper oiling his bells and muttering, 'Crazy, that's what they are, plain crazy. Nae whisky, nae meat, nae coal, nae nothing. And yet they want the bells rung.'

Certain back numbers of 'The Ringing World' from 1943-1946 can be obtained from Anonymous, Aith, Little Chalfont, Amersham, Bucks, but carriage must be refunded.

Correction.—The ringer of the 4th in the peal of Cambridge Surprise at Milton-next-Gravesend on December 28th was Arthur S. Richards, not Alfred S. Richards as published.

Records kept by Wickham, Hants, ringers show that 75 complete 720's were rung during 1946. Of these 49 were rung at Wickham, 9 Titchfield, 8 Swanmore, 5 Bishop's Waltham, 2 each Soberton and Hambledon. Forty-two ringers took part, and the methods were Plain Bob 33, Oxford Single 26, Kent Treble Bob 10, College Single 6. G. E. Chappel conducted 42 and eight ringers rang their first 720.

BELFRY GOSSIP

To those correspondents who have kept the Editor and the Exercise informed concerning 'William Green,' we would point out that the matter is now sub judice until after his trial at Warwick Assizes.

Arrangements are being made by the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths to celebrate their bicentenary by a service and dinner in London in July.

Miss Pauline Jackson, whose first peal is recorded this week at Monken Hadley, Middlesex, was introduced to ringing less than 12 months ago. The name of Mrs. T. J. Lock appears in the peal columns for the first time; her last success was scored on April 5th, 1938, when she was Miss K. M. Bradford.

To be commended is what took place at evensong at St. Mary's Church, Gayton, Northants, on January 19th. Instead of the sermon, Mr. P. Amos gave a talk on bells and ringing illustrated with lantern slides. Church-people's knowledge of bells is frequently vague.

Mr. B. A. Knights, of Preston, writes that he called the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major published in our last issue at Higher Walton, Lancs, on September 29th, 1934. Our Kentish friends must bow the knee to Lancashire!

Although William H. Male, of Warwick, has yet to attempt a peal on bells, he accomplished Holt's Six-Part peal of Grandsire Triples in three hours and four minutes on his violin. This was on January 29th. The strings of the violin were plucked in the style of a banjo, and the notes of the bells he reproduced from figures. The 'peal' was witnessed by Mr. T. Male, who turned the pages of the book containing the figures. Mr. Male believes in plenty of pencil and paper for learning a method. He has already written out seven peals of Grandsire in full, including John Garthorn's peal at Norwich in 1718.

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DEDICATION AT ACTON OF PEAL RECORD.

St. Mary's Church, Acton, is held in affectionate regard by members of the Middlesex Association. This ring of eight has not its own company, but the bells are rung on special occasions by the Association, a service most readily given which is appreciated by the Rector (the Rev. Percival Gough) and members of his congregation.

Recognition of this service has been expressed in a most gracious and generous manner. The Rector arranged for the seven peals rung at his church since the lifting of the ban on ringing to be specially recorded. This record is to be placed at the entrance to the tower and is of exquisite craftsmanship by Mr. E. M. Wilson, an artist of repute. The lettering is based on 10th century MSS., regarded as the finest period of English writing.

The dedication of this record of peals took place last Saturday in the presence of some 100 members of the Association. The service was of a three-fold purpose, other features being an act of commemoration to those ringers of the Middlesex Association who gave their lives during the war and to the children of Acton who lost their lives during air raids.

The seven peals recorded are as follows: Oct. 28th, 1944, Bob Major rung half-muffled in memory of Archbishop Temple; on Dec. 30th, 1944, Kent Treble Bob Major, an act of thanksgiving for seven centuries of Christian worship at St. Mary's, Acton; March 17th, 1945, Spliced Surprise Major, an act of praise; April 21st, 1945, Grandsire Triples for the enthronement of Geoffrey Fisher as Archbishop of Canterbury; May 8th, 1945, Grandsire Triples, to commemorate the conclusion of the war with Germany; Aug. 29th, 1945, Stedman Triples, conclusion of the war in the Far East; Oct. 24th, 1945, Stedman Triples in memory of the children of Acton who lost their lives in air raids.

Of special interest to the ringers was the message read during the service by the Rector from the Bishop of London. It stated:—

'I hear that you are shortly to unveil a record of the changes rung by the Diocesan and Middlesex ringers. I should be grateful if you would kindly let them know how much I appreciate the work they have done. I understand that the record included peals rung on the occasion of the death of the late Archbishop and on the enthronement of the present Archbishop. I am sure that we are all glad of the honour done to the presiding Prelate of our Church in this province. I should like to thank the ringers for their keenness, not only in my own name, but in that of the diocese.'

The lesson was read by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, general secretary of the association. Two carols appropriate to ringing, 'Ding Dong' and 'Bell Carol', were sung by the choir, and a touch of Bob Major was rung on handbells by W. G. Wilson 1-2, E. C. S. Turner 3-4, Eric E. Dench 5-6, Frederick W. Goodfellow 7-8.

Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane, president of the association, following the unveiling of the record of peals, read the names of those members of the Middlesex Association who lost their lives in the war. These were: F. H. A. Braybrooke, Ruislip; D. E. Cambell, C'apton; W. J. W. Davey, Hillingdon; W. R. Madgwick, Shepherds Bush; L. A. Royal, Pinner; L. R. Senior, Harrow; D. N. Sharp, Welling; R. Tinsley, Hadley; A. J. B. Wayman, Teddington; S. H. Wood, Bristol.

THE MINISTRY OF BELLRINGING.

The dedication of the record was by Canon Leonard Hodgson, D.D., Regius Professor of Divinity, Christ Church, Oxford, who also gave the address. Bellringing, he said, was the one form of music that directly and clearly spoke to them of God above everything else. There were so many kinds of music—military music that made them think of war, dance music and

that of other different associations—but the one thing that the ringing of bells spoke to them of was the truth of God, involving them in loyalty to Him. The bells reminded them of God's love and care.

Whether they were in the country and heard bells coming across the fields or in the cities where above the clangour of traffic they still heard the bells, their message reminded them of the underlying truth of the loving care of God, who was constantly seeking to inspire them. Let them thank God for the ministry of bellringing and as they dedicated this record of their work dedicate themselves in two ways — to remember Him with gratitude, thanksgiving and hope and with the certain knowledge that those they were commemorating were in His keeping, and, secondly, to dedicate themselves with devotion to Him and His Kingdom.

Tea was served in the vestry to visiting ringers by ladies of the congregation. At the conclusion there was an unexpected tribute paid to Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, hon. secretary of S. and W. District, Middlesex Association, who had assisted in arranging for the service. The Rector presented him with the original cartoon of Mr. Cockey, which appeared in the current issue of 'The Acton Gazette,' silhouetted against a background formed by a drawing of St. Mary's tower.

Expressions of thanks were to Dr. Hodgson, voiced by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, and to the Rector and ladies of the congregation by Mr. A. W. Coles.

Towers represented were Acton St. Mary's, Barrow-in-Furness, Beckenham (Kent), Cranford, Ealing (St. Stephen's, Christ Church and St. Mary's), Edmonton, Feltham, Finchley, Guildford, Hampton, Harlington, Hatfield, Hayes, Hillingdon (St. John's and St. Andrew's), Kensington (St. Mary Abbot's), Kingston-on-Thames, Lowestoft, North Mimms, Northrepps (Norfolk), Ruislip, Stoke Poges, Thames Ditton, Uxbridge, Wallasey, Westminster and Willesden St. Mary. Ringing was supervised by Mr. F. G. Baldwin (Ringing Master) and Mr. F. A. Finch (Deputy Master) and included Surprise.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL

Galleywood proved a popular rendezvous for the annual meeting of the South-Eastern District on January 18th, when a company of 55 were present. The Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Roughton), who presided at the meeting, conducted the service, at which the collection of £2 1s. was for the association's Bell Restoration Fund.

Prior to the business meeting the members stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. F. Radley and the Rev. J. H. Upton, who had recently died.

The hon. secretary reported that seven meetings had been held during 1946 with an average attendance of 41, which afforded much encouragement to the district officers. Collections taken for the Bell Restoration Fund at these meetings amounted to £7 1s. 7d.

Mr. H. J. Mansfield was unanimously re-elected District Master, and as the retiring hon. secretary did not wish to be renominated, Mr. A. H. Everett, of Rose Cottage, New Hall, Boreham, was elected to this office. Mr. Shadrack was thanked for his work as hon. secretary during the last 13 years, and Messrs. L. A. Simmonds and R. Thrift were elected to the committee. Miss R. Eves, of Galleywood, was elected a ringing member and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rettendon on March 8th.

The District Master brought to the notice of the members a proposition to increase the association's subscriptions. Congratulations were extended to Mr. G. Green, who will complete 60 years as a ringer at Great Baddow on February 14th. Ringing continued till 9 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Superlative.

Alias 'Mr. Green'

COMMITTED TO THE ASSIZES.

Michael Mulcahy (74), of no fixed address, was committed to the Warwick Assizes at Nuneaton Magistrates' Court on January 30th on charges of obtaining £1 by false pretences from Mrs. Billington at Nuneaton and 15s. from Ernest Morris at Leicester on Jan. 12th.

Mr. Ernest Morris, verger at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, said that at the start of the evening service, accused came to him and said Mr. Hobson, of St. Nicholas' Church, 'had sent him. Accused said he had a son in hospital and he had been sent for. He was stranded and needed 14s. 3d. for his fare home to Leominster.

'I believed him—he seemed genuine enough,' said Mr. Morris. 'He gave me his name as Mr. Green, Ringing Master at Ludlow Church.'

Mulcahy was arrested at Kettering. When charged, it was stated, he admitted the offence and a number of other similar offences.

RINGERS' WELCOME TO SALVATION ARMY AT TROWBRIDGE

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Trowbridge, reported in our peal columns this week, has a special significance in view of the fact that one of the bells, at the time of recasting and augmentation from ten to twelve, about ten years ago, was contributed by the Trowbridge Salvation Army, through the interest and efforts of their Adjutant at the time, Captain Fenson. This bell is now known as the Salvation Army bell. Mr. S. Hector (Sam) was mainly responsible for the augmentation.

Major Fenson is no longer at Trowbridge, but during the week ending January 20th he paid a short visit to his old charge, which fortunately came to the knowledge of Sam, who arranged that a welcome by the church bells should be accorded to such a distinguished benefactor to the town and church in particular. The standard of striking of the peal was very high.

After completing the peal, the ringers were most generously entertained to tea by the Salvation Army at their quarters, and the ringers wish to record their very deep appreciation to their Salvation Army friends for such a hearty welcome and grand reiteration of goodwill between the Salvation Army and the Church.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT BATTERSEA.

A well-represented and successful meeting, attended by some 40 to 50 members and friends, was held at St. Mary's, Battersea, on January 11th. The start to the ringing was, however, slightly delayed owing to the presence of workmen at the top of the steeple. Subsequently the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the ringing ranging from rounds to London Surprise Major. The Vicar of St. Mary's conducted a lively service, which incorporated a most interesting address.

An excellent tea, business meeting and handbell ringing took place in the Parish Hall. Two elections were ratified and three new members elected as follows: Ratifications, Mr. E. R. Randle (West Grinstead) and Mr. G. E. Green (Wicken, North Hants); new members, Miss Ann Dixon (Streatham), Miss Joan Smith (Oatlands Park) and Miss Audrey Castle (Merton).

In order to ensure that no important historical facts were omitted from the association's article for 'The Ringing World,' a committee was elected to 'vet' the final draft before submission.

The nominations of officers were received for election at the annual meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on February 8th. Hope was expressed that as many towers as possible in the London area would enter teams for the handbell contest, which would follow the annual meeting. The main consideration for this contest is that each team should ring a plain course of any method on eight bells.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

C. T. Coles Memorial

Dear Sir,—At the annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Kilburn on May 11th, 1946, it was decided that the late Mr. C. T. Coles' great work for the association be commemorated by a suitable memorial. Apart from acting as secretary of the North and East District and one of the joint hon. secretaries from 1910 to 1938 and general secretary from 1938 to 1945, Mr. Coles was a most prominent figure in the Exercise. He represented the Middlesex County Association on the Central Council from 1921 to his death early in 1946 and was one of its most respected members.

It is suggested that the form of the memorial be decided upon when the result of this appeal is ascertained, but we hope that sufficient will be raised to provide one or more bells towards a peal in one of the war damaged churches to be rebuilt in the London Diocese.

Contributions should be sent to the General Secretary, E. C. S. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5.

W. P. COLE SHEANE (President), A. W. COLES, W. H. COLES (Vice-Presidents), J. E. LEWIS COCKEY, Thomas J. LOCK (District Secretaries), Ernest C. S. TURNER (General Secretary).

THE LATE MR. C. R. LILLEY

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the reference of Mr. A. N. Wood to leading ringers of the Bedfordshire Association, particularly to my late father, C. R. Lilley. I enclose some records from my father's books re the Bedfordshire Association.

Bedford St. Paul.—May 24th, 1897, peal Treble Bob Major (Kent). First peal in the method by entirely a Bedford company.

Bedford St. Paul.—Oct. 21st, 1897, peal Treble Bob Royal (Kent). First peal of Royal by the Bedford Association, and first peal of Royal on the bells.

Cardington, Beds, St. Mary's.—March 8th, 1902, peal of Superlative Surprise Major. First peal in the method in the county.

Houghton Regis, Beds, St. Michael.—July 5th, 1902, peal of Minor. First peal on the bells and first change ringing ever done on the bells.

Arlesey, Beds, St. Peter.—July 19th, 1902, Minor. First peal on the bells.

Leighton Buzzard, All Saints.—Peal Bob Major, April 25th, 1903. First peal of Major on the bells.

Handbell's, St. Neots, Hunts.—The Fly and Bedford Associations, June 21st, 1903, peal Treble Bob Major, conducted by C. R. Lilley. First peal in method in hand by the associations. The same associations at Bedford, Treble Bob Major, Nov. 7th, 1903. The first peal ever rung in hand in the county of Bedford.

Southill, Beds, All Saints.—Nov. 13th, 1906, peal of Minor. First peal on bells. Conductor, C. R. Lilley.

Bedford St. Paul.—Jan 11th, 1898, peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells and first by the Bedford Association.—Yours faithfully, J. E. LILLEY.

Highweek, Newton Abbot.

PEAL AT PARBOLD

Dear Sir,—The peal rung at Parbold, published in 'The Ringing World' of January 24th, was not the first peal on the bells. Two trebles were added to the peal of six recently. The first peal on what are now the back six was rung on November 6th, 1920. It was a peal of Plain Bob, seven extents, called differently by myself.

The only difference to those six bells as far as the metal is concerned is that they are like the writer—older. The note should have read: 'First on the augmented peal.'—Yours, F. RIGBY.

Chorley, Lancs.

Youngest Girl Peal Ringers

Dear Sir,—I do think that we should be able to trace not only our youngest girl, but also our youngest boy peal ringer through the medium of our own 'Ringing World,' and not have to depend on daily papers for this information. I have been told in the past that this prominence gives the youngster a 'swelled head.' Under correct instruction no child will suffer from a swelled head.

Some time back I remember two ten-year-old boys taking part in peals, to wit, A. R. Price's youngest boy and Cecil Pipe's son, both well-known ringers. Naturally I am proud of the young ones that I have had the pleasure of teaching, and with my youngest yet, Mary R. Jaycock, Burnham, becoming the youngest girl to ring a peal of Major, I am more than satisfied (particularly as one member in the peal said she rang like a seasoned veteran).

The youngest girl (a pupil of mine) to ring a peal was Nancy Denyer, who on December 14th, 1923, rang a peal of Bob Major at the age of 13 at Aldershot. This as a peal of Major stood until October 31st, 1946, when within seven days of her 13th birthday Mavis Whitehead rang a peal of Bob Major at Kibworth. Then on January 11th of this year (at the age of 12 years 9 months), Mary R. Jaycock rang the third to a peal of Bob Major at Burnham, bringing back for me the Major record held by a pupil of mine for 24 years (it was only lost for two months in Major). We must, however, raise our hats to Mavis Whitehead as our youngest girl peal ringer, as she (at the age of 12 years and 7 days) rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples in November, 1945.

Would it be asking too much for the parents of our youngest boy and girl peal ringers or their instructors to send, and you to publish, the dates of first peals by them, what the peal was and where rung and what bell they rang?—Yours, GEORGE GILBERT.

Burnham, Bucks.

RINGERS' NAMES ON BELLS

Dear Sir,—The following is a copy of the inscription on the treble bell at Ilmington, Warwickshire: 'Thanks be to God who giveth us victory and peace, 1921. (Rector and churchwardens' names.) H. L. Terry, Ringing Master.'

It would be interesting to know the correct term for the leading ringer. They are sometimes described as captain, foreman, leader or ringing master.—Yours faithfully, T. BOND.

Burford, Oxon.

NOT A GUILD PEAL

Dear Sir,—Re peal of Doubles rung at Yarn-ton, Oxon, on November 2nd, 1946, this peal must be deleted from the records of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as W. Durham, ringer of the 4th, was not a member of the Guild.—Yours sincerely, WILLIAM HIBBERT.

Basingstoke, Hants.

MRS. RICHARDSON'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—It is very hard indeed to find words adequate enough to express my thanks for the very kind words written about my husband, Rupert Richardson. It is impossible to answer the numerous letters personally, but I do hope that everyone will understand and will accept my heartfelt thanks through the medium of 'The Ringing World.'

As I have now been elected captain of the Surfleet band, Enid and I hope to be able to carry on in the way he would wish so that any ringer coming to the district will know they have a hearty welcome waiting for them in the belfry of St. Lawrence's, Surfleet, and also at Glyn Garth.

Surfleet.

ANNIE RICHARDSON.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM AYRE.

The York Minster Society has lost one of its most valued members by the death on January 19th of Mr. William Ayre, a brother of Mr. Walter Ayre, hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association.

He was a member of the York Society from 1915-1920, when he removed to Hull. On returning to York in 1937 he rejoined the Minster company and was an enthusiastic and loyal comrade.

At the funeral service at Heworth Church on January 22nd a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in the chancel immediately after the prayers, the ringers being L. Woodcock 1-2, E. Rickitt 3-4, T. F. Earnshaw 5-6, S. Steel 7-8. Other ringers present were G. Horner, F. Atkinson and H. Forden. The interment was at Fulford Cemetery. The sympathy of the society is extended to the widow, who shares her bereavement with her daughter.

Mr. Ayre is the fifth member of the York Minster company to pass away in approximately 3½ years.

MR. H. W. EMMETT.

By the sudden death of Mr. Harold W. Emmett, Prestwich tower has lost its second ringer this year. Although shy and diffident and by no means an avid peal ringer, his prompt and regular attendance for both service and practice ringing made him an irreplaceable asset to the band. F.R.

THE REV. A. C. TRANTER.

The Rev. A. C. Tranter, Vicar of Egham, who died on January 31st, although not a ringer, was a keen supporter of any activity concerned with the art. He was an hon. member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and was held in affectionate regard by a wide circle of ringing friends. W.A.P.

BEVERLEY RINGING SOCIETY

Beverley and District Ringing Society started the New Year well with a well-attended meeting at St. James', Sutton-on-Hull, where a good touch of Grandsire Caters was rung for the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Reynolds).

Mr. G. F. Williams (president) presided at the business meeting, which followed tea. The Rev. G. Storer was happy to announce further contributions to Hutton Cranswick Bell Fund, including £100 and another of £50.

The Rev. L. Reynolds expressed the hope that the society's aim to raise a good band of ringers for every tower in the area would be realised and that the Sutton team in particular would soon reach their former standard. The February meeting will be held at Pocklington.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

A notice of motion was given by Mr. W. A. Stote at the quarterly meeting of the Guild on January 18th at Nuneaton that at the annual meeting he would propose that the positions of president and master be dispensed with and the two offices combined under the title of 'Master of the Guild.' If put to the vote, he said, the ballot would be secret. Mr. L. Trevor intimated that he would support the motion.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Herbert), who conducted the service, presided at the meeting, at which the new members elected were R. Sanders, L. Sanders, R. Parker, R. Gee (Nuneaton), H. Dodd (Bedworth). The election of J. Statham, T. Chambers and J. A. Prentice as non-resident life members prior to a peal was ratified.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect for Mr. O. Freeman, of Stoke, Coventry, who was interred the previous Wednesday.

Ringing included London and Bristol Surprise.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

SIDBURY'S PROSPECTIVE OCTAVE.

A well-attended meeting of East Devon Branch was held at Sidbury on January 18th. The church is very interesting architecturally, with a Saxon crypt and a good deal of Norman work. A room over the porch is known as the 'Powder Room,' having been used as an armoury during Napoleonic invasion scares when women with red cloaks were trained to represent soldiers marching up and down.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Taylor, with the Rev. W. S. Airy reading the lesson. A sumptuous tea, with cream and jam 'splits,' was given by parishioners and friends.

At the business meeting the Rev. W. S. Airy was in the chair and 17 new members were enrolled. Mr. M. Denner, making a good debut as a speaker, referred to a gift of one bell by the Rev. W. S. and Mrs. Airy, alluded to the fact that Mr. C. Pinn had been captain of Sidbury ringers for 50 years and suggested that his services should be suitably recognised.

Sidbury at present has a ring of six, restored a few years ago by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and all in good going order. It is understood that they will carry out the work of adding two bells by Easter, 1948, and that funds for a bell to go with that given by Mr. and Mrs. Airy are already well assured. The prospective octave will be of handy weight and a distinct acquisition for East Devon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING.

Members and friends from Cambridge, Eastbourne, Fulbourn, Little Shelford, Newmarket, Sawston, Seaford (Sussex), Trumpington and the Cambridge University Guild attended the annual meeting of the Cambridge District on January 18th. The service at St. Andrew-the-Great was conducted by the Rev. W. W. Tyms in the absence of the president (the Rev. P. O. D. Chamier) through illness. Tea at the Parish Room was kindly provided by Mrs. Chamier, and a collection towards the cost of the recent repair of the tenor bell amounted to £12s. 6d.

Officers elected at the meeting, presided over by Mr. T. R. Dennis, were: President, the Rev. P. O. D. Chamier (with wishes for a speedy recovery); district secretary, Mr. H. L. Martin; Ringing Master, Miss K. Willers; committee, Messrs. C. W. Cook, T. R. Dennis, F. Hurry, A. Hurst, E. Chapman and E. G. Hibbins. Master David Mann was elected a member.

Ring was at St. Andrew's and the tower of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, and ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major. The next meeting will be at Stapleford on February 15th.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS' NEW SECRETARY.

'A reasonably satisfactory year,' reported the secretary (Mr. R. Darvill), at the annual meeting of the St. Albans District at St. Albans on January 18th. Nine meetings had been held and seven peals rung with regular ringing at the majority of towers.

Mr. A. Lawrence presided and six new members were elected. The secretary did not seek re-election owing to pressure of other duties, and the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Day) also retired, stating that he believed frequent changes of this post had a beneficial effect.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Darvill for his good work during a difficult period, and the following elections were carried: Secretary, Mr. T. J. Southam; deputy secretary, Mr. H. V. Frost; Ringing Master, Mr. C. F. Saver; committee, Messrs. R. Darvill, H. V. Frost, A. Day, A. Lawrence and A. W. Coles. St. Albans was chosen for the next annual meeting.

The service was held at St. Peter's Church and conducted by the Rev. G. Roe (Rector of Wheathamstead) and ringing took place at the Cathedral and St. Peter's.

Chester Diocesan Guild

25 YEARS AS SECRETARY.

After serving as secretary of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild for 25 years, Mr. J. W. Clarke resigned his office on January 11th. The occasion was the annual meeting of the branch, held at the Cathedral, which was attended by a large number of members and visitors from North Wales and places as far distant as Plymouth. In expressing thanks to tower secretaries for their help and support during his term of office, Mr. Clarke asked for similar support for his successor, Mr. G. Griffiths.

The royal visit to the city was recalled by the chairman, the Dean of Chester, when he read extracts from the booklet issued to the 'Friends of the Cathedral' giving details of the presentation of the ringers to their Majesties and of the interest they showed in the ringers' art.

Special prayers were said for the Guild at the choral evensong, and tea was served in the ancient refectory of the Abbey.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

CREWKERNE DEANERY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association (Crewkerne Deanery) was held at Ilminster on January 11th, when over 40 members were present. Officers elected were: Chairman, the Rev. G. G. Hickman, R.D.; vice-chairman, the Rev. Strutt Kennedy; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. T. Locke.

Towers represented were Ilminster, Barrington, Chard, Bristol (St. George's), Drayton, Kingstone, Bridgwater, Curry Rivel, Shepton-Beauchamp, Wellington, West Buckland, Yeovil, Burescombe, Puckington, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. There were eleven new members elected, including eight ladies from Puckington.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

THREE NEW CONDUCTORS.

A successful meeting was held at St. Peter's, Derby, on Jan. 11th, when about 30 ringers attended, including the Rev. D. P. Roberts (Liverpool), Mr. B. Key (Burton) and Mr. E. Beadmoore (Ashby). An excellent tea was provided by Miss Wickman, assisted by ringers' wives, and at the tea the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Shaw, gave an individual welcome to everyone.

At the business meeting Mr. Victor Taylor was appointed chairman for the District Committee, Mr. W. A. Parsons secretary, and Mr. Fred Shaw (Ilkeston) and Mr. Walter Shaw (Alvaston) as committee.

The general secretary (Mr. W. Lancaster) gave the information that eight peals had been rung during the past year, that six had rung their first peal, 21 first in the method, and three first as conductors.

A wide range of methods was rung during the meeting.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Canon W. E. Wilkinson (hon. president) presided at the annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Society at Barnsley on January 11th, when the following towers were represented: Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Darton, Darfield, Eastwood, Felkirk, Monk Bretton, Ossett, Rawmarsh, Sandal, Shelley and Wath.

Officials re-elected were: President, Mr. J. R. Brearley (Bolsterstone); treasurer, Mr. H. Chant (Kelkirk); secretary, Mr. D. Smith (Felkirk); auditors, Mr. R. Ford and Mr. L. Steele. Messrs. H. Chant and D. Smith were elected representatives on the Central Council for the next three years.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Rector of High Hayland to see if it would be possible to restore the six bells which have been silent in that tower for many years. The next meeting will be held at Ossett on Feb. 8th.

Canon Wilkinson conducted the service, and the ringing in a variety of methods was most enjoyable.

Kent County Association

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Some 60 ringers and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District at Crayford on January 25th, enjoying scenery that was reminiscent of Alpine views, a warm welcome from the clergy and local ringers, the use of a beautiful peal of bells, a tea that didn't by any means emphasise austerity, and the opportunity to congratulate Mr. E. Barnett on the completion of 50 years' membership of the Kent County Association.

The association's service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. H. Hurwood). At the business meeting Mr. P. J. Stewart (churchwarden) presided. Nineteen new members, from Beckenham, Chislehurst, Crayford, Eltham and Sidcup, were elected. West Wickham was selected for the next meeting on April 26th.

The members unanimously recorded their congratulations to Mr. E. Barnett on celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his election into the association, at Crayford, in January, 1897. Mr. Barnett, replying, thanked the members for their generous remarks, and delighted them by citing memories campanological and sartorial with honourable mention of Crayford's bells and his own first pair of long trousers!

It was agreed to arrange, if possible, the annual joint meeting with the N.W. Division, Surrey Association, in June. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks.

Further ringing on handbells and in the tower continued throughout the evening. Towers represented were Beckenham, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Erith (St. John's and Christ Church), Eltham, Lee, Lewisham, West Wickham and Woolwich, with welcome visitors from London and Gravesend.

EDENBRIDGE—A POPULAR MEETING.

A reputation of Edenbridge as a Stedman tower was well upheld at the meeting of the Tonbridge District on January 4th. Several touches of the method were successfully brought home on this easy running ring of eight, which afforded considerable enjoyment to the gratifyingly large company, despite the fact that the ropes were new and a little playful.

The Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Graham) conducted the service, and after the ringers had been liberally entertained to tea at the Church House by the joint efforts of the Vicar, the local band, the congregation and a number of lady helpers, he consented to take the chair at the business meeting.

The secretary's report on past tower visits and the possibility of a rotational system of visits for the future was read and adopted. By-meetings were arranged for Cranbrook in May, Kilndown in June, Sandhurst in August, and Lamberhurst in September.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

For 23 years Canon Coleridge has been chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch. At the annual meeting at Wokingham on January 18th his resignation was received, the Canon stating that he felt through advancing years and failing hearing it was time another was appointed. The meeting decided to elect him president of the branch. The Ven. Thorndike Shaw (Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham) was appointed the new chairman. Other officers were elected.

The 90 members and friends present included the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Capt. Poyntz, Mr. W. Hibbert and Mr. A. D. Barker. The branch voted £10 from its reserve fund towards the cost of rehanging St. Paul's bells. Encouraging speeches were made by the Master, the Deputy Master and the treasurer of the Guild.

The Rev. C. S. Edgington (Waltham St. Lawrence) preached at the Guild service; tea in the Parish Room was prepared by Mrs. Brooks and her helpers, and ringing was carried on until 9 p.m.

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GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea, the Duke's Head 4.30. Business afterwards.

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Usual arrangements for ringing. Service S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea at Parish Hall. Names, please, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Clowne, Feb. 8th. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general district meeting at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual East Grinstead, Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Catering difficult. Please advise early to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Annual general, Feb. 8th, St. James', Clerkenwell, E.C.1, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall. Business and handbell contest 6. Names for tea.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting, Dunster, Saturday, February 8th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea Memorial Hall 5. business meeting follows.—G. Stacey.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Annual, Feb. 8th, St. Peter's, Hereford. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Garrick Hotel. Bells: Cathedral (10), 2.30-4.15; All Saints' (8), 2.30.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing meeting, St. Philip's Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 8th, 4 to 6.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Yeovil (10 bells), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Service 4.30. Tea at Green Lantern Cafe, for which please notify early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Annual, St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Feb. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, Tel. 3293.

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Eastern District (Southern Division).—A meeting in conjunction with the Sussex County Association (Southern Division) will be held at St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Will lady ringers please make an effort to attend?—Mrs. I. Cross, Hon. Sec., Southern Division.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Feb. 8th, 3. Tea 5. Good bus service from Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Practice at Cookham (8), Saturday, February 8th, at 5.30 p.m.—T. J. Fowler, Ringing Master.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Newhall, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Annual Chichester, Feb. 15th, 2.30. Tea 4.15. Service 5.15 in Cathedral; meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Feb. 13th to R. G. Blackman, 25, Turnbull Road, Chichester.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Dunstable (8), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Tea, price 2s., can be arranged for those notifying me by Feb. 12th.—H. C. Hillyard, Westonville, Half Moon Lane, Dunstable, Beds.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS and DERBY DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield District.—Joint meeting Morton (6), Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Bring own food.—J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual at Spalding, Feb. 15th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea at British Restaurant at 3.45 p.m. Business meeting in Church School 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 11th, to W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wybunbury (6), Feb. 15th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea if names received by the 11th.—R. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting St. Mary's, Reading, Feb. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea (1s. 3d.) 5, if notified by Feb. 12th.—E. G. Foster.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Saturday, Feb. 15th, 3 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Annual meeting Chiswick, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Annual business meeting following tea. Names for tea to the undersigned by Feb. 13th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, W.13 (Perivale 5320).

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting Adlington, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided. Look up Grandshire to London Surprise inclusive.—F. Rigby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 15th, Barnet (8), from 3 p.m. Practice method: Yorkshire Surprise. Owl tea arrangements (numerous cafes).—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting Saturday, Feb. 15th, at Thorverton (8), 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Number for tea by Feb. 10th.—E. J. Ryall, Alplidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—A new ring of eight bells will be dedicated by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Liverpool at Emmanuel Church, West Derby Road, Everton, on Saturday, Feb. 15th, at 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amphill Road, Liverpool, 17, and tickets will be kept for them.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Rugby, Coventry and Nuneaton Districts.—Joint meeting at Bulkington on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) available 3. Names for tea to Mrs. L. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, by Wednesday, Feb. 12th, certain.—Leonard Trevor.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.

—Clifton, York, Feb. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Meeting in tower 4 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—T. H. Foster.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Lamberhurst (6), Feb. 15th, at 3 p.m.—R. Tappenden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Hilary's, Wallasey (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th, 3 p.m. Light refreshments provided.—A. J. Martin.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley

District.—Croft, Feb. 15th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by the 13th to W. A. Wood, Fosse Way, Croft, near Leicester.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark

Branch.—Meeting at North Muskham (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th, 3 o'clock. Cups of tea only.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Western

District (Southern Division).—Meeting in conjunction with the Sussex C.A. at Chichester, Feb. 15th. Will lady ringers please attend if possible.—Mrs. G. W. Tamplin, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cam-

bridge District.—Stapleford (6), Feb. 15th. Bells, 3. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Magpie Cafe 5 p.m. Please come and support your district meetings.—H. L. Martin.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—

Northern Branch.—Meeting, Wordsley, 3, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Cups of tea 5 p.m.; bring own food.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Wil-

lingham (6), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRM-

INGHAM.—The 59th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 1st, at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets to fully paid up ringing members 3s. each, to other members and friends 7s. 6d. each. As the number is strictly limited, early application for tickets, enclosing remittance, is requested, to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

ASSN.—Quarterly meeting, Bonvilston, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western

district.—The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks

Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twyford, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 22nd.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the North and East District was held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on January 18th, and was well attended. Nine meetings had been held during the past year and were supported by an average of 38 ringers. The two joint meetings were considered to have been successful. The district had lost three of its members through death, including Mr. C. T. Coles, its valued and highly respected vice-president. One honorary, 18 non-resident life and 28 ringing members had been elected. Of the 27 quarter-peals reported 16 shared in the conducting. The secretary (Mr. T. J. Lock) urged for more recruits to fully man the bells in their proper use for Sunday service ringing and looked forward to this, the fiftieth year of the association's existence, being witnessed by much greater activity.

New members elected were G. Cheshire and Miss Payne (Stanmore); D. and J. Towers. R. Beckett, R. Flitter, J. Roberts and E. Hawkins (St. Andrew's, Enfield); E. Thurlow (Pinner); D. Birkinshaw, S. Pacey and Mrs. Pacey (Kilburn); and D. Tinsley, A. Edge and the Misses Jackson, Gardener and Hunwicke (Monken Hadley); and F. Coley (Crayford). The district officers were re-elected.

Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president, referred to the recent death of Mr. R. Richardson (Surfleet), and the meeting stood and acknowledged his memory in silent tribute.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, to Mr. Parsons and Mr. Hewett for their parts in the successful outcome of the meeting, enjoyable ringing taking place at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**MEETING AT WALPOLE ST. PETER.**

The Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association held its annual meeting at Walpole St. Peter on January 11th, attended by members and friends from Downham Market, Elm, Gaywood, Hilgay, King's Lynn, Marham, Shoutham, Terrington St. Clement, Terrington St. John, Tilney All Saints, Wa'soken, Walpole St. Andrew and the local band.

The service in the church was conducted by Mr. Elmer (lay reader), who also presided over the business meeting which followed. Officers elected for 1947 were: President, Archdeacon Evans; District Ringing Master, Mr. C. Cousins; district secretary, Mr. W. Buckenham; Belfry Repair fund treasurer, Mr. R. W. Crofts; committee, Messrs. E. H. Mastin, L. Bush, E. Barker, G. Mason, W. Rose and F. Wigmore.

Seven members of the local band were elected members of the association, also Miss B. Elsey, of Downham Market. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Stow Bardolph on February 15th.

Winchester and Portsmouth**GOOD NEWS OF TWO FAMOUS RINGS.**

Over 50 members attended the annual meeting of the Southampton District, at Southampton, on January 11th. Visitors were present from Salisbury and Poole, and service ringers from Hull, Spalding and Hugglescote (Leics.).

Good use was made of the fine ring of eight at St. Michael's, and a variety of methods up to London and Bristol practised.

The Rev. K. Felstead presided at the business meeting, and was supported by Canon Spencer Leeson, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. F. Rogers and the district officers. Seven new members were elected.

The district officers re-elected were: Chairman, the Rev. K. Felstead; secretary, Mr. G. Pullinger; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Williams; auditor, Mr. C. Fray; representatives on Executive Committee, the Rev. K. Felstead and Mr. R. Brown.

The secretary reported that the bells at Netley Abbey had recently been overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and Canon Spencer Leeson, R.D., informed the meeting that he had great hopes that the fine ring of ten at St. Mary's, Southampton, destroyed by enemy action, would be replaced by Messrs. Taylor and Co. within the next few months, and in any case before the rebuilding of the church.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on January 10th, 1948: District meetings were provisionally arranged at Sherfield English on April 19th, Eling on June 21st, Upham on September 27th.

The Portsmouth and Petersfield Districts are to be invited to combine in arranging an inter-district meeting in the Meon Valley on August Bank Holiday, the towers suggested being East Meon, West Meon and Privett, all three having good rings of eight.

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