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ADJUSTMENTS

There are periods when life has to be adjusted to a new set of circumstances. Such a condition confronts us to-day with prevailing inflation and loss of purchasing power of the £ sterling. Many are able to meet the new situation with an adjustment in their pay packets; others whose income is static find themselves at a disadvantage. This loss of purchasing power of the shilling or half-crown has repercussions in every walk of life. The Guild subscription, if it is not adjusted, will mean a lowering of the standard of service to members. Recently four Guilds or Associations—Southwell, Bath and Wells, Middlesex and Salisbury—have increased their subscriptions to enable members to enjoy a range of service on lines similar to those prevailing before the war. Other Guilds will have to adopt the same procedure unless they elect to eat rapidly into their reserves.

We would appeal to Guild committees, in considering their finances, not to limit their service to members in ratio to the decreased purchasing power of the subscription. A cheeseparating policy will not attract members; Guilds must offer as comprehensive a service as possible. In the forefront should be the oft-repeated urge from the Central Council that all who ring church bells shall be united in one body and fellowship. The programme of meetings and visits must be continued if the Exercise is to make progress, and there should be a printed report available for each member. Southwell Guild estimated that the cost of printing their report worked out at 2s. per copy, and at the Middlesex Association the cost of printing a peal was estimated at 4s. 6d. Knowing the charges to-day brought about by the changed circumstances, such figures cause no surprise. Costs in printing can only be effectively reduced by increased numbers, and that is why we welcome, and are anxious to procure, new readers for 'The Ringing World.' Printed Guild reports are of great value; some are really comprehensive documents, giving full particulars of practice nights, touches for conductors, peals rung and membership records. As is right and proper, just pride in continuous membership is frequently recorded in our pages. This long and faithful service to the Church is stimulated by the Guilds or Associations, who in their turn propagate that fellowship which is a remarkable thing about ringing.

No tower should be unable to adjust its finances to meet the new subscription rate. The secret is belfry organisation. Many towers work on the principle of a

weekly subscription of twopence or threepence, which meets all Guild subscriptions and incidental expenditure. Others employ such means as steepleage for raising funds. One Association at least collects a steepleage fee from all members and visitors at meetings. Many ringers, we know, do not like imposing a steepleage charge on visitors, feeling that the injunction in the Epistle for last Sunday, 'Use hospitality one to another without grudging,' should be the guiding principle in their fellowship within the Exercise. On the other hand visitors themselves would willingly pay for their enjoyment, as in other walks of life. For the good of the Exercise it is essential that our Guilds should be in strong positions financially, and if the greater part of the revenue comes from the practising members then is developed that sturdy independence, a characteristic of the present age. Cap-in-hand begging to meet the new costs should be discouraged.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed. May 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... Treble	†REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	WALTER C. ROSE ... 7
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 8
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 4	LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 9
WM. A. THEOBALD ... 5	*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Royal. A compliment to the Master of the Guild, Mr. George Williams, on his 90th birthday.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 2	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 7
WM. H. HEWITT ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 8
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... 9
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS ... Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 8
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4	*WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ... 9
H. JAMES TURNER ... 5	GEORGE AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

* Has now circled this tower.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	*EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	*LESLIE E. ASTON ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 9
EDWARD EVANS ... 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman and of Caters.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

GEORGE A. SPARKS ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
*F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... 8
CLIFFORD BIRD ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... 9
†LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 5	WM. C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire. In honour of the tenth anniversary of the Coronation and for their Majesty's homecoming.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 17 cwt.

J. WM. HEATH ... Treble	RALPH HARRIS ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	FRANK SADLER ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 4	ROBERT GEADEN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

In memoriam Canon Allsebrook, late Vicar of Badsey.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK LAWTON ... Treble	*FRED MELLOR ... 5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 2	IVAN KAY ... 6
EILEEN BASTOW ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
SELWYN DEARDEN ... 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

* First peal in the method. To celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn Dearden.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*NESTA D. SMITH ... Treble	*LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 5
*RICHARD SMITH ... 2	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
*VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 3	ALBERT DISERENS ... 7
*NOEL J. DISERENS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. A 75th birthday compliment to W. R. Melville.



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GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Transposition.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
PERCY GREEN	Treble	PERCY FELTON	5
DR. SPENCER-PHILLIPS ...	2	*HARRY CARTER	6
IAN HALLS	3	GEORGE GREEN	7
*LESLIE AINGER	4	FRANK PAYNE	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate Mr. George Green's 60 years as a service ringer at Great Baddow.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*JACK MUSSEL	Treble	PETER ANGER	5
†LESLIE A. PAGE	2	*PETER D. WENHAM ...	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ...	3	LEONARD HARRIS	7
*JAMES E. FIGGURES ...	4	FRANK L. HARRIS ...	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor. W. A. Theobald's 50th peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Williams on his 90th birthday—from the ringers of Salisbury.

LONDON.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEOFFREY F. CARTER ...	Treble	*VERNON J. BENNING ...	5
PETER R. BLACKBURN ...	2	*PHILIP M. J. GRAY ...	6
†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ...	3	*DENIS A. BAYLES ...	7
*E. S. JOHN HATCHER ...	4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ...	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. The first peal on eight bells for the Society.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY	Treble	GEORGE LEDSHAM	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
CYRIL VALENTINE	3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ...	7
ERIC J. GILBERT	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE	Treble	JAMES HIGGINS	5
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ...	6
MARIE R. CROSS	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	7
NEIL I. ALLNATT	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN	Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	5
WILLIAM LEWIS	2	RALPH HARRIE	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

Rung on the occasion of the baptism of the son of Mr. T. W. Lewis.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,824 Rutland, 1,056 Bristol, 864 London, 672 Superlative and 672 Cambridge with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ...	Treble	*WILFRID F. MORETON ...	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	ALAN R. PINK	6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	3	WM. C. PORTER	7
*BETTY SPICE	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* 50th peal together. The first peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH ...	Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEP ...	5
*WILFRED W. RING	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	6
WM. A. OLDFIELD	3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	7
PERCY PAGE	4	THOS. CULLINGWORTH ...	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Bob Major.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

LAWRENCE GREENHOW ...	Treble	J. FREDK. MILNER	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	3	WILLIAM J. ROOT	7
FRANK K. MEASURES ...	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., May 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEOFFREY WM. HAIR	Treble	GEORGE L. RODEN	5
*JOAN BERESFORD	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	6
GEORGE OLIVER	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
WM. H. CURSON	4	PERCIVAL WM. GRICE ...	Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. J. H. BOTHAM	Treble	MAURICE HODGSON	5
*LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	*ALICK CUTLER	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
*JOHN H. BOTHAM	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. A farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Botham, who are shortly leaving by air for South Africa, and as a compliment to Mr. H. Kilby, on his retirement from the position of Master of the tower.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Burford Guild.)

On Fri., May 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Twelve-part (3rd the observation).

Tenor 10½ cwt. in E flat.

THOS. S. STRATFORD	Treble	BERNARD S. NICHOLS ...	5
FRANK SODEN	2	THOS. W. TIMMS	6
*JACK KEYTE	3	WM. J. DIXON	7
FREDK. W. SODEN	4	*JOHN J. WESTMACOTT ...	Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.

* First peal. First peal for the local Guild since its re-formation in December, 1945.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (10 callings).

LEONARD E. A. DAVIES <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE EVANS 4
HUBERT JONES 2	ARTHUR C. NASON 5
JAMES HUGHES 3	GEORGE ALLEN <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

Rung on the occasion of the christening of the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. Nicholas, of Craven Arms, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Plant, of Ludlow.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATTWG,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One 1,440 and five 720's.

ARTHUR HOARE <i>Treble</i>	HARRY BOYCE 4
*LAURENCE WOOD 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
ALFRED HANNINGTON 3	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Kent Minor. The tenor ringer has now circled the tower.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST CARVELL <i>Treble</i>	ERIC J. GILBERT 4
LESTER L. GRAY 2	RONALD H. DOVE 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RALPH G. EDWARDS.

Arranged for the visit of Mr. R. H. Dove.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

LORD WRENBURY <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 4
*JOHN B. ROWSELL 2	ROGER LEIGH 5
*PETER BORDER 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in six methods by all. First peal of Minor as conductor.

LEWKNOR, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and two extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Antelope, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Nicholas', St. Giles', Winchendon Place, St. Miles', Stedman, Oxford Bob, St. Martin's, Old, Norfolk and April Day.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

GILBERT WRIGHT <i>Treble</i>	CECIL G. CALCUTT 3
HARRY P. FLOYD 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 4
ALAN R. PINK	 <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in 19 methods by all the band, and the first peal on the bells. Greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

GREAT BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., May 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN SCOTT <i>Treble</i>	*JAMES F. HARVEY ... 4
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 2	*EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. ‡ First Surprise peal.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., May 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*DENNIS BERESFORD ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ... 4
*MISS JOAN BERESFORD ... 2	WALTER J. COPE 5
GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	*PETER BERESFORD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by MISS JOAN BERESFORD.

* First peal. A compliment to the conductor on her 15th birthday.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4
CECIL LONGHURST 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 5
ERNEST TREAGUS 3	CECIL H. WOOD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by L. STILWELL.

A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. Dieterle.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*ERNEST H. BROOKS ... <i>Treble</i>	*RONALD FACEY 4
*ROBERT SELLARS 2	*CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
*NORMAN HUTCHESON ... 3	*JOHN W. CARTER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN W. CARTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. The ringer of the treble is in his 73rd year.

SANDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qt

*L. POPE <i>Treble</i>	*R. TAPPENDEN 4
*MISS H. GORRINGE ... 2	F. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 5
*M. CLOKE 3	*G. WATERS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT,

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Wellington Little Court, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Crayford College, and St. Clement's.

Tenor size 14½ in E sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3-4	FRANK LORD 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

There were 246 changes of method. The greatest number of Major methods rung 'in hand' by all the band and for the Guild. Rung for the third wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fearn.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFERY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 15 in C.

L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 5-6
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Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

50th peal as conductor.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On April 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. H. W. White 1, F. W. Perrens (conductor) 2, E. Stone 3, C. H. Webb 4, J. W. Taylor 5, J. W. T. Taylor 6, C. S. Aylett 7, G. Gardner 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major upon the bells.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On April 27th, 1,280 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise: Margaret Pitstow 1, Jill Brittain 2, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 3, Winifred Adams 4, N. Hobden 5, H. Cheesman 6, A. J. Adams 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. First quarter of Spliced by all except conductor. Rung for the birth of a daughter to 7th ringer.

BATH.—At St. Michael's on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Medway (first quarter) 1, T. King 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, W. H. Hurford 4, E. King 5, R. Fry, jun. 6, G. Hawkins (conductor) 7, H. Merrett 8. Rung for Mr. E. King's 42nd wedding anniversary.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Frost 1, Mrs. E. Roscoe 2, Miss A. Holden 3, K. Medhurst 4, A. Williams (conductor) 5, R. Godfrey 6.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—At St. James', 1,264 Bob Major: W. Prockson (first in method) 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, F. A. Barker 3, G. A. Parsons 4, N. Hodgson (conductor) 5, W. J. Ellis 6, C. Potheary 7, A. W. Coles 8.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. E. Hoodless 1, Peter Simpson 2, Mrs. A. H. Eastoe 3, A. H. Eastoe 4, James Hayes 5, A. W. Hoodless 6. For Confirmation service and for the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James Hayes.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.—On April 21st 1,260 Grandsire Triples for the 21st birthday of Princess Elizabeth: William Wheatman 1, William Astle 2, F. Poston 3, E. Fleet 4, A. Newell 5, N. Collins 6, William Griffiths (conductor) 7, S. Carman 8.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—On April 23rd at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Revs. A. G. G. Thurlow 1, N. E. Hope 2, I. J. Richards 3, C. Carew Cox 4, B. F. Sheppard 5, Canon R. F. Wilkinson 6, R. D. St. J. Smith (conductor) 7, H. Benson 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Blows 1, R. Funnell 2, J. Fleetwood 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, J. Armstrong 5, J. Groves 6, F. V. Gant (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas Laybourn.

EALING.—At St. Mary's on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Tricker 1, Miss D. E. Lidbetter (conductor) 2, P. E. Clark 3, Miss P. G. Kitchen 4, J. Kent 5, A. Mark Stacey 6, H. Andrews 7, A. Harding 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 180 Plain Bob): M. Mason 1, J. Mason 2, R. Elliott 3, W. Jones (conductor) 4, P. Mason 5, D. Mason 6.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on April 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. C. Scott 1, R. J. G. Thorn 2, H. F. Sargent 3, L. Boumphyre 4, R. M. Preston 5, N. Sharpe 6, E. A. Stafford 7, C. Barker (conductor) 8.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Leicester to St. Mary's Church: H. Hurd 1, J. Bowcock 2, J. Cross 3, R. Sherriff 4, L. H. Hurd (conductor) 5, F. Beck 6. First quarter by 2, 3, 4 and 6.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of All Saints on and for St. George's Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. L. Sadler 1, W. H. Symonds 2, M. P. Moreton 3, J. D. Worsley 4, G. Davis 5, W. F. Moreton (conductor) 6.

HOLLOWAY, N.7.—At St. Mary Magdalene's on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Lancaster 1, E. Pryor 2, B. Tubb 3, E. Pratchett 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, Miss A. Castle 2, S. Croft 3, N. G. Hollingworth 2, C. W. Ottley 5, J. Bullock 6, A. W. J. Appleton (first in method) 1, R. H. Begrie 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's on April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, J. G. Nash 3, N. Hollingworth 4, R. Newman 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

KIRKBURTON, YORKS.—On April 19th, 1,947 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Roberts 1, H. Armitage (conductor) 2, W. E. Dransfield 3, M. Hill 4, A. Rothery 5, A. Hinchliffe 6, A. Bond 7, W. Halliwell 8.

NEWBURN - ON - TYNE, NORTHUMB. LAND.—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles, consisting of 360 St. Simon's, 240 Stedman, 420 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob: J. Plane 1, Miss M. Addison 2, Miss M. Fidell 3, T. W. Crowe 4, K. Arthur 5, E. Wallace 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Smith 1, Miss Joan Smith 2, Miss P. Kitchener 3, Miss M. Cole 4, Frank Hopgood 5, H. Andrews 6, R. Lathbury (conductor) 7, V. Smith 8.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Church of St. Margaret, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Kidd 1, D. T. Hills 2, F. Richardson 3, R. E. Norris 4, E. A. G. Allen 5, C. E. J. Norris 6, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 7, J. Rayner 8. A farewell to the Rector.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Nicholas' Church on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Smith 1, R. Pike 2, R. Teed 3, H. Dyer 4, P. Davis (first as conductor) 5, C. Turner 6, R. Woodley 7, T. Fouracre 8. First quarter for 2 and 4.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's on April 27th, 1,248 Double Norwich Major: H. C. Collier 1, Mrs. E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, E. Lankester 4, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 5, M. Hodgson 6, H. Kilby 7, A. Outler 8.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On April 23rd at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Robert Ellis 1, J. Cooper 2, H. Howl 3, A. Mills 4, J. Catterhill 5, E. Parish 6, M. Turner (conductor) 7, S. Loach 8. Rung in honour of Princess Elizabeth.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Last Sunday, Mr. J. W. Wilkins, to celebrate his 84th birthday, travelled eight miles to take part in a quarter-peal of Bob Major at Beaconsfield for morning service, and in the evening he went to Hughenden and conducted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which he composed in 1881.

Oxford Guild's Doubles specialists have now rung 19. A new record for the Guild.

It is never too late to start. Mr. Ernest H. Brooks, now in his 73rd year, has rung his first peal at Gosberton, Lincs.

A bequest of £250 has been left by Mr. W. J. Baker, a well-known Devonshire farmer, for increasing the fine six at Exminster by two trebles.

Mr. George Williams thanks his many friends for letters and telegrams on reaching his 90th birthday. He hopes to reply to all in due course.

Life members and non-members of the Middlesex Association will in future be charged 1s. for their reports. There will be no charge for reports to honorary members.

Regarding the peal of Stedman Caters at St. Peter's, Brighton, on April 25th, this was the first peal of Stedman by A. Patrick Cannon, but not the first peal of Stedman Caters by Anthony M. Humphreys.

Happy birthday to Mr. W. R. Melville! His 75th was celebrated at Highclere, Hants, by ringing his first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major with five others to the calling of his son-in-law, Mr. Charles H. Kippin.

Another birthday recorded is fifteen-year-old Joan Beresford, who called and rang her first peal on her natal day at Mavesyn Kidware, Staffs. Well done, Joan! Her twin brothers, who rang the treble and tenor, had then not reached their 13th birthday (May 12th). Are they the youngest trio in one family to ring a peal at first attempt?

BELFRY GOSSIP

At the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association last April at St. Albans, Mr. G. W. Cartmel was presented by the members with a silver watch, in recognition and appreciation of his services as assistant and general secretary for 56 years. The presentation was made by Mr. J. C. Mitchell, a very old friend. The watch was suitably engraved. Mr. Cartmel is one of the few remaining original members of the Association, which was formed on October 29th, 1884.

In the comparatively short compass of eight months, Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway, of Smethwick, has completed peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. They were rung at Evesham (Royal), St. Chad's, Birmingham (Major), Redcliffe (Maximus), Great Barr (Minor).

Hillingdon ringers had a successful tour of Surrey last Saturday, visiting Reigate, Dorking and Guildford. The Editor was able to apologise to them for the slip in the Middlesex Association report. It was the Harlington band that had joined the Guild and whose ring of six bells have been augmented to eight.

Encouraged by the success of their initial effort, the Bournemouth ringers' rally for 1948 has been fixed for April 24th, a time of the year when Bournemouth is usually at its best. An added attraction being planned by Mr. Arthur V. Davis is a coach tour of neighbouring towers.

Before H. W. Milford, of Plymouth, sailed for Simonstown, South Africa, on May 1st, he rang in a farewell quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on April 27th. The band was H. W. Milford (first of Stedman) 1, G. H. Myers 2, S. O'Shaughnessy 3, A. Mitchelmore 4, A. W. Myers 5, H. F. Myers 6, T. G. Myers (conductor) 7, D. F. Wheeler 8.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL AT EXETER

A Battered but Busy City

BY A. W. SEARLE

(Chairman of Exeter District, Guild of Devonshire Ringers; Member of Central Council 1903-1927).

THE boldness of the Devonshire Guild Committee in inviting the Central Council to hold its Whitsun conference this year at Exeter and the confidence of the C.C. Executive in accepting it have every prospect of being justified. There were some qualms among the Guild Committee about adequacy of accommodation because bombings by German aircraft had taken heavy toll of halls, hotels and cafes, or because requisitioning for public emergency purposes had absorbed so much of what was left undamaged. However, through co-operation by ecclesiastical and civic authorities, difficulties have been overcome, and local arrangements entrusted to Preb. E. V. Cox (Guild president), Mr. F. C. Smale (Guild secretary), Mr. E. W. Biffen (Ringing Master for the district), Mr. T. Laver (Guild treasurer) and an anonymous coadjutor are now completed.

Exeter itself needs no adulation. It is the gateway to the South-West and for strategic and geographical reasons must have been always of outstanding importance. There is a tradition that it has greater antiquity than London, but Exeter can be content with evidence of Celtic, Roman, Saxon and Norman occupation. It always has been a local capital; it is the capital of Devon to-day, and a separate Parliamentary constituency; it is also a county borough, and has regular Assizes and Sessions. The line of Reeves, Provosts and Mayors can be traced for 1,020 years. History shows that the city has endured many sieges, more, probably, than any other comparable place; it has received several marks of royal approval for its loyalty, and Queen Elizabeth conferred the motto, *Semper Fidelis*, 'Ever Faithful.'

ANCIENT WALLS.

Exeter must have had earthworks around it in very early times; the Romans are supposed to have erected walls, but there is no doubt that the Saxons and Normans completely encircled the old city. There is to this day Athelstan's tower betwixt Northernhay and Rougemont public grounds in the heart of the city, and the shell of the Norman castle on Rougemont crest. Nothing remains of the Castle itself beyond the gateway; the buildings now within the Castle yard are used for Devon County Council, Assize and Quarter Sessions and other purposes. There are considerable portions of the walls still in position on Northernhay, along Bartholomew Street, Westgate and on Southernhay; some bastions also remain.

AIR RAID DAMAGE.

The present century brought along a policy of conservation of the city's remaining antiquities, which were considerable, but air raids during the war years 1939-45 caused great havoc. There were 19 of consequence, resulting in 265 fatalities, 788 other casualties, destruction of 1,400 to 1,500 houses, 400 other buildings and nine churches or chapels; damage to between 16,000 and 17,000 houses, 800 other buildings and 22 churches or chapels.

More than half the heart of the shopping centre of the city was wrecked and great gaps were torn in districts composed mainly of working class dwellings. No other place

A WELCOME

In the name of all the members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, I am writing to bid you welcome to our county. Your official visits to the South-West must necessarily be rare and therefore this one is all the more appreciated. Although you are coming primarily to transact much important business, we hope that you will be able to find time to enjoy yourselves, even without Devonshire cream! Personally, I am looking forward to tea time on Whit Tuesday when I shall hope to meet several old friends and make some new ones.—Yours sincerely,

E. V. COX (President),
The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

suffered more severely in proportion to size, and delegates may be surprised by the extent of the devastation that will confront them. Tons of high explosive bombs were dropped, but the most terrifying things were incendiary oil bombs. Thousands of these fell in the early hours of May 4th, 1942, and fires, fanned by a strong wind, swept through the city.

So it came about that Exeter lost several fine premises with ornamental timber fronts four centuries old, a Norman house, some notable Elizabethan or earlier buildings in stone, its general post office (one of the best equipped in the provinces), its modern arcade of shops, blocks of Georgian houses that had no rivals in the south-west region, and a



ST. MARY STEPS CHURCH CLOCK
central figure of which represents Henry VIII.

mediaeval treasure known as the hall of the College of Vicars Choral, which had irreplaceable panelling and furnishings.

But it still has the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Mary, portions of which date from the 12th century with unique towers belonging to the Norman period, though the main portions of the existing building are in the Decorated style, or early 14th century. Special features are the vaulting (the longest unbroken length in England), the choir screen carrying the organ, minstrels' gallery, bishop's throne 50ft. high and beautifully carved, and a 14th century astronomical clock.

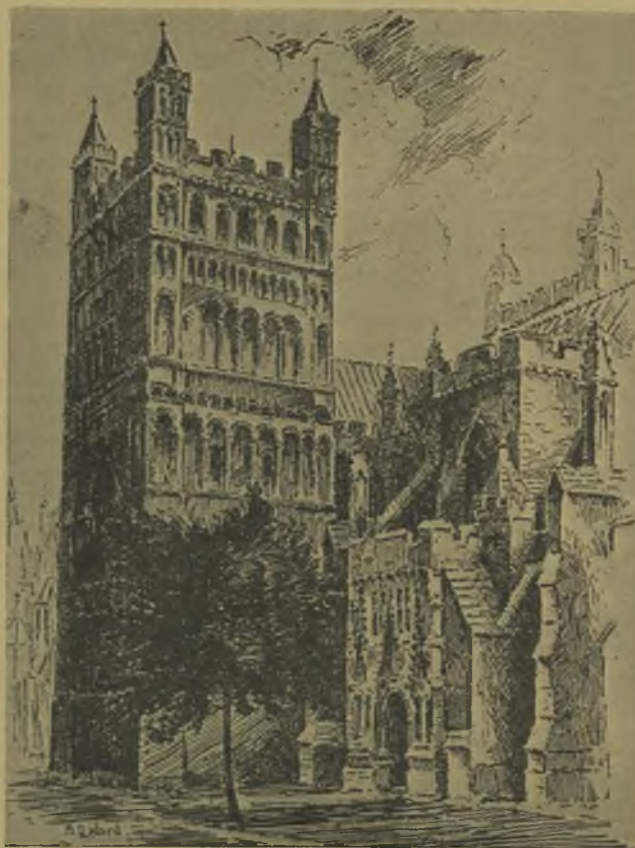
The choir aisle on the south side received a direct hit during the war and great damage was done by the explosion and blast. A good deal has been repaired, but much remains to be done. The Bishop's Palace almost adjoining the choir was also damaged; it is almost entirely 19th century; the charming grounds are open to the public; the Bishop lives elsewhere.

THE GUILDHALL.

Then there is the Guildhall where, by permission of the Mayor (Alderman W. O. Wills), the conference will be held on Whit Tuesday. The Guildhall is in the High Street and cannot be missed, for its portico constructed in 1594 is carried on granite pillars over the footpath. There is nothing else in the city to correspond with it. The hall itself dates from 1330; it was completely restored in 1888. The armorial bearings on the sides are those of mayors, incorporated trades and city benefactors.

The Mayor's Parlour over the portico has a fine collection of portraits of civic worthies and there is a remarkable treasure in civic regalia

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SOUTH TOWER OF EXETER CATHEDRAL

A BATTERED BUT BUSY CITY (cont.)

and plate. Other places of interest are the Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery in Queen Street, St. Nicholas' Priory in the Mint (the Priory and an earlier foundation have been traced back to the time of King Ethelred; the Mint is a survival of the period when money was coined in the city), the Tuckers' and Weavers' Hall in Fore Street, St. Mary Steps Church with an antique clock having figures that strike the hours or quarters and are popularly known as Matthew the Miller and his two sons, but the central figure represents Henry VIII.; and Mol's Coffee House in the Cathedral yard, dating from 1596. Parliament Street is facetiously dubbed the narrowest in existence, but it is merely an alley way to afford side entrances to business premises fronting the High Street; there is no roadway. The city had a remarkably fine series of subterranean passages, but only a small portion can now be viewed, usually by special arrangement.

GREAT LOSS.

There are rings in the south tower of the Cathedral (12), St. David's, St. Thomas', St. Edmund's and Heavitree (8) and St. Petrock's (6). Neither St. Edmund's nor St. Petrock's can be used at present; the others are in good order. There is a fine set of six awaiting installation at St. Mark's; these bells formerly hung in St. John's tower, Fore Street, and were given to St. Mark's when St. John's was dismantled.

The north tower of the Cathedral contains Great Peter, on which the clock hours are struck. It was reputed to be six tons, but is actually four tons. There was talk of using it as the tenor of the ring in the south tower when the latter was restored, but instead the old tenor ('Grandison') was recast and increased in weight from about 60 to 72 cwt.

A great campanological loss was caused by the destruction of St. Sidwell's Church during the war. A high explosive bomb struck the tower and then fell on the church. Nearly the whole of the latter was destroyed. The tower was badly shaken, but the bells remained in position. Examination revealed very dangerous conditions, and the structure was blown down by explosives. The bells—10 with tenor of 24 cwt.—fell with it; some were retrieved in sound condition; some were broken. Re-hanging will take place in due course by Messrs. Taylor, but several years must elapse before rebuilding of church and tower can be effected. St. Sidwell's was for many years the hub of change ringing in Devon with the brothers Shepherd—Ferris, Edwin, Alfred and Frank—as foremost exponents. All have now passed on; Edwin, the last survivor, died a year or so ago.

CALL CHANGE RINGERS.

There are only two other tens in Devon—one at Cullompton and the other at St. Andrew's, Plymouth. Charles, Plymouth, another ten, was lost during enemy blitzes. There are many good eights in various parts of the county. It should be understood that round and call change ringers are very strong in Devon and that the raising and falling of bells in peal and accurate striking are of prime importance. Scientific bands who have toured the county know that methods with the tenor turned in are not appreciated by round and call change men and are a drawback rather than a help towards the progress of the Guild, which comprises about 50 towers. But if there is good ringing, with the tenor beating the big drum, they can be interested and sometimes tempted to embark on Grandsire and Stedman.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On April 24th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire: Miss E. Sharp 1, A. Armstrong 2, V. Adams (first as conductor) 3, O. Sharp 4, T. Watts 5, G. Wills 6. First quarter for ringers of 5 and 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Hon. Peggy Bowyer, only daughter of Lord Denham, churchwarden.

Midland Counties Guild**FIRST ANNUAL MEETING AT BURTON.**

Burton-on-Trent, famed throughout the country for producing that stimulating and refreshing beverage 'beer,' was also noted by the Exercise during the latter part of the last century for its famous band of ringers at the Church of St. Paul.

The Rev. J. H. Fish, Messrs. J. Jagger, J. Austin, J. Griffen, A. Wakley and W. Wakley, to mention only a few, were indeed the pioneers of Surprise ringing. On November 20th, 1880, the first 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung in memoriam to the Rev. J. H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's.

Following upon the first world war this tower was again to the fore when Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Ringing Master, organised that equally famous 'Wednesday' band, which rang so many peals of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. M. Swinfield, who in a remarkably long period of successes conducted over 230 different compositions of Stedman Triples.

This church, so enriched in ringing history, was chosen as the tower for the first annual meeting of the above Guild, which took place on May 10th, when upwards of 70 ringers and friends assembled from Melton Mowbray, Somerby, Derby, Stoke-on-Trent, Norton-in-the-Moors, Cheadle, Lullington, Hoar Cross, Ashby, Repton, Ticknall, Netherseale, Overseale, Measham, Winhill and the two Burton towers.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. Father Davis, followed by tea in St. Margaret's Schoolroom, which was kindly provided by the local company.

At the business meeting, Mr. B. G. Key, chairman, welcomed the members to St. Paul's in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. W. Willis-Price. One non-resident life, three ringing and ten honorary members were elected members of the Guild.

After the presentation of the balance sheet by the treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan, the secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton, presented his review of the first year's activities covering the ten meetings held with an average attendance of 33 and the 16 peals rung.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. W. W. Worthington; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; committee, Mr. E. W. Beads-moore, Mr. B. G. Key, Mr. W. J. Leach and Mr. Syd Jones. The committee were empowered to revise the Guild rules, and the second Saturday in May was chosen as the date for the 1948 annual meeting.

The beautiful ring of ten was rung to standard methods during afternoon and evening, and some good practice was put in by new ringers. J.W.C.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**JUNIORS' FIRST SOCIAL.**

First annual social of the junior section of the Western District of the Hertford Association was a popular event on April 26th at Hemel Hempstead. Ringers numbering over 100 came from a wide area and found Donald Cartwright (Tring) a sprightly M.C. Other members of his committee were Olive M. Martin and Pamela A. Martin (Berkhamsted), Terence G. Morton and Betty Upton (Apsley) and Derek Latchford (Hemel Hempstead).

Ringing naturally found a place in the programme. Apart from touches of Bob Major and Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles was rung amusingly by Messrs. W. Ayre, T. J. Southam, A. V. Good, W. C. Hughes, Miss Rona Minal and Miss Brenda Fells.

The general secretary of the Association entered fully into the festivities, contributing not only a couple of songs, but gave a congratulatory speech commending the keenness and enthusiasm of the juniors.

Devon Guild of Ringers**PREB. COX RETIRING.**

Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild, has resigned the living of Tedburn St. Mary, where he and Mrs. Cox have had eight strenuous years. He had hoped to have been Rector when the six bells, unring for about 70 years, were rehung, but although the required funds are in hand, the restoration work remains in abeyance.

Preb. Cox has been in the ministry 43 years and decided to relinquish parochial responsibilities, but will continue activities in connection with diocesan organisations. He and Mrs. Cox will take up residence in July at West Hill, Ottery St. Mary, where, unfortunately, the bells are also awaiting restoration before they can be rung.

BRANCH MEETING AT TOTNES.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Totnes on April 26th. Ringing took place throughout the afternoon, and this was followed by a service in church which was conducted by Preb. J. Heywood Waddington (Vicar), who heartily welcomed the visitors.

After tea at Warwick's Cafe, the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman). It was reported that the order for the Walker Memorial Tablet had been placed, and that delivery would be in 810 weeks' time. One associate member from West Teignmouth was elected. The next quarterly meeting will be at Ipplepen on July 26th, subject to necessary permission, and a joint meeting with the South-West Branch will take place at Buckfast Abbey on June 21st. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and to Mr. Cooper (Newton Abbot), the organist. Ringing included Grandsire Doubles for the younger members, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

A. L. B.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**ANNUAL MEETING AT LEEDS.**

The Society's 58th annual meeting was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 26th. The bells were rung up at 3 p.m. and touches were enjoyed at intervals until 8.45 p.m.

At the business meeting the president, Mr. J. McGlenn, was in the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Drighlington, Guseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Elland, Leeds, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell and Tadcaster.

New members elected were Miss June Mitchell, Messrs. J. Ward, F. Bennett, M. L. Bennett, William Walker, W. Tattersall (all of Ossett), and M. Brown (Drighlington).

The vote of thanks to the Vicar of Leeds, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. Simpson.

A resolution confirming the nominations received at Armley was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior and seconded by Mr. F. Davison, and the following were duly elected: President, Mr. J. McGlenn; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. H. Barron, F. Hutchinson and T. W. Strangeway; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dixon.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD

Apart from the fact that some regular attenders were unavoidably absent, quite a good meeting was held at Sedlescombe on April 19th.

Owing to lack of facilities, ringers were asked to make their own tea arrangements. A break of one hour was allowed for this, after which the business meeting was held in the tower. It was decided that the next meeting should be a joint meeting at Rye with the Sussex County Association, to be held on May 24th.

Methods rung included Plain Bob, Kent, Stedman and Grandsire.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES H. BELTON.

In the passing of Mr. Charles H. Belton at the age of 84, the Hinckley District of the Leicester Guild has lost one of its oldest and most respected members. As captain of the local band, Mr. Belton leaves behind him an example of devout and most regular service in the Barwell belfry for over 56 years. His unflinching cheerful and generous disposition will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He was the eldest member of a family of three generations of ringers—his son, grandson and granddaughter are still members of the local band.

Mr. Belton rang 21 peals for the Midland Counties Association, and his absence from the belfry for service and practice during his service could be counted on the fingers of both hands.

As gardener at the Rectory for 56 years until his retirement a year ago, Mr. Belton served under the late Canon A. J. G. Tittle and his father, the Rev. Richard Tittle.

The funeral took place at Barwell on May 5th, preceded by a service at the Parish Church, when ringers from the Hinckley District paid their last respects to a grand gentleman. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by C. R. Belton 1-2, G. A. Newton 3-4, A. Ballard 5-6, and L. Trevor 7-8.

MR. THOMAS LAYBOURN.

Fortunately an appreciation of a sixteen-year-old is a rare occurrence, but by the death of Thomas Laybourn the Exercise loses one of its most promising pupils. His death under tragic circumstances was reported in the 'Ringing World' on May 9th.

Tom was a member of a young and enthusiastic band at Dagenham, Essex, and although only 16 already had peals of Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Bob Major to his credit. Keenly interested in composition and proof, he would undoubtedly have made his mark and been a credit to the Exercise of which he was so fond.

A regular attendant at the South-West District meetings of the Essex Association, his smiling face, unflinching cheerfulness and his youthful high spirits will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

F.V.G.

MR. FREDERICK WOOLWAY.

For many years the keen captain of the ringers of St. Peter's, Ightham, Kent, Mr. Frederick Woolway died suddenly in the Sevenoaks and Holmesdale Hospital on April 14th, aged 56. He leaves a widow and daughter. The funeral took place in St. Peter's Churchyard on April 19th, the bells being rung half-muffled before and after the service and also a quarter-peal on the following morning.

R.G.R. writes: His willingness at any time to lend a hand brought him many friends, and the quiet but effective way in which he kept his band going will be long remembered at Ightham and also in the Maidstone district.

He will also be remembered for the pressure he brought to bear upon the Church authorities, soon after he assumed the captaincy, when the tenor bell was going badly. Previously the tenor, having cracked, was welded and again she cracked. The church authorities suggested that the firm who welded the tenor should rectify her, but Mr. Woolway stood firm for a recast. After one ringer had alluded to the 'frying pan tenor' in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' more pressure was added by local ringers and, happy to relate, the tenor was recast. I think Mr. Woolway rang in the first peal on the bells after she was recast.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church on April 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Scott 1, J. F. Harvey 2, G. W. Critchley (conductor) 3, J. Walton (first of Surprise) 4, S. G. Chaplin 5, E. T. Lloyd 6, G. E. Fearn 7, J. S. Mason 8.

LETTERS

'FOUR SCORE YEARS AND TEN'

Dear Sir, — Your interesting article on 'Grandison' has revived many memories of those who took part in the peal of Grandsire and Stedman Caters in 1902 and 1903. As a young ringer in those days and one who has been a regular subscriber to 'The Ringing World' over a very long period, I looked upon some of those ringers as 'heroes' in the same way as the younger generation to-day visualise their 'soccer,' cricket and picture favourites.

Memories of the 'Old Reverend,' the gigantic Canon Coleridge, the burly W. W. Gifford, the 'dapper' A. W. Brighton, the exploits of the brothers Pye and particularly the prodigious feats of strength of 'Bill,' the travels of 'Ike' Shade and last, but not least, George Williams, crowd upon the writer, and even after 45 years their names stand out like beacon lights on a dark night. How could it be otherwise when one reflects that at least four of them have created ringing history by having over a thousand peals each to their credit.

I was but a lad in those days. They were grown men and how, alas, I hoped to follow in their footsteps. My profession, however, never gave me the time to devote to the Exercise and those early aspirations never reached fruition. A modest 504 of Grandsire Triples on handbells was the extent of my achievements, but I had the satisfaction of ringing it with the first lady ever to ring a peal.

Of all those who took part in those Exeter peals only three are now with us. Strange to say, within a very short space of time I have had the pleasure of seeing the two senior of them. Canon Coleridge at 89 I 'spotted' getting into a train at Reading Station. He looked well and his great frame stood out conspicuously. A year his senior, I had the opportunity of spending the day with my uncle, George Williams, on the occasion of his 90th birthday. It was a memorable occasion and one I shall always cherish.

It was astonishing to walk with him in the afternoon around the new housing estates at Eastleigh and listen to many of his well-reasoned ideas of things in general of the present day. He was delighted that many of the younger generation should have remembered him on his birthday, and congratulatory telegrams came from as far as Easbourne and Folkestone. Many local towers also sent greetings, and among these were Portsea, Wickham, Winchester, etc. There were many letters conveying greetings from ringers and friends all over the country. There were some wonderful messages of affection for the 'Old Master,' who to-day is so hale and hearty and still plays such an important part in the administration of ringing as Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

VICTOR P. A. G. SCARDFIELD.

East Hagbourne.

FATHER AND DAUGHTER

Dear Sir,—One often reads in 'The Ringing World' of sons and daughters following in father's footsteps, but the Whitstable peal published in 'The Ringing World' dated May 9th is noteworthy for the fact that Miss Brenda Philpott's enthusiasm for bellringing proved strong enough to capture her father's interest with the result that father and daughter have scored their first peal together. Congratulations to them both.

Dunstable.

J. NEWMAN.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Seventeen members and friends attended the recent meeting of the Cambridge District at Bourn. A short ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Scott), and at the business meeting Mr. J. Mann (Trumpington) was elected a member. Barrington was chosen for the next meeting. Ringing included Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, London and Superlative Surprise Major.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

SUBSCRIPTION INCREASED.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild at their annual meeting on May 10th decided to increase the annual membership subscription from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. and the subscription for non-resident life ringing members from 2s. 6d. to 5s.

The meeting was held at the Assembly Rooms, Salisbury, the Earl of Shaftesbury (president) being in the chair. In reviewing the work of the Guild, the President urged the importance of training young ringers and introducing them to the Guild. 'Bellringing as it is practised in this country,' he said, 'must never be allowed to die out, and we must be careful to bring in the young and train them to follow in our footsteps.'

The financial report, which showed a credit balance of £121 8s. 3d., was presented by the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards).

The following officers were elected: Vice-presidents, the Dean of Salisbury (the Very Rev. H. C. Robins) and Canon A. L. Helps, Vicar of Puddletown; Master, the Rev. C. C. Cox, Vicar of Lyme Regis; hon. secretary, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. C. West, of Melksham; committee, Canon R. E. P. Gorringe, Messrs. E. Coward, J. I. Davis, E. T. P. Field and P. Harding.

Messrs. C. J. Pretty, of Holt, G. H. Archer, of Melksham, G. Norton, of Salisbury, and J. Sandel, of Amesbury, were elected life members.

The meeting was followed by the Guild service in the Cathedral, at which the Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. Geoffrey Lunt) preached.

In his address, Dr. Lunt thanked the Guild for their services to the Church and said: 'I want you, as you go to your bellringing Sunday by Sunday, and on the weekdays too, to realise that you are going about God's work and that you are acting as His mouthpiece and messengers.'

The offertory for the Sarum St. Thomas' Bells Restoration Fund amounted to £5 2s. 9d. At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four members from Lyme Regis.

Thirty members and friends attended the meeting of the Dorchester Branch at Buckland Newton on April 26th. The ringing, under the direction of Mr. F. Precey (branch ringing master), consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and periods of instruction for some keen young members of the local band.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. FitzPatrick), who gave an interesting address, and Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, chairman of the branch, read the lesson. Cups of tea were provided by a band of ladies, headed by Mrs. FitzPatrick.

Business transacted was a decision to hold the summer meeting of the branch at Martins-town, where a new ring of six bells is expected to be ready for dedication in June, and the election of two new associate members.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. W. Bottrill is now 110, College Road, Deal, Kent.

1405

The address of Mrs. J. Cotterell is now 8, Wilsthorpe Flats, Wilsthorpe, Bridlington.

1416

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—May 24th, Egerton (6), Charing (6). Bells 2.15. Service 4.45, Charing. —Names to C. F. Good, Old Swan Flats, Charing. Buses, Egerton, leave Maidstone 12.43 (12A) and 1 (10, change at Charing) only. —E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon Sec. 1324

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting Broadclyst, near Exeter, Sat., May 24th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. 1350

ESSEX ASSN.—N.W. Division.—Practice evening Sat., May 24th. Matching (6). Bells 6 to 8.30. All welcome.—G. Blake, Burford Street, Hoddesdon. 1394

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Chobham, Sat., May 24th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. 1358

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rossendale Branch.—Waterfoot (6), May 24th, 3 p.m. Tea in Chip Restaurant opposite church; moderate charge.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec. 1413

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting Rammore on Whit Monday. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 4.15. Notifications to 'Ringers Teas,' c/o Rammore Common P.O. Stores, Dorking, as early as possible. 1387

DEVON GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Torquay, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service at 12.15 p.m. in Upton Parish Church. Meeting in Abbey Hall, Abbey Road, at 1 p.m. Bring food; coffee provided. Ringing at Upton (8), Babbacombe (8), Cockington (6) (10.30-12) and Tormohun (6). Friends welcomed.—F. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 1385

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech District.—Walpole St. Andrew's (6), Whit Monday, May 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1392

ESSEX ASSN.—68th annual general meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 26th. Service in the Cathedral at 11. Bells (12) from 10. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Meeting in the Chapter House at 12 noon. Light refreshments will be served at the County Hotel at 1.30. The following bells will be available for ringing from 3 until 9: The Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 8, Brook Road, Tillingham, Essex.

LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Quorn (8), May 31st. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting Church Hall 5.15. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall, Dis. Sec. 1415

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—Half-yearly meeting Darlington May 31st. St. Cuthbert's (8), Holy Trinity (6). Service Holy Trinity 4.45 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 28th to W. Norman Park, 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington. 1404

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Macclesfield on Sat., May 31st. Service St. Michael's 3.30; preacher, the Lord Bishop. Tea M.E.P.S. Beehive Cafe 4.45; tickets (limited) 3s. 6d. each, available from branch secretaries before May 24th. St. Michael's (12), Christ Church (10), Bollington (8) and Sutton (6). Towers open at 1 p.m. Enquiries to Mr. J. Tipper, 8, Arlington Drive, Macclesfield. 1397

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD (Farnham Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Combined meeting at Bentley (6) on Sat., May 31st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Women's Institute. Please notify for tea before May 29th. Look up St. Clements.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 1402

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Dyrham (6), May 31st, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5; no tea provided.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, Hon. Sec. 1408

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh District.—Sproughton (6), Sat., May 31st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea, and business meeting after, Church Hall, 5. Please bring own food.—J. T. Corder, Sec. 1364

SUSSEX ASSN. (E.) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint practice Salehurst, May 31st, 2.30. Tea 5. Notify by 27th.—John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings. 1390

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Spring meeting Henley. Sat., May 31st. Bells available 3.45. Service 6. Own arrangements for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec. 1417

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Duston, Sat., May 31st. Service 4.15. Bring food.—R. S. Cowley. 1418

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting Etwall, May 31st, 3. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food. Business meeting after.—W. A. Parsons, Dist. Sec. 1421

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting on Sat., May 31st, at Thorley. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea not later than 28th to G. Radley, 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 1422

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Woodford (8), May 31st, 3 to 9. Interval 5 to 6 for light refreshments. This is a practice meeting. Anything from rounds up. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, Hon. Sec. 1425

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Peak District.—Matlock (8), Sat., May 31st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—H. E. Taylor, Darley Dale. 1414

GRANTHAM.—The recast peal of 10 bells at St. Wulfram's Church will be opened to visiting ringers on May 31st from 2 to 8 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at the Angel and Royal Hotel, 3s. 6d. per head. Notification for tea by May 28th to S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham, Lincs. 1411

GLOS AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Gloucester Branch.—Great Witcombe, May 31st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notify by 27th.—W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos. 1429

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Barnby Dun 2.30, May 31st; no tea.—W. E. Critchley. 1432

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks.—May 31st (note date), Lane End (6), 3-5; High Wycombe (12), 6.30. No tea.—A. D. Barker. 1430

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Huyton (6) on Sat., May 31st. Tower open 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Please notify, not later than May 28th, Mr. W. R. Birchall, 68, Rupert Road, Huyton.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 1431

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting at Batley, Sat., May 31st. Bells available from 3. Cups of tea provided; members bring own food. Business meeting 7.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 1428

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting Navenby (6), Sat., May 31st, 2 p.m. Service 4. Wellingore (6) available after tea. Tea to those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—J. Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 1436

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting Newport Pagnell, Sat., June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names by June 2nd.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 1393

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting Whitstable, Sat., June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names for tea must reach Mrs. C. C. Dilnot, Lingfield, Old Bridge Road, Whitstable, not later than Wed., June 4th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1406

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Netherton, Sat., June 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.15, tea and meeting following. Names for tea to T. A. Townsend, Halesowen Road, Netherton, before May 29th.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec. 1403

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Fiftieth anniversary meeting, St. Mary's, Acton, June 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea in Rectory Garden. Names to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5. 1407

GLOS AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Childswickham (6), June 7th, 3. Tea 5.15. Names by June 2nd.—C. Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 1409

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Hythe, Sat., June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1427

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting Hawkhurst (8), June 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify Mr. W. Gorrington, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, not later than June 4th. 1424

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC.—Harthill (8), Sat., June 7th, at 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield, 8. 1412

ELY DIO. ASSN.—Ely Branch.—March (6), Sat., June 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 1423

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—Cotgrave, meeting June 7th, 2.30. Names for tea to Rev. A. Inglis, Cotgrave, Notts, by June 3rd. 1420

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Preliminary Notice.—Great ringing day will be held on Sat., June 28th, at 3.—Leonard E. Pitstow. 1419

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Jubilee Festival at Ely, Sat., July 5th. St. Mary's bells available 2.30. Service in the Cathedral 4, with address by the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea 5, ringing afterwards.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 1426

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD have placed the order with Messrs. John Taylor and Co.; for the addition of a 'flat sixth' to the ring of 12 at Lincoln Cathedral as a memorial to the late Mr. Rupert Richardson, and it is hoped that the work will be completed in time for the next annual meeting of the Guild in April, 1948. In addition it is proposed to place a tablet in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral, and also one in Surfleet Church. The total cost will amount to approximately £300. Contributions from any friends of the late Master, who would like to be associated with the memorial, should be sent to Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankley, Lincoln, or to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 1433

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WALMER, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wood 1, T. Wickens 2, F. Rye (conductor) 3, F. Hawkins 4, R. Furminger 5, E. Axon 6. First quarter of Doubles for 2, 4 and 5.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. E. Bish 1, A. Reeves 2, E. Miles 3, H. Tourle 4, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 5, C. Potheary 6, J. W. Chapman 7, T. W. Welbourne 8.

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SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

ANNUAL DINNER SUGGESTED.

At the monthly meeting of the Selby and District Society at Eastrington on April 19th, about 20 members were present. A short service in church with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Wilkinson) was followed by an excellent tea in the Church Hall.

Business included the election of three new ringing members. A suggestion regarding the possibility of holding an annual dinner was referred to the extraordinary general meeting of members to be held shortly. The secretary is to try and arrange combined mid-week practices at closely situated towers. Members were reminded that the next meeting is due to be held at Tadcaster in May and also that the new peal of six bells at Carlton will be dedicated on May 10th at 3 p.m.

During the afternoon the fine ring of six was rung to various methods, including Woodbine, Violet, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clements.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

ACTIVITY STARTS AGAIN.

The above Association held a committee meeting at Lindley on May 10th. This was the first meeting of the Association since April, 1939. A new secretary was appointed—Mr. S. Manchester, of 16, Green Street, Meltham.

It was decided to hold the next six-bell contest for the Association's cup on July 5th, 1947, at Longwood, or, failing Longwood, Lindley would be approached.

All arrears in subscriptions for the past few years during the period of inactivity of the Association are to be waived, and subscriptions will be due on July 5th for 1947-48. An appeal is issued to all local ringers to join the Association and bring new members with them and make the forthcoming contest a success.

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