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CONTINUITY

And who will carry on the torch? This question has to be faced by all organisations and indeed by all forms of human life where continuity is an essential factor. In bell ringing it is constantly to the fore; it is a major question for each tower. The need for an Elisha to wear the mantle applies not only to conductors and steeplekeepers (not all conductors are well acquainted with the care of bells), but also to the ranks of Sunday service ringers.

At Leeds Parish Church this continuity has been broken, as was pathetically told to the Exercise in the notice that appeared in 'The Ringing World' last week in the following terms: 'Until further notice Sunday ringing will be by arrangement only. Monthly Saturday practices discontinued.' We trust that the lesson of Leeds will be taken to heart by all towers and more particularly by those towers which are in key positions in Church and State. No tower can afford to be complacent as to the future; it must have its training school.

Leeds holds an honoured position among the famous rings of England. The bells are second only to St. Mary's, Redcliffe, in weight for a ring of twelve hung in a parish church, and are the ninth heaviest ring of twelve in the world, being recast in 1932 and increased from a tenor of 36 cwt. to one of 42½ cwt., with the addition of a semitone bell to provide a middle eight in F. Towers that take precedence over Leeds for weight are Exeter, St. Paul's, York, Southwark, Bristol, Worcester, Dublin and Manchester Town Hall.

Ecclesiastically Leeds Parish Church is equally renowned—it was considered for cathedral status at the time the See of Bradford was created, and was second favourite to Bradford Parish Church. From its clergy in the past hundred years have been chosen 13 Bishops and an Archbishop (Lord Lang had his first curacy after ordination at Leeds some 60 years ago). Famous musicians have been numbered among its organists, who included Samuel Sebastian Wesley, and the daily choral service is a regular feature of its church life.

Unfortunately, the unhappy state of ringing in Leeds Parish Church to-day is attributable largely to taking no thought for to-morrow. Within the last 13 years, we are informed, and possibly 20 years, no beginner has been taught in this belfry, reliance being placed on recruiting from ready made ringers drifting in from other belfries. Losses by death, retirement and advancing

years have reduced the company to a mere half dozen, and those left had not the heart to break in recruits. To such a low ebb had ringing been reduced that the bells have been rung only four times for services this year. An attempt to remedy this state of affairs is being undertaken by Mr. R. H. Dove, and when he volunteered to take on the task he met with an overwhelming response in the way of recruits from ex-choirboys, youth club members and sidesmen.

We trust that the lesson of Leeds will receive serious consideration throughout the Exercise. There are other towers where the flight of years is not being observed. A Surprise band, with all its members in the veteran stage, will find that its accomplishments cannot stay in the hands of time. There must be no delay in finding men and women to carry on the torch for the good of bell ringing generally and their own tower in particular.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Mar. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	EDGAR T. SMITH ... 7
HAROLD SMITH ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 3	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 9
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 4	AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 10
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 5	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 11
ALFRED ADAMS ... 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* Twenty-fifth peal of Stedman. Twenty-fifth peal together for H. Howell and A. V. Pearson. A compliment to Miss M. E. Terry, on the occasion of her wedding to Flight Lt. N. G. Mason, D.F.C.

TEN BELL PEAL

WORSLEY, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*HAROLD HOLLINWORTH Treble	*VERNON SYKES ... 6
JOHN LUNHAM ... 2	*RICHARD LONGDEN ... 7
ARTHUR RIDYARD ... 3	FRED GRUNDY ... 8
HERBERT BARLOW ... 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 9
*HUGH REYNOLDS ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (118). Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

MISS PATRICIA HOLMES ... Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... 6
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 3	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WM. BIRMINGHAM.

Rung to celebrate the attainment of the age of 82 years by Mr. F. V. Sinkins, of Slough.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

'Barrabool' Peal.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WM. J. LEACH ... Treble	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 5
HAROLD SMITH ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
WM. J. COTTON ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Major and in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER ... Treble	SHELFORD SPARROW ... 5
LESLIE M. FORSTER ... 2	ROBERT J. STEED ... 6
BERT CHILVERS ... 3	SIDNEY ARBON ... 7
MISS JEAN FREER ... 4	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. W. F. Tydeman, for many years captain of the local band.

HINTON-ON-THE GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MISS M. ROWLAND ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	†PATRICK HARRIS ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 7
RALPH HARRIS ... 4	*GEORGE FREEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' tower bell. Birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. F. C. Champion, and to Mr. J. D. Johnson.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED GRANDSIRE & OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*BERYL R. COWLIN ... Treble	JOHN E. PENNELLS ... 5
ALBERT A. EASTON ... 2	JOHN A. DOWNING ... 6
SIDNEY C. DRIVER ... 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 7
*SIDNEY G. SMITH ... 4	GEORGE F. PIPER ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by C. A. LEVETT.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Spliced Triples by all and for the association.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDGAR WHITELEY ... Treble	HARRY WILDE ... 5
WILLIAM BARTON ... 2	GORDON BENFIELD ... 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
*MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	DENNIS ROE ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by WM. BARTON.

* First peal.



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NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*ERNEST G. SHORTING ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
CEDRIC CURSON ... 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 6
*GEORGE A. SPARKS ... 3	CHARLES H. MOORE ... 7
*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Little Bob. First peal in the method on the bells.

MOORSIDE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK LAWTON ... Treble	PETER CROOK ... 5
EILEEN H. BASTOW ... 2	*STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 6
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
IVAN KAY ... 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

* Hundredth peal. A farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDK. RICHARDSON ... Treble	ERNEST F. SALMANS ... 5
MRS. E. F. SALMANS ... 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 6
EDWARD E. J. ALLEN ... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

ED. V. RODENHURST ... Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING ... 5
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 2	F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
*THOMAS PRICE ... 4	†ERNEST J. RALPHS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* Fiftieth peal together. † First peal.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Pritchard's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS GWEN MURKITT ... Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5
MISS M. R. JAYCOCK (12) ... 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 6
WM. BIRMINGHAM ... 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Major.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5
*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	*ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 6
*PATRICIA HOLMES ... 3	*FRANCIS KIRK ... 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

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

STALBRIDGE, DORSET.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. G. Hatcher 1, G. H. N. Biddle 2, A. G. Bollen 3, D. R. Randall 4, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 5, I. S. Mogg 6. First quarter-peal for 1, 2, 3 and 6, members of the local band.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE W. PIPE ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 3	*FRANK REED ... 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday peal for the conductor.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's. Tenor 13 cwt.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD Treble	JOHN H. BOTHAM ... 5
*KENNETH L. BROWN ... 2	*LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
*JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
*DEREK R. JUDD ... 4	FRANK MILLER ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Treble	FREDK. A. FINCH ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	ALBERT W. COLES ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	ALICK CUTLER ... 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

The first peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*MARY E. DAVIS ... Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 5
†MRS. M. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	TOM PAGE ... 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Yorkshire.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*LEONARD WARREN ... Treble	†KEITH HUDSTON ... 5
JACK BAILEY ... 2	WM. A. PARSONS ... 6
WM. LANCASTER ... 3	FRANCIS LOWE ... 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 4	ALFRED MOULD ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by A. MOULD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LUCILE M. HUBERT ... Treble	ALAN WHITE ... 5
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
ERIC A. DENCH ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birth of a first granddaughter for Mr. W. Rogers, and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum, of Erith.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ERNEST CARVELL Treble	†JOHN E. SPICE 4
FRANK VARTY 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM 5
ERIC J. GILBERT 3	†RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal. † First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.
‡ Hundredth peal.

DUNSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Thurs., Mar. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Four extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and thirty of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

BETTY BROWN Treble	*CHARLES BROWN 3
BERTIE BEE 2	†CYRIL BALDOCK 4
FREDK. W. STOKES ... Tenor	

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal on the bells. A farewell compliment to the Vicar (Canon J. A. Seaton), who is retiring.

ASHILL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of extents of Double Court, St. Clement's, Spliced Plain and Double Bob, Combined Kent and Oxford, Double Oxford, Single Court and Oxford Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

THOS. A. A. POTTER ... Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4
CHAS. E. G. BANHAM ... 2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN,

First peal in more than one method on the bells and since 1911.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one, 20 Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

BERNARD H. DALTON ... Treble	GEORGE R. DAWSON ... 4
WM. B. DAWSON 2	LEONARD P. WILSON ... 5
ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 3	CYRIL WANDER Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

First peal on the bells.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Mar. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. PEARSON Treble	E. BARHAM 4
WALTER WHITE 2	*C. MATTHEWS 5
*R. F. STIMPSON 3	*H. CLAYTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

* First peal. To the memory of Richard Mount, churchwarden and captain of the ringers for a great number of years.

NORTHAW, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*ALAN BENNETT Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER ... 4
JOHN W. PARSLOW ... 2	†WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 5
†THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 3	DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BATHAMPTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MRS. DORA EVANS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 4
THOMAS F. KING 2	*GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 5
*WILLIAM G. BROWN ... 3	*ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Conducted by GEO. J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Minor on the bells.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN 4
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE 3	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CHILTON FOLIAT, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE HARRISON ... Treble	JAMES F. SMITH 3
S. FRANK TUFFLEY ... 2	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... 4

T. ARTHUR PALMER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES F. SMITH.

* First peal. To celebrate the coming of age of the treble ringer's son, Donald.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT WAYSIDE, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 9-10
ALFRED BALLARD 5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS 11-12

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CLOSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5-6
REV. E. G. BENSON 3-4	*GEORGE DAVIS 7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE (C.C.C. No. 27).

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

* First peal on eight handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
JILL POOLE 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD 7-8
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 9-10	

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: Joseph S. Carter. Witness: Peter J. Staniforth.

First Surprise peal on handbells by all the band and the first peal of Surprise Royal ever to be rung on handbells.

ALFORD, Lincs.—On March 28th, at St. Wilfrid's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Scoffin 1, S. H. Sutton 2, R. Armstrong 3, I. Smith 4, E. D. Chandler 5, K. Ketteringham (conductor) 6. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 3 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. George Muston, churchwarden for many years.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On March 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. H. W. White (conductor) 1, F. W. Perrens 2, E. Stone 3, C. H. Webb 4, J. W. Taylor 5, J. W. T. Taylor 6, C. A. Aylett 7, G. Gardner 8. First quarter upon the bells. Recently augmented to eight.

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Giles on March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Salter (first quarter) 1, Gordon Walford 2, E. B. Barrington 3, K. V. C. Hawkins (first quarter 'inside') 4, C. J. Stevens (conductor) 5, D. M. Bellamy 6.

BRISTOL.—On March 27th, at St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Skidmore 1, Miss M. Bennett 2, Mrs. D. C. Bennett (first quarter as conductor) 3, F. Sampson 4, R. G. Hooper 5, V. L. Lucas 6, A. L. Bennett 7, C. A. Baker 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—On March 30th, at the Norman tower, 1,260 Bob Royal: J. Kerry (first quarter) 1, A. E. Moore 2, S. Sturgeon 3, R. Simmonds 4, A. J. Ford 5, C. Stannard 6, W. Goodship 7, J. W. Banks (first quarter) 8, Wm. Stannard (conductor) 9, F. Buckle 10.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On March 30th, at St. James', 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. Prockson (first quarter in method) 1, R. Charge 2, W. J. Ellis 3, C. Potheary 4, G. A. Parsons 5, A. W. Coles (conductor) 6, H. W. Clark 7, R. Sanders 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Eastwell (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Ewins 2, Miss P. Essex (first quarter) 3, W. Henley 4, Miss R. Tabraham (first quarter as conductor) 5, J. Alley 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On March 30th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Palmer 1, W. Wilby 2, A. W. Martin 3, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 4, G. K. Smith 5, E. E. Whitmore 6, G. D. Deighton 7, C. Underwood (first quarter) 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Callard 1, G. E. Retter (conductor) 2, Miss E. Lomas 3, Miss Q. Pring 4, A. Holway 5, E. E. Retter 6, J. Salway 7, A. Coley 8.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Lane 1, R. Gilbert 2, Miss M. Luke 3, Miss M. Davies 4, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 5, A. Bone 6, D. C. Birkinshaw 7, J. Wilkins 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine, on March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Ward 1, J. Bennett 2, J. Bramley 3, S. Harrison 4, Alan Cattell 5, Arthur Cattell 6, G. Olliffe (conductor) 7, W. H. Clarke 8.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' on March 23rd, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob: Mrs. F. Metham 1, J. L. Millhouse (conductor) 2, C. Ward 3, Jean Metham 4, N. E. Chambers 5, A. T. Lowman 6, H. Marcon 7, S. A. Chambers 8. First quarter in these methods by all the band.

MALDON, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church on March 17th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, with tenor covering: H. Mansfield 1, F. White 2, S. Linnett 3, E. Richardson 4, S. Easter 5, A. South (conductor) 6, C. Mann 7. Rung in honour of the conductor's 70th birthday.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Young (first quarter) 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, C. Harding 3, D. Gardner 4, E. Palmer 5, R. Harding 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, E. Cooksley 8. A compliment to T. James on his 70th birthday.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Cooper (first quarter) 1, F. Barnard 2, F. Ollier 3, E. J. Boffey 4, J. E. Brough (conductor) 5, H. Stubbs 6, T. Astbury 7, H. Chesworth 8. Rung with 6.8 covering.

NORWICH.—On March 23rd at St. Giles', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Banks (first quarter on eight) 1, Dr. F. Moor 2, Mrs. F. Moor 3, N. Golden (conductor) 4, E. G. Shorting 5, G. Sayer 6, J. F. Moor 7, W. O. Gowing 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Bob Minor (on the back six bells): R. Sherman 1, W. G. Gale 2, J. Hartless 3, C. Reed 4, D. Reed 5, W. Cheater (conductor) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On March 23rd at the Cathedral, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Cornell 1, D. Bayles 2, T. J. Southam 3, L. Hansell 4, W. J. Arnold 5, C. Sayer 6, R. F. Ewer 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method ever rung in St. Albans.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church on March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Daphne J. Jordan 1, R. Cropley 2, F. P. Wright 3, C. Mills 4, P. C. Wright 5, W. A. S'oman 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's on March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Cambridge, 360 Kent and 180 Plain Bob): E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, R. G. Spears 3, E. H. Kilby 4, M. Hodgson 5, A. Cutler 6, L. H. Bowler 7.

WORCESTER.—On March 15th at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Morris 1, W. Compton 2, H. Bentley 3, G. Lewis (conductor) 4, W. Lewis 5, D. Sayers 6, R. Woodyatt 7, J. Jefferies 8, T. Lewis 9, G. Ambler 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. H. Johnson, for many years ringing member of the Cathedral band, interred that day.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

Southwark Cathedral bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Southwark at 5 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday), when the annual festival of the Friends of Southwark Cathedral will be held. They were removed from the tower when war broke out, and through the generosity of Friends of Southwark Cathedral were sent to Whitechapel to be cleaned and tuned.

First peals on the bells are recorded this week in respect of two Lincolnshire towers—Dunston and Sempringham.

Farewell 720's have been rung at Llandudno to Mr. R. Oliver on March 24th and at Edgbaston, Birmingham, to Mr. J. F. Atkins, who is going to reside at Broadstairs.

Mr. Joseph J. Pratt, the beloved captain of St. John's, Hillingdon, ringers died on Saturday, aged 73. He had been a ringer for about 60 years. The funeral service is at St. John's Church to-day (Friday) at 3.45 p.m.

Correction.—In regard to the peal of Oxford Treble Bob at Woolton, Liverpool, on March 15th, the composition was A. Knights' (322 reversed) and not as printed.

Mr. W. Rogers, the latest campanological addition to the ranks of the grandfathers, is hoping for an early invitation to stand in a grandfathers' peal.

When ringers of St. Andrew's, East Hagbourne, paid their annual visit to Goring-on-Thames on March 18th they found the bottom of the tower flooded to the depth of a foot. Tiers of bricks with a ladder across, placed by Mr. Haines, the Goring foreman, made entry to the ringing chamber possible. Ringing was followed by the yearly game of darts between East and West Hagbourne at The Miller of Mansfield. Here the heavy bellringer scored 'three treble ones' to win the match.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A broadcast about Loughborough's bell-making industry will be heard on the Midland Home Service (296 metres) on April 17th at 7.20-7.40 p.m. This will be a recorded programme from the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., produced by Peter Cairns. Information about bellringing rules and customs will be introduced.

The bells of Walsall Parish Church will be on the air next Sunday (April 13th) at 12 noon in the Midland Home Service, 296.2 metres.

Of more than passing interest is the peal at Melbourne, Derbyshire, on March 29th. The last peal on these bells was rung by the Australian tourists on their return in 1936. The long draught of rope makes a peal difficult to secure.

Hadleigh, Suffolk, where no change ringing has been practised for many years, is now on the map. At the end of the war eight ringers decided to explore the mysteries of Plain Bob. The following members rang their first quarter-peal of Plain Bob Triples on March 26th: Mrs. J. L. Willis-Betts 1, Miss M. E. Jarvis 2, Mrs. Stephenson 3, F. Bloomfield 4, W. Clark 5, J. T. Corder 6, F. A. Willis-Betts (conductor) 7, F. Thorpe 8.

The Guild of Clerical Ringers are holding their ringing week from April 21st-25th, with headquarters at Highway Hotel, Burford, Oxford. Two peal attempts are planned. The party will include the Revs. J. H. B. Andrews, H. Benson, C. Carew Cox, Preb. E. V. Cox, F. Ll. Edwards, R. D. St. G. Edwards, R. P. Farrow, T. P. Hearn (non-resident), N. E. Hope, R. H. Palmer, E. S. Powell I. J. Richards, D. P. Roberts, B. F. Sheppard, R. D. St. John Smith, A. G. G. Thurlow, W. M. K. Warren, C. E. Wigg, and Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

IN 1896 a young man took up an appointment in Dublin and at the same time was appointed instructor to the ringers and keeper of the belfry at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. By 1898 he had aroused the enthusiasm of the local ringers, who were now making progress in change ringing, and on Saturday, October 22nd, 1898, twenty-five ringers met to form a change ringers guild: thus the Irish Association of Change Ringers was born. The young man—Gabriel Lindoff—became its first secretary. Richard R. Cherry, K.C., became first president, and a William McCullough first treasurer. Of those twenty-five ringers, only three survive to this day, viz., Rev. Canon G. D. Scott, M.A., and Harold and Rawdon Greene, who were elected first life members of the Association two years ago. At that meeting five towers were represented: St. Patrick's Cathedral (10), Christ Church Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Baptist (10) and St. George's (8), all Dublin, also Christ Church, Bray (8); thus there were three rings of ten bells.

The Association adopted as its object 'That the Society shall be a bond of unity between all ringers in Ireland for the promotion and study of scientific change ringing.' By 1900 change ringing certainly had been promoted, for Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were well established in Dublin, Bray and Arklow, and already peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Triples had been rung by the local ringers.

The first report was printed in 1901. It gave a synopsis of the inaugural meeting and included an article on change ringing leading up to Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob).

By 1902 the membership had risen to one hundred members, embracing new towers from Belfast, Holywood, Drogheda and Kilkenny. Peals were on the increase, 17 having already been rung. This year the Association became affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and Richard Cherry was elected the first representative.

The membership continued to increase—to 150 members—more towers joined up from Cork, Limerick, Waterford and Rostrevor. In 1905 the only peal outside Ireland was rung, at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, London, on St. Patrick's Day. It was one of Bob Major, 5,024 changes, rung by Herbert P. Harman treble, John S. Goldsmith (conductor) 2, John W. Taylor 3, Isaac G. Shade 4, William H. Fussell 5, Ferris J. Shepherd 6, John H. B. Hesse 7, Ernest Pye tenor.

FIRST 12 OUT OF ENGLAND.

A red-letter day for the Association was Whit Monday, 1909, when through the munificence of the Attorney General (the Right Hon. R. R. Cherry, K.C.) two trebles were presented and the B flat bell hung for ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. Thus Ireland became possessed of the first ring of twelve bells out of England. The trebles were rung for the first time in peal on the previous day. The annual meeting on Whit Monday was attended by 150 out of a possible 185 members, and they were entertained by the donor of the new bells and the Dean of St. Patrick's.

The St. Patrick's Cathedral Society were not long in making full use of their twelve bells, for on January 14th, 1911, the first peal on twelve bells ever rung out of England was rung to Grandsire Cinques, 5,037 changes, in 3 hours 50 minutes; tenor 45 cwt. This team included the donor of the new bells ringing the 11th.

A challenge shield for competition amongst the affiliated towers was introduced in 1913,



RICHARD C. CHERRY, K.C.
Lord Chief Justice of Ireland.

the shield to be awarded to the society having the greatest percentage of bells rung for at least fifteen minutes before each service throughout the year.

During the Great War, 1914-1918, no meetings were held. This was also a troubled period for Ireland and was a serious set-back to progress, as so many ringers joined the Services and left bands depleted. The Civil War in Ireland and its consequences prevented the Association from meeting between 1920 and 1925.

Owing to the interest in ringing in the newly-formed State of Northern Ireland, the Northern Branch was founded in 1927. It elected its own officers and carried on as an independent unit.

FIRST BROADCAST.

Progress in change ringing is reported for 1929, when six bands are mentioned as overcoming the difficulties and ringing touches in various methods. This year the first change-ringing broadcast in Ireland was made at St. Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry, prior to the dedication ceremony of the new ring of ten bells there.

Another trophy was introduced in 1933. Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., offered a silver cup for competition between the various towers before the annual meeting each year, the team whose striking showed the least number of faults to be declared the winners. Also in 1933, a fund known as the 'Bell Restoration Fund' was established as a result of a stop-watch competition, which realised £72.

After many years of effort, Gabriel Lindoff was elected president in 1934, and at the same time acted as secretary in order to maintain his continuity in that office. This was a most popular election; for three other nominees withdrew their names when Gay's name was proposed, thus leaving him unopposed.

In 1937, the first broadcast of change ringing from the Irish Free State took place on St. Patrick's Day, when Stedman Triples was relayed by Radio Eireann and by many stations throughout the world. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, took the honours.

The ban on ringing during the recent war put a stop to ringing activities in Northern Ireland, while their brothers and sisters in Eire were enjoying the use of their bells but most of the teams suffered as a result of their members volunteering to join the British and Eire Defence Forces or leaving the country for war work.

Gabriel Lindoff's death on November 7th, 1941, was a sad day for the Association in particular and the Exercise in general. He had been its hon. secretary since its foundation 43 years previously. A brass memorial tablet to his memory was dedicated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on the 76th anniversary of his birthday, November 19th, 1944.

During the recent world war, the Association met each year. Although the numbers were small, the standard of ringing and change ringing was well maintained in Eire. With the cessation of hostilities, the Northern Branch reorganised, and members of depleted bands returned in a number of cases, while new recruits were learning the art.

At present there are ten bands of the twenty-one affiliated societies practising change ringing in Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob methods. The present membership is 285, including non-resident life members, and is the greatest number of members for any of the Association's forty-eight years.

THE FOUNDERS.

Richard R. Cherry, K.C., first president, was born at Waterford in 1859. He attached himself to the Waterford Cathedral Ringers' Guild and took part in the second peal ever rung in Ireland—Grandsire Triples in 1873 for the Ancient Society of College Youths. He went to Dublin to study law and remained out of ringing for about 20 years. He was largely responsible for reorganising ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and for the introduction of Gabriel Lindoff to Ireland. In 1913 he became Lord Chief Justice of Ireland and, although a very busy man, found time to ring at St. Patrick's on practice nights. He died in 1923.

Gabriel Lindoff was born at Leiston, Suffolk, in 1868. From Lincoln in 1896 Lindoff came to Ireland and at once introduced change ringing. In 1898 he became the first hon. secretary of the Irish Association, a position he held until his death in 1941. Gabriel Lindoff's greatest contribution to the Exercise was perhaps as a composer. His peals of London ran into five figures. He also composed new methods—Erin, Dublin Court, Rochester, Princess Marina are but a few. His health began to fail after bombs were dropped on Dublin near his home in December, 1940, and he died on November 7th, 1941.

Secretary.—Frederick E. Dukes, who was elected the first assistant secretary in 1938, has carried on the secretarial work since Gabriel Lindoff's death. He learnt to ring at St. George's Church, Dublin, and at 18 became conductor of the local band. In 1933 he was transferred to Cork, where he formed a team to ring the bells of St. Finbarre's Cathedral, which had been idle for 22 years. Returning to Dublin in 1937, he again attached himself to St. George's, and in 1944 was appointed electrical engineer to the Great Northern Railway with headquarters at Dundalk.

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IRISH ASSOCIATION

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Presidents.—Richard R. Cherry, K.C. (1898-1904), A. Tailyour (1904-6), Rev. G. D. Scott (1906-8 and 1912-13), R. T. F. Greene (1908-11), R. S. Blee (1913-14), W. Chamney (1914-19), Rev. Fergus Greer (1919-25), Sam Kennedy (1925-26), oldest ringer in Eire, aged 79, and still rings at St. John-the-Baptist, Dublin; C. T. Evans (1926-27), N. Robinson (1927-28), R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. (1928-29, 1937-38, 1945-6), being Association's ringing Master since the position was instituted in 1933, and is one of the Central Council representatives; Rev. W. B. Allman (1929-30), Rev. W. Carroll (1930-1), M. Hogan, P.C. (1931-32), W. H. Wilson (1932-3), R. Lynch and W. E. Lynch (1933-34), Richard died in office, G. Lindoff (1934-5), Dean of Waterford (1935-6), D. McNeice (1936-7), J. C. Cherry, M.B. (1938-9, son of the first president), T. B. Tough (1939-40), J. S. Gibb (1940-1), Dean of Waterford (1941-2), Dean of Christ Church (1942-3), Canon E. H. F. Campbell (1943-5), James Cunningham, J.P. (1946-), who is 89 and still takes his place each Sunday in his tower at Rostrevor, Co. Down. He was one of the original members of Rostrevor when the bells were installed there 67 years ago.

A PEAL RECORD.

In all, 154 peals have been rung by members for the Association. Each peal is illuminated in the peal book. This number would not be so great but for the visits of 'expert English ringers' who toured Ireland on various occasions. To these bands go the credit for ringing the first peals in Ireland of Double Norwich, Superlative, London, Kent Treble Bob (Royal and Maximus) Stedman Cinques, Cambridge (Major, Royal and Maximus), Bristol and Yorkshire. These 'expert' ringers included Revs. F. E. Robinson and C. W. O. Jenkyn, James George, George, Ernest and William Pye, J. H. Cheesman, Ben Knights, W. Keeble, Bertram Prewett, William Fussell, G. W. Fletcher, J. H. Shepherd, J. Simpson, J. H. Riding, Frank Bennett, James Bennett, C. T. Coles, E. Duffield, Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, and Miss Edith Parker, who was the first lady to ring a peal in Ireland and also to conduct one—Stedman Caters at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on August 1st, 1927.

Peals were rung for the passing of monarchs, ringers and well-known personages, weddings and birthdays. Two notable birthdays were Mrs. Murphy, aged 94, mother of R. S. F. Murphy, and the Hon. Katherine Plunkett, aged 110, who died in her 113th year.

A roll of honour, in memory of those ringers who served in the Great War, 1914-1918, is illuminated on one page of the peal book. Forty-seven ringers served their country, of whom nine made the supreme sacrifice.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

For the quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Motcombe on March 15th, 28 members attended. The Guild service was conducted by the secretary (the Rev. W. Uphill), and the address given by the Vicar (the Rev. D. J. Jones).

Tea followed in the Memorial Hall, provided by the wives of the local ringers. At the opening of the business meeting the chairman (the Rev. F. L. Edwards) referred to the loss of Canon E. W. J. Hellins, from whose unflinching interest, counsel and generosity the branch had long benefited, and also of the Rev. C. H. Day, who was a keen ringer in his parish church at Thornford. The secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed an income of £21 7s. 3d., an expenditure £18 11s.

The following were elected ringing members: Miss P. Short, Miss I. Lintern, Mr. J. Hatcher, Mr. I. Mogg, Mr. L. Natter, all of Stalbridge. Thanks were expressed to the Rev. D. J. Jones and to the ladies who had provided the tea. Visits were made during the evening to towers at Holy Trinity and St. Peter's, Shaftesbury.

OBITUARY

MR. JACK BANCROFT.

On March 27th Mr. Jack Bancroft was buried, having attained the ripe old age of 80. His ringing activities were mostly connected with the old ring of six at Norbury. He spent a good number of years in Vancouver, Canada, where his work was in connection with the Post Office. Norbury ringers were represented at his funeral. A peal was rung last year for his 80th birthday.—J. F.

MR. THOMAS ARTHUR BOND.

After a brief illness, Mr. Thomas A. Bond, of Burford, Oxfordshire, died at his home on March 13th, aged 67. Mr. Bond was well known by ringers in many districts for his long established trade as a bell-founder, and many are the bells he has cast and rings augmented at the Burford Foundry. These include Taynton, Oxon, where a ring of four was augmented to six, Bledington, Long Crenodon, Minster Lovell and Church Knowle, Dorset.

He was for over 45 years a ringer at the local tower, and rang some thirty peals or more in the standard methods, the first of which when he was little over the age of 14. Although he did no peal ringing in latter years, he was often to be seen on the Church Green or walking round the churchyard when a peal was in progress. He leaves a widow and three daughters.

The funeral service on March 17th was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. F. S. Tucker, M.A., and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by B. J. Forest 1, F. Soden (conductor) 2, F. W. Soden 3, T. S. Stratford 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8. A memorial peal was rung at Burford on March 21st.—B. S. N.

MRS. MAUD ALICE PYE.

Mrs. Maud Alice Pye, widow of the late Mr. William Pye, died at Porters, Castle Hedingham, Essex, on March 17th, and was buried at Alborough Hatch on March 22nd. The sympathy of fellow-ringers is extended to her son, Mr. Ernest W. Pye.

The bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled in 704 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in Mrs. Pye's memory, the ringers being E. Brown 1, T. Bird 2, A. Catterwell (conductor) 3, C. J. Barker 4, S. Dace 5, R. Rippingale 6, O. E. Broyd 7, R. H. Young 8.

MR. JOHN HUGH WILKINS.

Secretary of the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society of Change Ringers, Mr. John Hugh Wilkins died on March 26th, aged 86. He had been connected with the belfry for a very long period, probably 70 years, having joined the ringers at an early age. He is the last of the original band which was formed in 1896.

Although not an outstanding peal ringer, his total of peals would be in the neighbourhood of 200, and were mostly Grandsire and Stedman Caters. He was seldom absent from Sunday ringing and practice nights, and was very safe and reliable. His most outstanding peal was one of Plain Bob Royal, in which he rang the ninth in his stiff white collar and a very short rope. Throughout the peal he had to stand on top-toes. However, a good peal was rung, the first of Bob Royal on tower bells for the Essex Association.

In his younger days he regularly attended the College Youth meetings. He followed his father and the late Mr. F. Rumens in the position of tower secretary, and the local society has lost a very efficient officer. Apart from bellringing he was interested in orchestral music, and for many years played a cornet in one of the local dance bands. The interment took place in the local cemetery, preceded by a service in the church which he had served so faithfully and well.—H. R.

A Yorkshire Week-end

After such a successful Lancashire ringing week-end that we had some months ago, it was decided to pay Yorkshire a visit. Headquarters were made at Ripon, which we duly reached on Friday evening, March 21st, about 9, and after a welcome meal, handbell ringing was enjoyed by all for the rest of the evening. The 'inmates' of the Spa Hotel became very curious and wondered what it was all about.

Ripon Cathedral with its beautiful ring of ten yielded a very good peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Back to lunch with everyone quite fresh and on to Middleham through flooded roads for the afternoon peal attempt. On arriving at Middleham floods and snow were still in great evidence and a small river was running through the churchyard. A peal of Cambridge was rung, the latter part of which was spoiled owing to water getting into one of the bearings; nevertheless, a beautiful ring of bells, and the unanimous vote of the company was that a return should be made in the summer to this beautiful spot. Back to Ripon, dinner, and more handbells, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Kent, Stedman and Cambridge being rung.

Sunday morning, 9.30, Ripon Cathedral for two good touches of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters to the obvious delight of several of the local company. So much appreciated was our handbell ringing the previous evening that visitors from the hotel came to see the bells rung for service. On to Halifax and a peal attempt of Superlative in the afternoon, which unfortunately failed past the half-way mark. The ring was concluded by ringing service touches of Stedman with some exceedingly good striking.

Our thanks are due to our two conductors, Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris and Mr. John Worth, to the local ringers who made the trip so pleasant, especially Messrs. Tingle and Hudson, of Ripon, and the Rev. J. G. Hardwick, of Middleham. F. DUNKERLEY.

ALLESLEY BELLS

NOW A RING OF EIGHT.

Ringers from far and near gathered at Allesley, Warwickshire, on March 22nd, for the dedication of the two new trebles to complete a ring of eight at the Parish Church of All Saints.

The Bishop of Coventry performed the dedication, and the service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Frank W. Moyle). An interesting feature of the service was the local ringers forming part of the procession, which led to the west end of the church, where the two bell ropes were handed to the local Ringing Master by the Bishop with the words—

'Receive the bells that we have here set apart, in memory of His servants in the greater life beyond our present sight, as a sacred trust committed unto you, and we bid you take heed that they be ever and only used in God's service and to His glory.'

The new treble was given by Miss E. M. Lancaster and her sister, Mrs. Wilcox, in memory of their mother, who gave the tenor in 1901, and the new second was given by the Rector and Mrs. Moyle and her brother, Mr. Geoffrey Faer, in memory of their respective mothers. They are an excellent splice with the old six, which have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and as a light ring of eight with a tenor 12 cwt. in G is a valuable addition to the rings of eight in the diocese.

After tea in the Parish Room, the Rector welcomed the visitors, who afterwards returned to the church and rang in various methods until about 7.30 p.m.

Ringers were present from Bedworth, Birmingham, Bulkington, Barrow-on-Soar, Ryfield, Chilvers Coton, Keresley, London, Loughborough, Melton Mowbray, Meriden, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke (Coventry), Worcester and Wednesbury.

Spliced Surprise Major

5,152 BY A. J. PITMAN.

FURTHER ADVANCE IN COMPOSITION.

Dear Sir,—Following are the figures of my latest composition of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative. In addition to all the bells having all the work of the four methods, there is actually a quarter-peal in each method for the first time.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

23456	M	W	B	H	Methods
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54632	—	—	—	—	LXL
36245	—	—	—	—	SSSCSSS
24365	—	—	—	—	LXL
32465	—	3	—	—	LSBBL
42563	—	—	—	—	CSOCL
35264	—	—	—	—	CSOCL
35642	—	—	—	—	CSBBBBB
35426	—	—	—	—	BBBBSO
42356	—	—	—	—	LSCSC
25463	2	2	—	—	LBLLLLL
34562	—	—	—	—	LXL
46532	—	2	—	—	CSOXBLSLCS
53462	—	—	—	—	BBBBBBL
45362	—	—	—	—	LCL
23564	—	3	—	—	CSOXBBL
52364	—	—	—	—	CSOCL
43265	—	3	—	—	CSOXBBL
64235	—	—	3	—	LXLB
52436	—	—	—	—	LXL
43526	3	—	—	—	LBXXCSC
54326	—	—	—	—	LCSCC
32546	3	—	—	—	LBXXCSC
53246	—	—	—	—	LCL
62345	—	—	—	—	LBXXXXB
24653	—	—	—	—	CSOCL
25346	2	—	—	—	SSBXCS
23456	—	—	2	—	LXLB

X Superlative or Cambridge.

SCOUTS AS RINGERS

Dear Sir,—We recently rang a peal of Bob Major on our new ring of bells at Guiseley and had three Boy Scouts in the team, two of them ringing their first peal, the other his second. These Scouts rang splendidly throughout the peal, being both accurate and with good striking.

After the ban on ringing during the war had been lifted, we had only three regular ringers left so we decided to build up a team from boys whose ages ranged from 11 to 14 years. Four of these were Scouts and they have made excellent ringers, and, what is more, realise their ringing is a church service, for after their attendance in the belfry go into church, thereby consecrating their efforts.

Scouts are sagacious and trained in the very things which go to make a first-class ringer, namely, observation, the intelligent use of their five senses, pertinacity and a strong sense of both reliability and responsibility is inculcated in them.

Here is a fine field for ringing recruits, and I suggest where towers are depleted in numbers or new ringers are desired with an eye for the future, the Scout should be given serious consideration.—Yours truly,

A. C. WALSH.

Guiseley, near Leeds.

SUPERLATIVE AT ASHTON-U-LYNE

Dear Sir,—The claim for the first peal of Superlative Surprise for the Chester Guild, stated in your issue of March 28th by the band as rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, is many years out of date.

I myself took part in one rung in the adjoining town of Hyde on April 11th, 1926, conducted by Mr. E. Jenkins, and even that was not claimed as the first by the Guild but as the first in the tower.

A. BARNES.

Stockport, Cheshire.

Canadian Visitor's Peal

Dear Sir,—Would you be so kind as to publish a complete apology from me to Mr. Alfred H Pulling for inadvertently mentioning his name in the ringing at Old Windsor on January 20th, 1912, which was so kindly arranged in honour of my visit through Mr. Macdonald, who was with us in Vancouver some six months and now, I understand, is with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

May I explain to the best of my knowledge just what did happen whilst ringing. About half-way some bells clashed and ropes seemed to ascend and descend together. I, ringing the treble, was confused but not willing to give up as the conductor was getting the muddle straightened out. I kept on ringing. The bells seemed to be going O.K. again except my own, and I found I was at the wrong stroke. It was Mr. Macdonald himself shouted to me to set my bell for one stroke, and after doing so ringing settled down to its original compass. I am pretty certain Mr. Macdonald would remember this fact.

To my mind a peal of 5,040 is not a true peal unless all changes are rung. The mere fact of my setting my bell one stroke, to me at least, robs me of claiming a peal; in fact, if I should so happen to enter the church at Old Windsor and see a peal board commemorating that event I would not feel as though it was deserved. Would someone having a 'Ringing World' of January 20th, 1912, send me a copy of those who rang?—I am, yours truly,

A. C. LIMPUS.

208, Union Street,
Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

THE ST. MARGARET'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—I have in my possession a copy of the record of Stedman and Grandsire Caters rung by the St. Margaret's band. In my opinion the statements made by Mr. A. R. Burgess are wholly unjustified.

The actual recording is a bad one, made many years ago. The microphone must have been very badly placed, or else it is a pre-electrical recording. The actual striking of the bells is not in the least as Mr. Burgess would have us think. He should remember that bells, as organ music, do not record well. To the layman unacquainted with the intricacies of change ringing, I very much doubt that he would notice anything wrong with the recording at all.

I might add that this record is now unobtainable, and the only other record of bells issued is of the Victory peals rung at Westminster Abbey, York Minster, Coventry Cathedral, Bath Abbey and St. Mary's, Puddletown. This shows up the various qualities of bells excellently, but is spoiled, to my mind, by having a commentary.—Yours faithfully,

RALPH F. BOOTMAN.

St. Andrew's, Enfield.

FOUNDRY QUERIES

Dear Sir,—Could any of your readers please inform me whether the bell foundry at Ipswich under Messrs. Powell and the foundry at Burford under Messrs. Bond are still actively engaged in bell casting? I want the information for some notes that I am compiling on past and present bell founders.—Yours faithfully,

(Rev.) F. C. CHAMPION.

The Rectory, Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham.

THANK YOU, AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—Being of full age, I received a food parcel from Australia. It was nice food and my family and I enjoyed it very much.

There must be several old ringers who also received parcels, and they, like myself, I am sure would like to thank Australia for their kindness.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT EDWARDS.

Tenterden.

Gloucester & Bristol Assn.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. MAGGS.

An eight-day striking clock, suitably inscribed, was presented to Mr. Alfred Maggs at the quarterly meeting of Bristol Rural Branch at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, on March 29th, in recognition of his 16½ years' faithful service and leadership of St. Ambrose's Guild. Mr. Maggs has resigned in consequence of leaving Bristol to reside at Coal Pit Heath.

Speeches made indicated that it was entirely due to Mr. Maggs' encouragement and genial personality that the Guild is at present in such a healthy state. Mrs. Lee (wife of the Vicar) made the presentation, and Mrs. Skidmore handed Mr. Maggs an illuminated album as a remembrance of St. Ambrose's Guild. References to his work were made by the Vicar, Mr. F. Bromwich (churchwarden), Mr. A. E. Clarke (organist) and Mr. C. Harding (branch chairman).

Business transacted included the selection of Almondsbury for the April meeting and Dyrham for the May meeting. Thanks were accorded the Rev. F. S. Lee for conducting the choral service and to the ladies of St. Ambrose's Guild and friends for providing tea. About 40 members were present, and the ringing before and after the meeting was much enjoyed.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The ancient and beautiful Kedington Church was visited by the Guild on March 22nd. Mr. Howyer acted as guide, and an inventory of the church and relics of the 12th century were explained to those present. Towers represented were Sudbury, Cherington, Whepstead, Cowlinge, Pebmarsh, Stoke, Clare, Bury St. Edmunds and Kedington.

Business transacted was the election of 12 new members and the selection of Poslingford for the meeting. Methods rung ranged from Doubles to Cambridge.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

A combined practice was held at Carbis Bay on March 22nd, when about 25 ringers attended. Those present included Miss Eileen Symonds (diocesan president), Mr. W. H. Southard (Ringing Master) and Mr. C. E. Lanxon (secretary, Truro Branch).

Good practice was put in during the afternoon and evening at Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples and Bob Minor. Two good touches of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Harry Miles, were evidence of progress, and it was a healthy sign to find an increasing number of ringers from various towers who are enthusiastic about method ringing.

Cups of tea were provided at the Parsonage by Mrs. A. S. Roberts. The next practice is to be at Camborne on Saturday, April 19th.

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MARRIAGE

CORBY—HUBBERT.—On April 10th, 1947, quietly at All Saints', Edmonton, N., Mr. Philip A. Corby, of Herne Hill, and Miss Lucile M. Hubbert. Temporary address, 79, Beckwith Road, Herne Hill, S.E.24.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The permanent home address of Major H. J. Cann is now Corner Close, Kilve, Bridgwater, Somerset. Tel. Holford 204. 1175

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Burnham, Bucks, on Saturday, Apr. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in Church Hall. Business to follow. — G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1133

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting at Bickleigh, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. —C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec. 1176

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. —Thames Ditton (6), Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. East Molesey (8) 7 to 9. — F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 1172

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 12th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Look up Double Oxford. — G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 1136

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Edenbridge (8), April 12th, 3 p.m. Make own tea arrangements.—C. A. Bassett. 1145

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Burton Bradstock (6), Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. 1148

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch. — Monthly meeting at Woughton-on-the Green, Saturday, April 12th, 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 1185

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting, Saturday, April 12th, Derby Cathedral. St. Peter's also available 3 p.m. Committee 3.30. Tea 5, general meeting follows, St. Peter's Parochial Hall. 1150

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Practice meeting at Heversham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea, 4.30, at Milnthorpe. Ringing at Milnthorpe after tea.—N. M. Newby, H. Parkinson, Branch Secs. 1186

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — Next meeting at St. Peter's (R.C.) and St. John's, Lytham, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1188

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Twyford (8), Saturday, April 12th.—W. G. Goodchild, 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester. 1200

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch. —Quarterly, St. Giles' on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea 5. Service 6. Address by the Rector, Rev. J. C. Meyer. Bells at Witchampton available. — C. A. Phillips, Branch Sec. 1202

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Six-bell practice at Bobbing and Meopham on Saturday, April 12th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. —B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1217

DEVON GUILD.—Ringing practice, Major, Stedman, at Broadclyst, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea. — F. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 1195

BRIGHTON.—Summer ringing.—Sundays: St. Peter's (10), 10.30 and 5.45; St. Nicolas' (10), 10.30; Good Shepherd (8), 6 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Hove (6), 10.30 and 6; Shoreham (8), 10.30 and 6. Practices: St. Peter's, St. Nicholas', and Good Shepherd in rotation, Mondays, 7.30, commencing April 14th at St. Peter's; Aldrington and Shoreham, Tuesdays, 7.30. Details of other practices and handbells from Inst. Lt.-Cdr. R. G. Cross, R.N., 18, Second Avenue, Hove. Tel. 4743. 1173

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly, Dinder, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Notify for tea April 15th. —W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 1165

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting of special interest to all lady ringers in Kent and Sussex at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Apr. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Important meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells, by Apr. 15th. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1110

LADIES' GUILD.—London District. — Annual district meeting, Gravesend, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church House only for those who notify Mrs. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, by April 15th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 1166

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Dedication of new bells at Saxilby, April 19th. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available after meeting. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, April 15th. — J. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 1167

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Aston, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (12) available at 3. Short service at 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. Fred Price, 172, Marsh Lane, Erdington, Birmingham, 23. (Phone ERD. 0554) not later than first post Thursday, 17th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1171

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Rawtenstall on April 19th. Bells at Haslingden. Newchurch, Waterfoot and Rawtenstall available. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. W. Rideough, 18, Mount Terrace, Rawtenstall, before April 16th. — W. H. Shuker, T. Wilson, Hon. Secs. 1182

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—Winthorpe (6), April 19th, 2.30. Bring own food. — J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 1161

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting, Watlington, Oxon (8), Saturday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by 14th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 1152

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Yatton, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. — Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1207

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Guildford, April 19th. Service, St. Nicolas', 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, Bury Fields, 5.15 p.m. Cathedral Church and St. Nicolas' bells in afternoon. Merrow, Shalford and St. Nicolas' in evening. Numbers for tea to Mr. A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford, by April 15th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 1183

LADIES GUILD.—Meeting at St. Mary - without-the - Walls, Chester, April 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea, 4.45, at Park Cafe. Names for tea to Mr. J. Swindley, The Forge, Handbridge, Chester, before Wednesday, April 16th. All invited. — Mary Elkins. 1201

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting at Royston, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1197

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ombersley, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Bring own food. Business meeting after. — E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 1196

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District. — Meeting at Messingham on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (5) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea provided, but only if you notify Mr. R. Traviss, Weir, Scotter Road, Messingham, Scunthorpe, by previous Wednesday. — Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 1204

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Tetbury, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5. Cards for tea by April 15th to W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester. 1203

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Billesdon (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Own food.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 1206

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 1205

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewes Branch.—Holmes Chapel (6), April 19th. Service 4.30. Tea if names received by 15th. — Rich. Langford, 118, Rushin Road, Crewe. 1214

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. N.-E. District.—Meeting, Wormingford (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring food. Cups of tea only.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Thorington, Colchester. 1158

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Kingsdon, April 19th. Service 4.30. For tea please notify early. — F. Farrant, Martock. 1211

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Eaton, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names to T. E. Pearson, Eaton, Grantham. — J. H. Cook. 1212

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, April 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea in Parish Hall. Names to Mr. R. Hayne, 149, Avon Street, Coventry, by Wednesday, 16th, without fail.—Dorothy E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 1199

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sedlescombe (6), Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. — R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 1220

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Blackmoor, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5, in School. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, 15th, to C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash. 1219

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice, Pulborough, April 19th, 3 p.m. Tea, only for those notifying E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis, by 16th. 1194

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Eye and Bury St. Edmunds Districts will be held at Walsham-le-Willows (6) on Saturday, April 19th, to elect secretary for Eye District. Bells available at 3 p.m. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—A. Gillings. 1146

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, Elham, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Rev. R. H. T. Williams, The Vicarage, Elham, near Canterbury, not later than Monday, April 14th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Broomfield Road, Canterbury. 1250

BEDS ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Woburn (8), Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d.)—H. C. Hillyard. 1213

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6), Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 1193

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Sherfield English, April 19th, 2.30. Cups of tea supplied. Bring food and sugar. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 1187

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch. — Meeting, Buxton, on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Village Hall. Also handbells in Village Hall from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. C. Duffield, The Mill, Buxton, Norwich, by Wednesday, 16th. — H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 1189

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Meeting, West Wickham (6), April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea not later than April 21st to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 1192

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting, Cookham, Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service, tea, meeting. Names for tea by April 21st. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1207

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting, Sittingbourne, Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at Odeon Cafe. Names for tea by April 22nd to B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec., Keitlston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne. 1218

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, April 26th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3-8; tea and business 4. Names for tea, H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1190

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, Saturday, April 26th. Cathedral bells 2 p.m. and after tea. St. Peter-at-Gowts' from 2 p.m., St. Giles', 6.30 p.m. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Tea at Wesley Schoolroom, Clasketgate, 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Monday, April 21st, to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec. 1208

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Springfield (6), April 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Chelmsford Cathedral (12) available 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham.

1215

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Doncaster and Selby District Societies at Thorne, April 26th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Tea, 2s. each, at Silver Street Cafe at 5 for all who notify Mr. J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne, before April 24th. — H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1222

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—South Cadbury (6), April 26th. 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by 21st.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat, Bath. 1216

WINCANTON.—The recast ring of six bells, with the addition of two new trebles at the Wincanton Parish Church will be dedicated by the Bishop of the Diocese on Saturday, May 10th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Chilcott, The Common, Wincanton, Somerset, by May 3rd. 1143

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And 9, Adelphi Chambers, Shakespeare Street, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, and
96, Carver Street, SHEFFIELD, 1