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**CORONATION DAY RINGING.**

Numerous inquiries have come to us on the subject of Coronation Day ringing. There are many towers, apparently, where ringers are desirous of knowing if there is to be any general plan for celebrating this great event, so far as the church bells are concerned. There can, we think, be no general rule laid down. Obviously there must be widely varying local circumstances into which the ringing of the church bells must be made to fit and one of the first things, we suggest, ringers should do is to ascertain what the local programme of festivities is to be and come to some arrangement to fit the ringing in with the town or village scheme.

On this occasion there is another extremely important point to bear in mind—one which has never arisen in connection with previous Coronations. The ceremony in Westminster Abbey is to be broadcast. Nearly everyone who can do so will be listening, at their wireless receivers, to the service, and that makes it essential that nowhere should ringers, however loyal and enthusiastic, ply their art to the disturbance of those who are listening to the proceedings in the Abbey. To do so would be not only an annoyance, but a breach of good manners, and would recoil on the ringers' heads. No doubt the desire of the majority of ringers themselves to listen to the historic ceremony will be sufficient to ensure the silence of the towers during the service, and the bells will come with all the more dignity and effect if they are heard at a more apt time.

It has been suggested in high quarters that ringers might take their cue from the bells of the Abbey itself, which will be heard as their Majesties leave the building. That seems to us very useful guidance, and ringers who are anxious to get to work as soon as possible after the ceremony can lay their plans accordingly. Apart from this, however, we feel that ringers, wherever they can, should herald the great and auspicious day by ringing as early as convenient in the morning. It would give an appropriate and cheerful start to the local celebrations, it would distinctively mark the festival and would not interfere in any way with broadcast reception.

Whatever ringing is done, however, it should be the aim of every responsible ringer, to see that it is the best that the band can produce. Ringing for the Coronation should not be made the opportunity of a practice, or even of a peal for ringers who are not capable of putting up a good performance. The ringing of the bells on that day will be expected by the public; they will be listening more critically than is usual with them, and it is a mistake to run away with the idea that the public do not know the

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difference between good ringing and bad. There may be some who, having heard nothing but bad ringing, say little about it, but the public do appreciate good ringing, and if a band is not capable of ringing bells well in changes, they should, for this occasion, be content to do something less ambitious. If every ringer will go into the belfry on Coronation Day realising that his reputation is at stake, the public will appreciate the bells, and a good turn will be done for the art, by helping to remove opposition, where there is any, to ringing on other occasions.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... .. Treble	*ERIC E. SPEAKE ... .. 7
HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 8
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 4	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... .. 10
BERT HORTON ... .. 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 11
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 6	HARRY GRIFFITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

\* First peal on twelve bells.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES ... .. Treble	*R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 2	GEORGE F. HINTON ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	*FRANK CORKE ... .. 9
RALPH COLES ... .. 4	J. HOWARD FREEBORN ... .. 10
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5	EDWARD R. COLES ... .. 11
FRANK WEST ... .. 6	EDWARD CROXFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

\* First peal on twelve bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-DE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE, CITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES ... .. Treble	RAYMOND G. CODDINS ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN ... .. 8
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 9
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 5	JACK A. WADGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

Rung on the 51st anniversary of the birth of Mr. Arthur B. Wiffen.

BRIGHTON.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 8
*RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 9
FRED PAGE ... .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. Treble	*FRANK VARTY ... .. 6
LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 7
JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 3	*JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 8
*ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. 8
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

First peal of Royal in the method by all except ringers of 2nd and tenor. C. T. Coles and G. R. Pye have now rung peals of Yorkshire Surprise on eight, ten and twelve bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb. in F, sharp.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... .. Treble	*HARRY DAVISON... .. 5
*KENNETH SIMPSON ... .. 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 7
*ARTHUR ARMITAGE ... .. 4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Surprise, and first attempt by ringers of 2 and 4.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

FREDERICK C. CASE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... .. 5
A. NUNNELEY WOOD ... .. 2	HARRY SEAR ... .. 6
FRANK J. GREEN ... .. 3	JOHN A. GREEN ... .. 7
*ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 4	ALBERT J. GREEN... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. GREEN. Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	SYDNEY E. ANDREW ... .. 5
CYRIL R. BDRRELL ... .. 2	GEORGE W. MILLS ... .. 6
ARTHUR J. FARR... .. 3	JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... .. 7
*NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... .. 4	JOHN G. AMES ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung for the Easter festival.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 30 cwt. 5 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	HARRY J. SANGER... .. 5
HERBERT W. KNIGHT... .. 2	PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... .. 6
FRANK SKIDMORE ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK... .. 7
KENNETH FORD ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by K. FORD.

First peal as conductor and first touch in the method as conductor.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	*H. R. NEWTON ... .. 5
FRANK SKIDMORE ... .. 2	PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... .. 6
KENNETH FORD ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal in the method.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2	WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 6
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 3	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 7
H. ERNEST COX ... .. 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged and rung in honour of the Easter festival.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

JOSEPH HALL ... .. Treble	*FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. 5
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 2	KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 6
*HERBERT MCKINNELL ... .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 7
JOSEPH SAUNDERS ... .. 4	DAVID VINCENT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by K. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal on eight bells.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR MULVEY ... .. Treble	FRANK VERNON ... .. 5
MISS KATH BURCHNALL ... .. 2	LESLIE LUNN ... .. 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 7
*RICHARD M. HARVEY ... .. 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*F. ROWLAND RIDGWELL ... .. Treble	ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... .. 5
GEORGE JORDAN... .. 2	FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 6
GEORGE S. SPARROW... .. 3	LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... .. 7
WALTER AYRE ... .. 4	WALTER PARISH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. E. PITSTOW.

\* First peal in the method.

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RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.  
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 On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	*THOMAS H. MATHER ... .. 5	†HARRY PYE ... .. 6	
GEORGE SPERRING ... .. 2	†HARRY PYE ... .. 6	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 7	
*ROBERT B. HULSE ... .. 3	*SAMUEL BOOTH ... .. Tenor		
*JOHN BEST ... .. 4			

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples on a working bell. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.  
 THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
 On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.			
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	†JOHN BEST ... .. 5	*HAROLD WORRALL ... .. 6	
GEORGE SPERRING ... .. 2	*HAROLD WORRALL ... .. 6	HARRY PYE ... .. 7	
*ROBERT B. HULSE ... .. 3	HARRY PYE ... .. 7	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor	
*THOMAS H. MATHER ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor		

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.  
 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
 On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.			
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. Treble	FRANK VARTY ... .. 5	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 6	
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 6	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 7	
NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 7	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor	
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor		

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

DISS, NORFOLK.  
 THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
 On Tuesday, March 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.			
ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 5	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6	
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 5	CLEMENT J. MORE ... .. 7	
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. Tenor	
ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 4	CLEMENT J. MORE ... .. 7		

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled following the interment of William Ireland, an original member of the association and a ringer at Diss before and since 1877.

WORSLEY, MANCHESTER.  
 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
 On Tuesday, March 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.			
*KRITH WELSBY ... .. Treble	ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 5	FRED GRUNDY ... .. 6	
THOMAS ALLRED ... .. 2	ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 5	*PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. 7	
*ERIC YATES ... .. 3	FRED GRUNDY ... .. 6	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. Tenor	
*CHARLES RIDYARD ... .. 4	*PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. 7		

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rung on the back eight.

WISBECH, CAMBS.  
 THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
 On Wednesday, March 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

C.C.C. No. 52.		Tenor 21 cwt.	
*HARRY MEANS ... .. Treble	†JACK PRYCH ... .. 5	LEWIS BOSH ... .. 6	
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 2	†JACK PRYCH ... .. 5	WALTER FREEMAN ... .. 7	
JOHN C. FRANCIS ... .. 3	LEWIS BOSH ... .. 6	FRED WIGMORE ... .. Tenor	
*WALTER F. JARVIS ... .. 4	WALTER FREEMAN ... .. 7		

Composed by E. FRANCIS. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.  
 \* First peal of Major. † First peal. Fiftieth peal together by Messrs. W. Cousins and F. Wigmore.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.  
 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
 On Wednesday, March 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.			
CYRIL W. HAMMOND ... .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 5	NORMAN SOMMERHAYES ... .. 6	
W. J. ERIC PEARTREE ... .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 5	E. GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 7	
MISS JEAN M. THOMPSON ... .. 3	NORMAN SOMMERHAYES ... .. 6	JAMES E. BAILLY ... .. Tenor	
ARTHUR DURLING ... .. 4	E. GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 7		

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.  
 Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.  
 THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.  
 On Wednesday, March 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*WILLIAM J. SANDERS ... .. Treble	PHILIP J. HITCHENS ... .. 5	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... .. 6	
EDWARD SANDERS ... .. 2	PHILIP J. HITCHENS ... .. 5	CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 7	
MISS E. JESSE C. ANGWIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... .. 6	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor	
FREDERICK H. HARRIS ... .. 4	MISS E. JESSE C. ANGWIN ... .. 3		

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.  
 \* First peal on eight bells. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Wood, the vice-captain and steeplekeeper of Gulval, who was interred on the previous day.

NOTTINGHAM.  
 THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS  
 AND THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
 On Thursday, April 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 35½ cwt.	
*H. PARFEMENT ... .. Treble	†FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5	ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6	
MISS I. B. THOMPSON ... .. 2	†FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 7	
WALTER WHITE ... .. 3	ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6	WALTER NICHOLLS ... .. Tenor	
R. ALLEN HICKTON ... .. 4	WALTER WHITE ... .. 3		

Conducted by ALFRED BARRATT.  
 \* First peal. † 70th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of esteem and regard for Mr. Albert R. Coppock, Master of the Sherwood Youths, who was interred at Beeston Cemetery the same day. First peal on the bells since the recasting and rehanging in October, 1935.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
 THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
 On Thursday, April 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PISTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 23½ cwt.	
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6	
ERNEST J. AVLIFFE ... .. 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7	
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. Tenor	
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3		

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.  
 Rung in honour of the visit of Queen Mary to Guildford, when Her Majesty opened a new Queen's Nurses' Hostel, and inspected the work in progress on the site of the new Cathedral. The peal was W. R. Melville's one hundredth on the bells.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Palm Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: W. H. Stevens 1, A. Jones 2, H. C. Chandler 3, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 4, F. J. Cattermoul 5, C. S. Bird 6, E. R. Gladman 7, W. W. Webb 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

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**SIX BELL PEALS.**

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. LEONARD AND JOHN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 1	Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... .. 4
JOHN C. FRANCIS ... .. 2		CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 5
LEWIS BOSE ... .. 3		TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. Buckenham.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

One extent each of Sandal, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FREDERICK HOOPER ... .. 1	Treble	THOMAS VESSEY... .. 4
†JACK VESSEY ... .. 2		†JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5
ARTHUR MULVEY ... .. 3		†CLIFFORD A. VESSEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harold Denman and Miss Irene Lancaster.

HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. SWITHUN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES. 6040 CHANGES:**

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, called differently.  
Tenor 15 cwt.

MELVILLE JORDAN ... .. 1	Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ... .. 4
HARRY WORRALL ... .. 2		*WILLIAM LANDER ... .. 5
TOM WORRALL ... .. 3		CHARLES HODGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal.

ELSHAM, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents of Carlisle, three of London and two of Cambridge.  
Tenor 7½ cwt.

HAROLD JUDD ... .. 1	Treble	FRANK LORD... .. 4
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2		GEORGE DOBBS ... .. 5
JACK BRAY ... .. 3		GEORGE E. FRERN... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FRERN

First peal in three Surprise methods by all the band and in the district.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 1	Treble	WILLIAM A. FARMER... .. 4
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2		FREDERICK PRICE ... .. 5
G. LEONARD HEWITT ... .. 3		*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in three methods.

SOUTH PERROTT, DORSET.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*THOMAS E. DENYER ... .. 1	Treble	REGINALD J. WHITFORD ... .. 4
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... .. 2		*ERNEST GOWER ... .. 5
WILLIAM DENYER ... .. 3		CHARLES W. DENYER... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. DENYER.

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

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks.)

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of Single Oxford, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (methods rung alternately). Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in C.

*MARTIN BLAMEY (aged 15) Treble	JAMES D. TAYLOR (aged 16) 4
†PETER A. BLAMEY (aged 16) 2	‡BRYAN O'NEILL (aged 15) 5
JOHN E. TAYLOR (aged 15) 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal in other than plain methods.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. 1	Treble	*C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 4
REGINALD HOUGHTON ... .. 2		C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. 5
*DONALD COCKINGS ... .. 3		WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. A. STOTE.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

In the School,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

*HORACE L. WAITE ... .. 1-2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	*WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... .. 7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. MARY'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

HORACE L. WAITE ... .. 1-2	*FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5-6
*WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... .. 7-8

Composed by B. SWINSON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* 50th peal together. This composition (A 2) is now rung for the first time.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM.  
Central Council to be invited to Leicester.

The weather proved to be kinder on Easter Monday than of late, and this no doubt helped to attract a good number of members and friends to Nottingham for the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association. A gloom fell over the proceedings, however, for visitors learned, on arrival, of the sudden and lamented death of the talented leader of St. Mary's, Nottingham, band, Mr. Albert Coppock. Consequently St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect. At St. Peter's, too, an accident to the tenor bell prevented the ten from being rung, and only the front six bells were available. Daybrook bells (8) were open throughout the day, and good practice made by a large number of visitors.

The committee met in St. Mary's Institute at 3 p.m., and as a result of their deliberations, grants from the Bell Repair Fund were made to Long Eaton, Notts, where the eight bells are to be recast, and Kirkby Mallory, Leicestershire, where a new treble is to be added to the existing five bells. It was suggested that the general hon. secretary write to the secretary of the Central Council requesting that, if possible, their agenda be published before Easter, to enable those guilds and associations which—like the Midland Counties—hold their annual meetings on Easter Monday, to discuss the various points raised and instruct their representatives accordingly. It was also suggested that the representatives propose that the next meeting (1938) be held in Leicester, as by that date there would be two rings of twelve bells, one of ten, and several eights available.

Following the committee meeting, a special service was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop Neville S. Talbot, D.D. The Bishop opened by saying that the association form of service would be slightly altered on account of the death of Mr. Albert Coppock, which created not only a great loss to St. Mary's Church, but to the ringing community as a whole. A sad feature, too, was the fact that while on what proved to be his death-bed, Mr. Coppock had written to ask Mr. Walter White, of Cotgrave, to play the organ for that service.

As a voluntary Mr. White played 'O rest in the Lord,' and special hymns included 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds' and 'Abide with me.'

The Bishop, in his brief but inspiring address, made touching reference to the passing of Mr. Coppock, and in view of the Easter message of hope and in the Resurrection, left the sorrowing family with these words of comfort.

After the service, tea was served in St. Mary's Institute, and between 90 and 100 sat down. The general meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, supported by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop Talbot, D.D., the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall, Notts, Mr. William E. White (treasurer) and Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary). Members were present from each of the association's branches, viz.: Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham, and many friends from long distances, including Mr. and Mrs. Beamish, of Warwickshire Guild, Mr. R. G. Black and Mr. W. Rogers, of the Peterborough Guild, Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, and others from Sheffield, Birmingham (St. Martin's), Bromsgrove, Smethwick, Macclesfield, Stoke-on-Trent and Cheshire.

In opening the meeting, the president first made touching reference to the passing of Mr. Albert Coppock, who was, he said, a valued and respected member of the association. He asked the general secretary on behalf of all present to send a letter of condolence and sympathy to the sorrowing family, and as a token of respect all the company stood in silence for a few moments.

### INTERESTING PEALS.

Mr. Taylor then gave a review of the past quarter's peals rung, which, although very few, were nevertheless interesting. There were 15, including two handbell peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques by the Leicester company. Among the tower-bell peals were three which Mr. Taylor termed 'triprogenitory'—a word he himself coined to describe three generations ringing together in peals at Staveley (Parsons), Loughborough (Harrisons) and Matlock (Paulsons). 'Quite a lot of sons!' Mr. Taylor then thanked the Lord Bishop for honouring them with his presence at tea, and also for arranging the beautiful and touching service in St. Mary's Church.

Bishop Talbot, in reply, said, like Boy Scouts, Bishops had to 'be prepared,' usually, however, in their case, to 'say a few words.' Last time he met the association some four years ago he had only just arrived from the Transvaal, where everything was very different from England. Very rarely they saw a complete church, still more rarely one with bells, and it was a great joy to come back to the Motherland with its beautiful churches and their wonderful bells. It was his privilege and pleasure to have had the job of seeing St. Mary's tower and bells thoroughly restored and everything therein put in good order, and he knew the late Mr. Coppock had rejoiced with him equally in this great work. He was very pleased to welcome any ringers to St. Mary's, and trusted that their own ringers would soon be adding many peals to the credit of the association.

The annual report and balance sheet, which has now been printed and is in circulation, was duly passed on the proposition of Mr. Colin Harrison, one of the auditors.

(Continued in next column.)

## FOR BEGINNERS.

STEDMAN CATERS.

It was not our intention in these articles to go beyond the scope of eight-bell ringing, because we felt that when a beginner had mastered ringing up to eight bells he could go on to the higher numbers by other means than help from this column. However, as we have had in past months several requests for an article on Stedman Caters to assist young conductors, this may be a fitting point, following on the last two articles on Stedman Triples, to devote a little attention to Caters.

We must suppose, however, that our readers know the method and also know that the only differences between Triples and Caters are the two additional dodging places in 8-9 (sandwiched between the dodging in 6-7 up and 7-6 down), and the moving of the bob place from 5th's to 7th's.

In Stedman, therefore, whether in Triples or Caters, only the last three bells are affected by a bob or single. In some respects Stedman Caters is easier to conduct than Stedman Triples, because, apart from a 'going off' and 'turning' or 'homing' course, the bobs do not cut up the coursing order of the bells to anything like the same extent; and the bells are coursing two sixes longer in the dodging places. Moreover, in the body of a long touch or peal only one or two bobs in a course are necessary, and this, again, simplifies the conductor's task.

As in Triples, the calling is done by the sixes, which are numbered from 1 to 18. Composition in Caters is facilitated by keeping 7, 8 and 9 undisturbed in certain relative positions and retaining the same bell in 2nd's and also in 5th's place. Thus five of the nine bells are 'fixed,' which is another great help, for in Triples you have only one.

The result of fixing all these bells is that once you get these 'fixed bells' into position, you are limited, if you do not want to disturb them, to bobs made in the 5th and 16th sixes and called, of course, a whole pull before those sixes begin. These, as will be inferred, are known as bobs at 5 and 16. If the 5th's place bell is changed it is done by a bob at 4. The 2nd's place bell, if it is changed other than in the turning course, is moved by a bob at 15.

The 'tittums' position, in which at the course end the bells behind strike 9-7-8, and come away in the coursing order 7, 8, 9 is generally preferred in peals and long touches, with, often, a change of music by turning over to what is known as the 'handstroke,' that is bringing the back bells into the 'rounds' position at handstroke when they are behind together, so that, if the 6th is the 5th's place bell, the handstrokes, in the 'six' after the course-end, come up 6-7-8-9 and the bells are in the coursing order 7, 9, 8, 6.

We would suggest that those who wish to go further into this should write out full courses of Caters beginning both from 213465978 and 214365879, drawing a line between each six and numbering the sixes, 1 being the first change of the first six. Study the courses well and examine the order in which the bells come up behind.

Next week we hope to say something further about this subject.

### FOUR HUNDRED PEALS.

At Trowbridge, Wilts, on Easter Monday, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith rang his 400th peal. He rang his first when he was 15 years of age, and it has taken 43 years to compile this (for these days) modest total.

In this number are three peals of Minor, 98 of Triples (in six methods), 183 of Major (in 20 methods, including 15 of Surprise), 50 of Caters, 28 of Royal, 26 of Cinques and 12 of Maximus. Of the total 73 have been conducted.

Twenty peals have been on handbells and the rest have been rung in 136 towers. The peals have been rung in five countries (England, Ireland, Wales, Belgium and Australia) and on five seas (the Mediterranean, the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and the Red Sea).

### MIDLAND ASSOCIATION MEETING.

(Continued from previous column.)

As there were no other nominations, Mr. W. H. Curson proposed and Mr. J. W. Cotton seconded that the general officers be elected on bloc, which was carried with acclamation. The officers are Mr. E. Denison Taylor, president; Mr. William Willson, vice-president; Mr. William E. White, hon. treasurer; Mr. Ernest Morris, hon. secretary.

Each of the officers, except Mr. Willson, who was unfortunately absent, replied thanking the members for the honour and assuring all of their continued efforts on behalf of the association's welfare.

The hon. secretary apologised for Mr. Willson's absence, he being unfit to travel owing to illness. Mr. Morris also asked members to let him know at once of any errors they might notice in the annual report and not leave it till too late. Several corrections were needed and it was up to the members to notify them.

New members proposed since the last meeting were 14 new, 2 re-joining, 2 honorary, 1 life, who were duly elected. Three places for next quarterly meetings were then proposed and carried, viz.: Bolsover, Jude; Burbage, September; Repton, January, 1938.

This concluded the business, and Mr. J. Harris proposed and the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Thompson and the local committee for their arrangements which made the meeting a successful one, also to the incumbents and ringers of the three towers open for ringing.

**DOUBLE WEDDING OF RINGERS.**

**RINGING SISTERS MARRY RINGING BRIDEGROOMS.**

For the first time, we believe, in history, a 'double' wedding of ringers took place at St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, on Saturday, March 27th. The Misses Elsie and Marjorie Cooke, both ringers, daughters of Mr. J. Cooke, captain of St. Peter's company and Ringing Master of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, were married respectively to Mr. Frederick Oldroyd, a ringer at Ossett Parish Church, Wakefield, and Mr. David Meredith Poole, a member of the Rock Ferry band.

Miss Elsie Cooke started ringing when 14 years of age and has rung one peal in five methods. In addition she has rung 720's in various methods, including many of the Surprise methods. Since 1929 she has been a member of the band at West Clandon, a village near Guildford, Surrey. Miss Marjorie Cooke was only 12 years old when she started in the belfry, and has rung three peals, including one in seven Surprise methods, which was the first peal on the bells by the local band. She has also rung a 720 in all the 41 Surprise methods which the Rock Ferry company rang in the year 1934. Mr. Fred Oldroyd learned to ring at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, and rang one peal there before he left for his Yorkshire home. Mr. Poole began his ringing after his engagement to his bride.

The interesting double ceremony attracted a large amount of interest, and many ringers were among the large congregation of well-wishers. The Rev. J. D. Pearson, Vicar of St. Peter's, officiated, and the brides were given in marriage by their father. They wore similar frocks of ivory satin. Their veils of silk embroidered tulle were held in place by halos of orange blossom and they carried bouquets of pink carnations. Each was attended by two bridesmaids.

During the reception at St. Peter's Hall, which followed the service, two wedding cakes, decorated with silver bells, were cut simultaneously and the company toasted the 'belles' and their grooms.

Needless to say, the bells of St. Peter's Church greeted the happy couples and were rung to various touches in honour of the event.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

At Lyme Regis, Dorset, on Saturday, April 3rd, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Minor: E. Hawker 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 4, P. Blackmore 5, C. W. Powell 6. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble. Rung in honour of the marriage of Lt.-Comdr. Walpole John Eyre, younger son of the Rev. G. F. and Mrs. Eyre (Mayor and Mayoress of Lyme Regis) to Miss Joy Best, which took place at Merrow, near Guildford, that afternoon. Also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Blackmore on the sixth anniversary of their wedding.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO DEVISE CORONATION RINGING SCHEME.**

The meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association, held at Croydon Parish Church on Easter Monday, attracted members and friends from a very wide area. Fifty-two ringers attended, representing the following 26 towers: Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Bolton (Lanes), Camberwell, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Baling, Edmonton, Epsom (Christ Church), Headingley (Yorks), Kingston, Haslemere, Langport (Somerset), Merstham, Merton, Reigate, Sevenoaks, Southgate, Streatham (St. Leonard's), Sunbury, Tunbridge Wells, Uckfield (Sussex), Wimbledon and Woodford (Essex).

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Kinnear, who conveyed to the meeting the apologies of the Bishop of Croydon for unavoidable absence.

After welcoming the association to Croydon Parish Church, the Rev. Kinnear said he had been warned by his colleagues of the belfry not to talk about bells or bellringing. He could talk about anything else he liked, so long as he did not give an address the subject of which was bells. He had no idea what the penalty would be, but decided not to risk it. So he read a portion of the 24th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, and then described in homely and familiar terms the journey of the two disciples from Jerusalem to Emmaus. 'Like those disciples,' he said, 'we often fail to recognise the Man who would be, if we so desire, our companion throughout the journey of life, helping us through our difficulties and comforting us in our sorrows. If only,' he added, 'we could realise more fully the nearness of Christ when we were ringing the bells, the message of those bells would always be the right one.'

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and afterwards some good hand-bell ringing was heard.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the District Ringing Master, Mr. Dan Cooper. Mr. Frank Butler was elected a member of the association.

A discussion took place on the question of ringing for the Coronation, with a view to getting the bells rung at all towers in the district, and, if possible, assisting those towers which are likely to be short-handed. The matter was referred to the District Committee to devise a scheme to this end.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Bishop for the use of the bells; to the Rev. J. C. Kinnear for conducting the service and giving the address; and to Mr. Dan Cooper for making all the necessary arrangements for the comfort and refreshment of the visitors.

A return to the tower was then made, where ringing continued.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Edgar Guise was elected hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for the twentieth time at the annual meeting at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday.

The Rev. H. Drake, hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild for the first 15 years of its existence, gave up office at the annual meeting last Saturday. He is succeeded by Mr. Harold Herbert, of Sudbury.

The revised rules of the Kent County Association were adopted at the annual meeting held on Easter Monday at Ashford, when there was an attendance of over 250 members and friends.

Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, England's oldest bellringer, who will be 100 years old next month, was unable to attend, as he was recovering from influenza. Ringers will celebrate his 100th birthday by a gathering at Aldington on the last Saturday in May.

The Kent Association has 32 life members, 73 hon. members, 968 practising members and 98 juniors, 120 towers in union, and total funds of £971 18s. 6d.

The reports of these meetings will appear in our next issue.

An original copy of Stedman's first 'Campanologia' (1677) recently came to light at Eastbourne. Unfortunately it has a good many pages missing, but through the efforts of Mr. Harold S. Holden it has been secured and will have a permanent home in the ringing chamber at Christ Church.

It is interesting that the name of an early, if not the original, owner of the book is preserved. On the fly leaf is inscribed the name of John Bassett, of Doddworth, and the date 1698.

The recast bells of the Cathedral of St. Philip, Birmingham, are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, May 1st. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are carrying out the work. At the annual vestry meeting on Friday Mr. George E. Fearn was appointed tower warden and Ringing Master. This is good news. Mr. Fearn's enthusiasm for ringing ensures that the new bells will be made use of.

Our reports include one of a peal of Minor rung at South Perrott, Dorset, by members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild! It was a misunderstanding that it was not a Salisbury Guild peal. All the band came from Aldershot, and because some of them were only compounding members they thought they could not elect the others.

If that rule prevailed the peal of Cinques at Trowbridge the same day could not have been rung for the Salisbury Guild, as there were only compounding members present to do the electing.

The enthusiasm of the Aldershot 'brigade' is well known to their friends. Here is a fact that will interest others, besides. Some of this band made four journeys to South Perrott for this peal, and South Perrott is 110 miles from Aldershot! Motor bikes have been employed, but what is the attraction at South Perrott?

We regret to record the death of Mr. George A. Card, hon. secretary for many years of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. He passed away on Monday in Fulham Hospital. Mr. Card had been in indifferent health for some time past, and only at the last annual meeting in January an assistant secretary was appointed to relieve him of some of the duties.

The inauguration of the recast peal of eight bells at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have hung in a welded steel frame, took place on Saturday. The work was made possible through the legacy of a Darlington lady. A further report of the opening will appear next week.

## DEATH OF MR. JOHN WOOD, OF GULVAL.

### A WELL-KNOWN CORNISH RINGER.

By the passing of Mr. John Wood, who died suddenly at his home at Gulval, Penzance, on Friday, March 26th, Cornish ringing has lost a familiar figure and many ringers a valued friend. Mr. Wood, with his brother, Mr. William Wood, the late Penzance district secretary, started ringing nearly 50 years ago, and on his moving to Penzance in 1913 joined the Gulval band, where for several years he had been vice-captain and steeplekeeper.

Mr. Wood rang only nine peals, all of Grandsire Triples, but he was always considered to be one of the safest ringers in Cornwall. He rang his first peal at Kenwyn in April, 1927, where he also rang his last in June of last year.

Several ringers from West Cornwall were present at his funeral on Tuesday, when the bells were rung half-muffled.

On Wednesday a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled to his memory at Gulval Church.

## PROPOSED RING OF TEN FOR POOLE.

### TWO TREBLES WANTED.

An appeal is being made to raise a fund to augment to ten the present peal of bells at Poole, Dorset, in commemoration of the Coronation.

The approximate cost of the addition of the two bells will be about £200, of which £50 has already been promised. The remainder of the task is too great for the parish to undertake unaided, and an appeal to all members of the borough, to old parishioners and to all bell lovers, wherever they may be, is made.

Donations will be gratefully received by the Rector (the Rev. E. G. Harris) and by Mr. I. Davis, 35, Tatnam Road, Poole.

Mr. F. W. Townsend is the enthusiastic Ringing Master at Poole, and his many ringing friends will no doubt be glad to support him in the project.



## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. L. COLEMAN.

Hon. Secretary Retires After Nearly 20 Years' Service.

At the annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Norwich on Easter Monday, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman relinquished the hon. secretaryship after nearly 20 years' service, and was made the recipient of a gold watch as a mark of the members' appreciation of his long services. Mr. Nolan Golden was elected to the vacant office. Mr. Golden has been serving the association as hon. secretary of both the North and South Norfolk branches.

There was a large gathering of ringers, who had the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Michael at Coslany, St. Giles' and All Saints' at their disposal from 10 a.m. Divine service was held at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m., when the address was given by the Rev. C. H. Flack, Rector of St. Augustine's, Norwich.

The members afterwards assembled for luncheon at the Bell Hotel, the president, the Ven. G. M. MacDermott, being in the chair, supported by the Rev. H. McMullan (Rector of St. Peter Mancroft) and Mr. Charles E. Borrett (vice-presidents), Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. William J. Lee (chairman of the East Norfolk Branch), Mr. William L. Duffield (chairman of the South Norfolk Branch), Mr. Herbert H. Heyhoe (chairman of the West Norfolk Branch), Mr. John G. W. Harwood (secretary of the East Norfolk Branch), Mr. Nolan Golden (secretary of the North and South Norfolk Branches), Messrs. Eric G. Bennett, George Bailey, Robert W. Cooke, William C. Duffield, John A. Godfrey and Arthur G. King (members of the committee), and representatives from Acle, Aylsham, Bergh Apton, Buxton, Caston, Dickleburgh, Diss, Fakenham, Garboldisham, Gressenhall, Halvergate, Happisburgh, Hethersett, Horsham St. Faith, Lowestoft, Northrepps, Palgrave, Paston, Pulham Market, Reedham, Redenhall, Rockland All Saints', Saxlingham, Shelfanger, Shropham, Snettisham, Swaffham, Wiveton, Wroxham, Wymondham and Yarmouth. The Suffolk Guild was represented by Messrs. E. G. Herbert (Sudbury) and E. F. Poppy (Stoke Ash).

Mr. A. L. Coleman presented the 59th annual report, which stated that the work of the association had been well maintained in all its branches. The balance sheet showed a balance of £7 5s. 6d., a decrease of £3 6s. 8d. on last year. Fifty-six new members had been elected, making the total membership 873. The rings at Scottow and Saham Toney had been restored. The Reserve Fund amounted to £150 12s.

Mr. B. S. Thompson, referring to the substantial reserve fund, suggested that some of it might be used in future to pay a part of the expenses of the members attending the Easter Monday festival at Norwich.

The secretary pointed out that the reserve fund had been drawn on for a number of purposes, and if members' expenses were paid, in three years' time there would be no reserve fund at all.

The question was referred to the Standing Committee.

The Archdeacon announced his resignation of the presidency, which he had held for nine years. He proposed that the Rev. H. McMullan, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, be the new president.—Mr. Coleman, seconding, said that they all regretted that their old president had resigned, but Mr. McMullan would be a worthy successor.—Mr. McMullan was accordingly unanimously elected president.

Mr. W. C. Duffield paid a tribute to the amiability and tact of the Archdeacon.

The President said they accepted with very great regret the resignation of Mr. Arthur L. Coleman from the post of general secretary and treasurer. It had been the wish of the members to present him with a memento of his long years of service to the association.

The Archdeacon of Norwich then presented Mr. Coleman with a gold half-hunter watch, inscribed 'Presented by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers to Arthur L. Coleman, Esq., General Secretary and Treasurer 1918-1937.'

Mr. Coleman, returning thanks, said it had been a work of love for him for nearly 20 years. After paying a warm tribute to the branch secretaries, Mr. Coleman said he had shared with the late

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MR. ARTHUR L. COLEMAN.

## FUNERAL OF MR. ALBERT COPPOCK.

RINGERS AND BRITISH LEGION REPRESENTED.

The funeral of the late Mr. Albert Coppock, Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Nottingham, and Master of the Sherwood Youths, who, as recorded in our last issue, passed away on Easter Sunday, after only a few days' illness, took place on Thursday of last week at Beeston Cemetery, Nottingham.

The news of his death came as a great shock to his many ringing friends and to the members of the Midland Counties Association who met in Nottingham on Easter Monday for their annual meeting. Mr. Coppock was a member of the M.C.A. for about 40 years and had rung 113 peals for the association. He was looking forward to the meeting and keenly anxious it should be a success.

His abilities as a ringer and conductor are well known throughout the Exercise. He conducted the first Surprise peal rung in the county of Nottingham. For 14 years he was a member of the band of St. John's, Beeston, during which period the band reached a very high standard.

In 1924 he took over the tower of St. Mary's, which at that time was in a very poor state. The tower was dark and dingy and there was only a 'stone' band. Under his guidance a wonderful change has taken place. There is a change ringing band in regular attendance for Sunday service ringing and the tower is second to none in the country. Mr. Coppock was a man of deeds, not words, and only those who knew the tower of St. Mary's before his tenure and after can realise the amount of work he accomplished for the church he loved so well. It is a great joy to his fellow-ringers that he lived to see the restoration of the bells and tower of St. Mary's.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Right Rev. Bishop Neville S. Talbot, D.D., M.C., and in addition to the family mourners there were present Mr. W. A. Johnson and Dr. Blandy (churchwardens), St. Mary's ringers, Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer, Midland Counties Association), Miss I. B. Thompson (hon. secretary, Sherwood Youths and Ladies' Guild), Miss T. Collings (Ladies' Guild), Mr. H. R. Cobbin (Ringing Master, St. Peter's), Mr. F. S. Price (Ringing Master, Holy Trinity, Lenton), and many local ringers.

During the war Mr. Coppock served with the D.L.I. in France, Belgium and Germany. After the committal, Mr. J. Hobbs, of the British Legion, recited the soldiers' farewell; then a course of Grand-sire Triples was rung on handbells by F. S. Price 1-2, E. C. Gobey 3-4, F. Gobey 5-6, H. R. Cobbin 7-8.

So was laid to rest a much loved and respected Ringing Master, who leaves behind him an example of thoroughness and duty well done.

In the evening a peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by a band of local ringers. This was the first peal on the bells since their restoration in 1935.

At Beeston, after the funeral, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by F. S. Price 1, H. Rogers 2, J. C. Dickens 3, A. B. Moss 4, M. Kirk 5, A. Lowe 6, P. Price (conductor) 7, A. Watton 8.

## SECRETARY OF TWO ASSOCIATIONS.

(Continued from previous column.)

Rev. E. W. Carpenter the distinction of holding the office of general secretary in two associations. He (Mr. Coleman) was one of the founders of the Warwickshire Guild in 1907 and also its first secretary. He had always been proud of the Norwich Diocesan Association, as he also was of their peal records, which contained many fine performances.

Mr. Coleman went on to say that during his term of office he had registered 956 members, and he expressed his gratitude and thanks to the leaders of companies and all members for their assistance and loyal support. He had spent many happy years in the interest of the association, and he would continue to help it all he could (applause). He had grown up with the association, and as a boy of 15 well remembered its foundation in 1877. His father was one of the founders, and his godfather, the Rev. George H. Harris, the first general secretary of the association.

The President informed Mr. Coleman that later he would receive an album with the names of the subscribers.

Mr. W. L. Duffield, remarking that they were sorry to lose an admirable servant like Mr. Coleman, proposed Mr. Nolan Golden as the new general secretary and treasurer.—Mr. Coleman seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Golden thanked the members for the expressions of appreciation of his work in the past, and said he hoped he would maintain their confidence in him in the future.

The following new members were registered: The Misses Edith Dove and Gwendoline Walker, of Fakenham, Messrs. Charles A. Farrow and Ernest J. Bessey, of Happisburgh, Mr. Reginald Stone, of Aylsham, performing members, and the Rev. Christopher Chitty an honorary member.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. William Ireland, a foundation member of the association, and the company stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Mr. Golden applied for a grant for the Northrepps Bell Fund, and it was agreed to forward the sum of £2.

A vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells and to the Rev. C. H. Flack for his address terminated the business of the meeting.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

#### The Restoration of Ripple Tower.

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held, as usual, on Easter Monday at Worcester. Unfavourable week-end weather probably decided a number of members living at a distance not to make the journey, and numbers were a little below average. Despite this, however, there was keen discussion at the business meeting, especially with regard to a grant from the general fund towards tower repairs at Ripple.

The meeting was held in the College Hall, by kind permission of the headmaster of the King's School, and was presided over by the Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., supported by Mr. William Short (Master), the Rev. G. W. Webb (vice-president), the Rev. J. F. Hastings, of Martley (clerical secretary), and Mr. J. D. Johnson (lay secretary). Also present were Messrs. R. Matthews (vice-president), J. R. Newman (vice-president), Charles Camm (Master of the Western Branch), S. T. Holt, C. W. Cooper (librarian) and a good number of members.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the association.

The secretary read letters of thanks on behalf of Norton, Wordsley and Upton-on-Severn Churches, to each of which the sum of £5 had been granted for bell repairs.

Acknowledgments of donations of one guinea each to the William Eye and Dean Moore Ede Memorial Funds were also received, and the Chairman said that the latter fund now stood at about £800. It would be used to provide a memorial window in the cloisters opposite Dr. Ede's grave, and any residue would go to endow a choir scholarship.

Mr. S. T. Holt (Crowle) referred to the position with regard to the bells of St. Helen's, Worcester. He said that since last year's meeting there had been big developments, and the committee should keep an eye on what was going to happen at the church. It was proposed to write the benefices of St. Helen's and St. Alban's with St. Andrew's and All Saints'. He had it on the authority of the Rector of All Saints' that it might mean the closing down of St. Helen's for services in the near future and probably the church would be removed to the suburbs. They must bear in mind the historic peal of bells at St. Helen's. The Rev. W. R. Buchanan-Dunlop had told him that he thought it would not be of much use to send a motion from that meeting, but added that he would notify them if the bells were likely to be removed from the tower. They would then be able to approach the authorities with regard to preserving the peal. There were also several peal boards in the belfry recording notable peals. These ought not to be lost. The set of handbells presented by the late Mr. Harvey Reeves would probably be removed to All Saints', where they would be in safe keeping. He (Mr. Holt) was keeping an eye on the position and would see that the committee had full knowledge of any decisions on the whole matter.

Mr. Holt also reported that he had conducted a peal of Erin Cinques at Kidderminster on March 6th, this being the annual peal for the association.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner again at Worcester on the last Saturday in September.

#### BELFRY REPAIR FUND.

Discussion followed on a recommendation of the committee to grant the sum of £2 from the general fund towards the restoration of the tower of St. Mary's, Ripple, this being a special case. It was explained that although the matter was not directly the affair of the association, indirectly it affected all ringers, as the bells, which were in perfect order, could not be rung unless certain repairs were made to the tower.

Mr. Charles Camm said that the estimated cost of the work was £704, and that it had already been begun. Meanwhile the bells were silent.

Mr. Robert Matthews asked why the money could not be granted out of the belfry repair fund, but it was pointed out that this fund was only available for work directly on bells. Mr. Matthews then proposed that the minute affecting the allocation of money from the repair fund be altered to include towers, although in opposition to this it was held that in the event of such an alteration calls would probably be made on the fund in cases where ringing was not at stake.

The Chairman, however, ruled Mr. Matthews' proposal out of order, as the rules provide that notices of motion to be brought up at the annual meeting must be given to the secretary at least one month before the meeting.

Mr. Newman explained that the belfry repair fund was formed solely for work on bells. This was a special case and should be treated as such. It was decided to pay the money out of the general fund, and provision was made that, if the composition of the minute governing the repair fund were altered to include tower repair, the money could be repaid from the repair fund to the general fund.

The advisability of consultation with regard to bell restorations was emphasised and the secretary drew attention to a paragraph in the annual report, which read: 'Activity in bell restoration continues. . . Unfortunately, one or two indifferent jobs have come to our notice, in each case the work having been completed without reference either to the Diocesan Advisory Board or to this association, the result being unsatisfactory from the ringers' point of view. We in this diocese are fortunate in being represented on the former body by a practical

ringer. We have men appointed who are ready to give advice on all matters in connection with rings of bells, and we regret that more use is not made of their services. We earnestly appeal to all incumbents and parochial church councils having the care of peals of bells, and where restoration schemes are contemplated, to make full use of the practical advice which is available and so ensure that nothing but the best is done for our bells.'

The fifty-second annual report, after speaking of the part it was hoped ringers would play in the Coronation, the changes among the officers of the association and the success of last year's annual dinner, which was attended by 74 members, alluded to the substantial increase in the membership of the Western Branch this year of 19. This increase was, unfortunately, offset by a decrease in the other two branches. The statement of accounts showed a loss on the year's working of £3 2s. 10d., due, in the main, to small extras of a non-recurring type. 'This loss,' the report states, 'should be counter-balanced next year.' Income, together with a favourable balance in hand of £4 13s. 7d., was £66 17s. 7d., and expenditure was £65 6s. 10d., leaving a balance in hand of £1 10s. 9d.—The report and accounts were both considered very satisfactory and were adopted.

Mr. C. W. Cooper reported briefly on the library.

#### CHANGE IN CLERICAL SECRETARY.

The following were elected officers for 1937 and thanked for past services: President, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies; Master, Mr. William Short; lay secretary, Mr. J. D. Johnson; auditors, Messrs. S. T. Holt and E. E. Barber; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Johnson; the clerical and lay vice-presidents were elected, with the substitution of the Rev. J. F. Hastings (the retiring clerical secretary) for the Rev. G. W. Webb (who was taking up that post).

Mr. Short was congratulated on ringing his 900th peal. Mr. Sid Holt said, 'It is a big thing to do; more than any other member of the association has done.' He went on to say that not all the peals had been rung for their association, but a number of them had been notable and others had helped younger ringers through their first peal. All would join in wishing Mr. Short good health to accomplish the feat of ringing a thousand peals (applause). The number who had rung a thousand was a very small and select company—not more than a dozen in the country (applause).

Mr. J. S. Mason (Northern Branch secretary) called attention to Mr. Short's commencement of his 50th year of membership of the association, and said this was a record of service equalled by few.

With regard to the election of a clerical secretary, the Rev. J. F. Hastings said he had held the post for 25 years, but circumstances had arisen which prevented him from continuing. He proposed as his successor the Rev. G. W. Webb, and this was agreed.

Appreciation of the services rendered to the association by Mr. Hastings was voiced by Mr. J. R. Newman. He said that in his early days Mr. Hastings had been an active ringer. In Martley he was always trying to encourage young ringers, and in this had been successful with many of them. He proposed that the highest thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. Hastings.

Seconding, Mr. Short said they were all sorry to lose Mr. Hastings, but he thought they had a good man in his place.

On the proposition of Mr. Holt, it was agreed to add Mr. Hastings' name to the list of freemen of the association, and this decision was applauded.

Mr. Hastings, acknowledging the compliment, said he had had ringing in his heart all his life and had never spent a happier time than when ringing. He learned to ring at Areley Kings Church by getting up on Sunday morning to ring the 'eight o'clock' bell. He was very proud when he got the fifth bell up—it weighed about 6 cwt. When he went to Oxford he got under Washbrook, Robinson and other famous men, and used to go about with them on 'ringing weeks.'

One life member and three performing members were elected.

After discussion it was agreed that the annual peal be attempted on the Worcester Cathedral bells, and Mr. Sid Holt was asked to conduct.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter, to the headmaster of the King's School, and to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells during the day.

Following the meeting, the members attended service in the Cathedral, at which the special preacher was the Rev. J. F. Hastings. He took as his text St. Paul's words, 'Whatever ye do, do it heartily.' St. Paul, he said, might be regarded as a saint peculiarly connected with our own land. There was a tradition that he had visited it and our greatest cathedral was named after him. The largest bell in the land was known as Great Paul. St. Paul's Christianity was keen and practical, and ringers would do well to imitate him in their work. It was God's work and ought to be well done. Theory was necessary to their art, but it was useless without a great deal of practice and enthusiasm. The preacher concluded by telling a story of the patience and enthusiasm of a schoolmaster in North Germany. A new bell was needed for the church and he carefully tended a blade of corn and sowed the increase until he was the owner of such a large crop that he was able to sell it and buy the bell—a fine lesson of perseverance.

During the service a collection was taken for the repair fund of Ripple, and the Dean closed with special prayers and Benediction.

The annual meeting is inseparable from actual ringing, and bells were going in the city until quite late. Besides the fine peal of 12 at the Cathedral, which was only available for a short time, the bells of All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), St. Swithun's (6) and St. Nicholas' (6) were used to good effect.

**DEATH OF MR. J. J. JONES.**

**AN OLD WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OFFICIAL.**

The death occurred on Saturday at his home in Guildford of Mr. John J. Jones, who formerly was one of the most energetic officers in the old Winchester Diocesan Guild. Mr. Jones was about 79 years of age and had been in failing health for some time, but it was a pathetic coincidence that his wife predeceased him by only a few hours.



THE LATE MR. J. J. JONES

Mr. Jones went to Guildford as a young man in the printing trade, and later set up for himself, combining with printing a newsagent's business and later adding a wholesale side to his concern.

His interest in ringing began in the early eighties of last century. He learnt to handle a rope at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, where he was a worshipper, and all his ringing life was associated with that tower. He rang his first peal on the old eight there on May 27th, 1889, which Mr. George Williams conducted. Altogether he had rung about 130 peals in twelve methods, but it is many years now since he took part in such a performance.

His work for the Winchester Diocesan Guild made a lasting mark in the area of which Guildford is the centre. When the Guild was split into districts about the year 1895 Mr. Jones became secretary of the Guild-

ford District, which then covered an area from Haslemere to Leatherhead, and he threw himself wholeheartedly into the task, encouraging towers to join and doing excellent propaganda work among both clergy and ringers.

He continued in office until February, 1921, when he resigned and in recognition of his valuable work he was made an honorary life member of the Guild. In 1919, on the occasion of his marriage, the members of the Guildford District presented him with a handsome coffee service.

After his resignation as district secretary, Mr. Jones was less seen in the belfry, but he followed the affairs of the Guild with interest, and on the division of the diocese a few years later was one of those who successfully championed the scheme for the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and his advice and help in this matter was of great value. He became a life member of the new Guild.

Mr. Jones was a member of other associations, among them the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Sussex Association.

**DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM IRELAND.**

**A FOUNDATION MEMBER OF THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

One of the few remaining original members of the Norwich Diocesan Association was laid to rest on Tuesday, March 30th, in Diss Cemetery.

William Ireland would have been 85 years of age on May 6th. He had been a ringer at Diss for over 60 years, and had taken part in 103 peals, five of which were rung on handbells. His first peal for the association was at Diss on December 17th, 1877, a 7,040 of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by James Rudd, while 'Paddy' himself, besides conducting a number of peals of the usual length, called Reeves' 7,296 of Treble Bob Major (Kent Variation) at Debenham on June 26th, 1880, and Sottanstell's 10,272 at the same tower in the same method four months later (October 16th).

On May 12th, 1883, William Ireland set out to call Day's 16,608 of Treble Bob, at Debenham, but one of the band became ill and so the bells were brought round at the first part to give a peal of 5,568 changes. A septuagenarians' peal was rung at Pulham Market on October 28th, 1922, and Diss was represented by both William Ireland and the late John Souter, who rang the tenor and conducted the peal. It is interesting to note that Mr. R. H. Brundle took part in all the above mentioned peals except the one at Diss in 1877. For many years 'Paddy' had been the secretary of the Diss District, resigning in 1929 when the association was reorganised into its present four branches.

The funeral took place at Diss on Tuesday afternoon, March 30th. Four brother ringers—Messrs. George Archer, Albert G. Harrison, Clement J. More and William Steggall—acted as bearers. A wreath inscribed 'In remembrance of our oldest member and former secretary of St. Mary's Church, Diss,' was among the floral tributes, and a course of Grandshire Triples was rung over the grave on the deceased's own handbells.

Other ringers present included Messrs. Eric G. Bennett (Garboldisham), Herbert G. Fulcher (Starston), Nolan Golden (Norwich, general secretary and treasurer), George Mayers (Norwich), Ernest F. Poppy (Stoke Ash), Frederick J. Roope (Pulham Market) and Mr. Frederick C. Roper (Shelfanger).

A well-struck half-muffled peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung later in the afternoon as a token of respect, and is recorded in the appropriate columns.

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**18th CENTURY PEAL RECORDS.**

Will all secretaries, or any interested ringers who have collected records of old peals rung previous to 1825, please forward same or particulars, not later than May 1st for this year's report to the Central Council, to Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4?

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends to come and spend a profitable half day.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 10th. The local captain informs me that his band will be in attendance from 3.30; so what about it? You will expect your secretary to be there, why not come and keep him company? You will be welcome. — J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury, Lancs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.** — Southern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by service. All ringers heartily welcome. — W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at West Malling (8 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Please send names or numbers for tea to Mr. W. A. Sloman, St. Leonard's Street, West Malling.—A. Waddington, Dis. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Tea in Hackforth's Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting after tea. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Election of officers, etc. All ringers welcome. — O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.** —Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Mickleton on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head).—J. E. Newman, Hon. Sec., Hinton, Evesham.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A Gainsborough District meeting will be held at Lea (6 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 4.15 p.m.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Abbots on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The above district will hold their first meeting at Ticknall on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Special Minor method for practice: Double Court. The success of this new venture depends upon the attendance. All ringers invited. Tea, 4.45.—Joseph W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, April 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ichester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, April 10th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Thornton Curis on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Business meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, April 10th. Ringing at St. John's R.C. (6 bells) 3 to 4 p.m., 4 p.m., ringing and business meeting at the Parish Church. Tea in school 5.30.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Wrangle on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Angel Hotel at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Compton Dando on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Roll up and support the new secretary.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at St. Giles' on Saturday, April 10th. Ringing from 3. Tea in Parish Hall 5. Service at 6.15. Address by the Master (Rev. R. H. Gundry).—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea in the Church Hall.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, April 10th, when the bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be at our disposal. Service in East Retford Church will be at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by the business meeting. I hope all members will endeavour to be present. Please send a card for tea to R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

**WHATLEY, SOMERSET.**—A ring of 6, rehung in a new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by Prebendary W. H. F. Randolph, on Sunday, April 11th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

**WALGRAVE, NORTHAMPTON.**—The ring of 5 (tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for service at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on April 11th and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on April 25th at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice at Shoreditch on the 29th, commencing at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Assistant Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The meeting arranged at Hitchin for Saturday, April 17th, has had to be cancelled. Please note new arrangements: Hitchin, Monday, April 12th. Bells available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is an opportunity for members and visitors to bid farewell to the Rev. R. D. R. Routh, who is leaving the county. Make an effort—and come.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on April 27th; St. Magnus' on April 15th, 29th, St. Andrew's on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business of the day.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**ALL SAINTS', KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—Dedication of bells on Saturday, April 17th, by Lord Bishop of Southwark. Service 3 p.m. Ringing after service and again after tea. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Taffender, 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Batheaston, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Pennard on Saturday, April 17th. **Divine service and dedication of Memorial Tablet to the late Master (1925-1935), the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, will be performed by the Rev. L. S. Lewis, with address by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Master) at 4 p.m.** Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me by April 12th.—F. D. Rickards, 32, Burcott Road, Wells, Som.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than first post Wednesday, 14th? This is essential. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**ASHBURTON, DEVON.**—On Saturday, April 17th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton; ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne St. John and Monk Sherborne on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Sherborne St. John Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by April 13th to Mr. G. C. Hammond, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.**—West Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Netherbury on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by April 15th, please.—C. H. Lathey, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Saturday, April 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m., Preacher, Rev. E. G. Turner, Vicar of Cripplegate. Meat tea at the Zita Restaurant, 9, Fore Street (adjoining the church) at 5 o'clock, at 1s. 3d. each. Please advise either of the undersigned by April 14th. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 12 bells, from 2 to 4.30, and after the meeting; St. James', Clerkenwell (8) from 2 to 4 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry (8) from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Important—send in your notice for tea.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, Joint Hon. Secs.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.** — The annual meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 17th. The bells of St. Andrew's Church, rings of 8 and 5, will be available from 3 p.m. Committee meet in the Church House at 4 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea in the White Heather Café, Market Place, at 5.15. Business meeting immediately after tea in the Church House. — Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, near Coventry.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cople on Saturday, April 17th. The bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at SS. James and Basil, Fenham, on Saturday, April 17th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Trams Nos. 31 and 32 from the Central Station pass the church. Special method: Double Bob Major.—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec.

**TILEHURST, BERKS.**—The bells will be opened on Saturday, April 17th, after re-hanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Service at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head to all who send by Wednesday, April 14th, to C. J. Watts, Church End Lane, Tilehurst, Reading.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.**—Chippenham Branch. — Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's on Saturday, April 17th, at 3 p.m. St. Paul's bells will be open. Visitors, please notify early and oblige.—F. W. Merrett, 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, April 15th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Whetstone on April 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in schoolroom for those who notify me by April 15th.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Orwell on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Nags Head 5 p.m. Meldreth bells available from 6 p.m. Please support this meeting and encourage our five-bell ringers.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Chelsfield, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Teas at 1s. per head to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, April 13th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Good bus service from Wellingborough. Please send cards to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V. W. H. Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, April 17th, at 6.30 p.m.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch will hold their next meeting at Ruardean on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m., Church Room. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, April 14th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please notify Mr. Jas. Martin, 15, Fairly Crescent, Orrell, Bootle. Subscriptions due.—A. Grundy, Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Luton Parish Church on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, followed by business, at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. J. Plummer, Sec., c/o Post Office, Leighton Buzzard.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clement on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by April 12th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—A joint meeting with the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held on Saturday, April 17th, at Terrington St. Clement. Bells (8) from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) will be provided for those who notify by the previous Wednesday. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting is to be held at New Hay (St. Thomas') on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please come along and support us. You will be welcome.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bromborough (8 bells) on Saturday, April 17th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 24th. At a service at 3.30 p.m. the Lord Bishop of Guildford will dedicate a memorial, erected by the Cathedral ringers, to the late Provost E. C. Kirwan. Tea and meeting will follow the service. Full details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley (10 bells) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in Café at 5 p.m. to all who notify before April 22nd, Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, Manchester; 1s. each.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 24th, in conjunction with the half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association. For arrangements see further notice.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pulham Market (illness at Redenhall) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 2.30; service 4.15; tea 4.45. Special business—election of branch secretary. Special methods—Bristol Surprise and Cambridge Court.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 21st?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, April 24th. Bells of St. Mary's

available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Anchorage at 5 p.m. Please let Mr. J. McRobie, 58, Bensham Road, Gateshead, know by April 22nd. All ringers and friends welcome, a hearty invitation being extended to all.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Six bell contest and meeting to be held at Lindley, Saturday, April 24th. Applications for teas and entries for contest to be in my hands April 17th.—Fred Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification for tea to be sent to me by April 19th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, nr. Exeter.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 24th, at St. Mary's, Holloway Road, Holloway, N.7. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Will those wanting tea please let me know by Wednesday, April 21st?—James G. A. Prior, Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Otterton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30; also Colaton Raleigh and East Budleigh (6) bells. Service at 4.30 p.m. The address will be given by the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Grimaldi, R.D.). Tea at 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, April 19th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Names for tea if required.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon.

**STEWKLEY, BUCKS.**—The Bishop of Buckingham will dedicate the trebles to existing peal of 6, which have been retuned, on April 29th at 3 p.m. All ringers are invited.

**RAMPISHAM, near Dorchester.**—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Friday, April 30th, at 6.15 p.m., by the Bishop of Salisbury. Ring of five restored and rehung in new frame by John Taylor and Co.

#### DEATH.

**IRELAND.**—At 3, Mere Street, Diss, on Good Friday, March 26th, William Ireland, aged 84 years.

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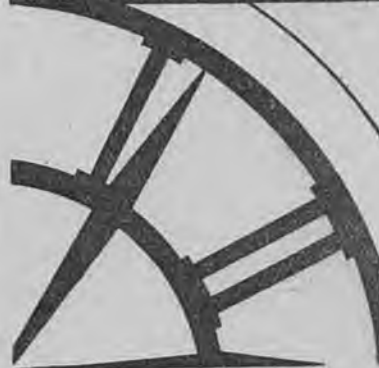
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