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## FIRST PEALS.

For the second time since 1913—the last occasion was in 1932—and for only the third time in history more than two thousand peals were rung last year. The increase of 133 over 1937 came, too, without any incentive of a national occasion for bell ringing. These 2,035 peals are a prodigious total and the vast variety of methods included among the number leaves no doubt as to the strides which the art continues to make. A study of the tables prepared by the Analysis Committee of the Central Council and the further statistics contained in the report will be found of great interest, and there will be some readers, doubtless, who will ask themselves, whither is this development of peal ringing leading us? Is it doing anything to further the Exercise in its relationship to its primary duty to the Church, or is it merely satisfying the ambitions of those who take part in the peals?

It will not, we think, be seriously disputed that peal ringing does improve the standard of striking. Taken by and large the peal ringers set a higher value on striking than the non-peal ringers. Peal ringing requires a more sustained effort in the command of one's bell; it demands more concentrated attention upon the method than shorter lengths, and these two things in combination lead, at any rate in the long run, to better ringing on all occasions. That is one and perhaps the chief of the many things to be gained from peal ringing. A poor ringer has got to improve his striking if he desires to ring peals, otherwise he soon finds he is not wanted; a good ringer keeps himself keyed up by his peal ringing activities. Another important thing to go to the credit of peal ringing is the fact that it is one of the means of creating and keeping interest in the art. It is a goal to which young ringers are, or should be, encouraged to look, and the proportion of beginners who drop out after reaching this stage is much less than those who are lost before they have rung a peal.

What is being done to encourage young ringers in this direction? The committee's report tells us that in the course of the year 552 ringers rang their first peal. That means that there was, on an average, a 'first' in 27.1 per cent. of the peals rung. Looking back over the last five years we find that this is below the average. Stimulated by the high percentage of 34.5 in 1935, the percentage over the period has been 29.7, and it appears as if we are slipping back a little. It happens that the highest number of peals rung in any one year was in 1913—exactly a quarter of a century ago. In a total of 2,359 peals, there were 710 ringers who rang their first

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peal, which works out at one 'first' in 31 per cent. of the peals. The falling off is, therefore, not a very heavy one, but it is, we feel, a decline that ought not to be allowed to continue. The 'first pealers' of to-day are the ringers upon whom this side of the art has to depend in the future. What proportion they form of the total number of peal ringers it is impossible to say, but it would be interesting if the associations would get out their individual statistics on this point, so that they might be collated. Spread over a period of years this information might prove exceedingly useful. At any rate, the figures we have quoted indicate that more opportunity generally should be given to young ringers to ring their first peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN CATERERS, 5079 CHANGES;

LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 1	...Trebles	JAMES W. GROODNS ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 2		RICHARD DEAL ... .. 7
BENJAMIN KNIGHTS ... .. 3		JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 8
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 4		FRANK VARTY ... .. 9
NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 5		RALPH EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (26). Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

A birthday compliment to the wife of N. Heaps.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 1	...Trebles	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 6
*MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN 2		CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 7
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... .. 3		DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 4		REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 9
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5		FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

BLACKBURN, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRED HINDLE ... .. 1	...Trebles	†SIDNEY BROWN ... .. 6
*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 2		THOMAS WILSON ... .. 7
†JOSEPH WOODS ... .. 3		WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 8
†FRED READ ... .. 4		†HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 9
†LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... .. 5		†JACK CLEGG ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal on ten bells. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILFRED BOOTH ... .. 1	...Trebles	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 6
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 2		FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY 7
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 3		*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 8
*FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 4		FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 9
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5		LOUIS FAULKNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

\* First peal on ten bells.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

HYDE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. Treble	TOM WILDE ... .. 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 6
REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 7
JOHN WORTH ... .. 4	ERNEST BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT  
First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Wilde.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN N. A. PUMPHREY ... Treble	WILLIAM R. WEST ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. MEDLER ... .. 2	HERBERT LASKEY ... .. 6
JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 3	WALTER J. FORD ... .. 7
ERIC DURRANT ... .. 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. N. GOLDEN. Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.  
Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. H. S. Sharpe, of Marsham.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 30, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

* WILLIAM DAWSON ... .. Treble	* GIRLING RIGBY ... .. 5
* CHARLES HUTCHINSON ... .. 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... .. 6
WILLIAM VARNAM ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
* PHILIP L. PARROTT ... .. 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.  
\* First peal of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 31, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 5
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... .. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
* JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by D. M. SHARP.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF NAPSBUURY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. 6
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 7
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.  
The first peal in the method. Rung to celebrate All Fools' Day.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. MAGEY ... .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 3	PERCY PAGE ... .. 7
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 4	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 379). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

IVAN R. POLLARD ... .. Treble	NORMAN H. PALMER ... .. 5
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 6
JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... .. 7
SYDNEY J. LEVETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM LEVETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. A. LEVETT.  
The first peal of St. Clement's by the hand, on the bells and for the association.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY JENNINGS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 5
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
* ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS  
\* First Surprise peal on an 'inside' bell.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
* NORMAN H. MANNING ... .. 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
* FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 7
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.  
\* First peal of Double Norwich.

SHOREHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

* ROBERT COLLINS ... .. Treble	† GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 5
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 2	* ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 6
* RICHARD WILSON ... .. 3	† ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... .. 7
* DORIS E. COLGATE ... .. 4	* JOHN O. WELLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by D. M. SHARP.  
\* First peal of Bob Triples. † First peal of Bob Triples away from the treble. First peal of Bob Triples as conductor. First peal of Bob Triples on the bells.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

* CYRIL E. SMITH ... .. Treble	† ARTHUR HUBBLE ... .. 5
DENNIS T. BROCK ... .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 6
REGINALD W. DARVILL ... .. 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... .. 7
† FRANK W. SHYNN ... .. 4	ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.  
\* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Bob Major.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
DENNIS G. BROWN ... .. 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARRETT. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 4
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 5
JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER.

Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Hilda G. Snowden, Lewis J. Last and Sylvia R. E. Bowyer.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BOTOLPH,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

LEWIS LAST ... .. Treble	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 4
DAISY M. ANDREWS ... .. 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... .. 5
CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

A birthday peal for Miss Bowyer.

HARPFORD, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, March 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 4 lb. in A.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Treble	*LESLIE BAKER ... .. 4
*GEORGE WEST ... .. 2	BRIAN PIDGEON ... .. 5
†THOMAS HOLLAND ... .. 3	*CLEMENT PONSFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal away from treble. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 4
MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 5
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the 5th ringer.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (14 different callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

REV. A. BROOKE WESTCOTT Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... .. 4
*HERBERT SHELTON ... .. 2	RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 5
*JOHN HUNT ... .. 3	ERIC CHAMBERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

\* First peal of Doubles. Rung to celebrate the attaining of urban status, on that day, of the town of Corby.

MEOPHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (ten variations of calling). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE T. VANDERPEER ... Treble	†JOSEPH H. WICES ... .. 4
†GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 2	†HORACE H. BARDEN ... .. 5
*GEORGE TURNER ... .. 3	*ERIC H. BUTLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Doubles.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

SURELEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT GLYN GARTH,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

*NORMAN TORRINGTON ... 1-2	ALBERT F. SARGENT ... .. 5-6
RUFERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	*MICHAEL WIGGINS ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUFERT RICHARDSON.  
\* First peal of Major.

MERE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CLOSE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, three of Plain Bob, four of Antelope and 30 of Grandsire.

*H. J. RALPH ... .. 1-2	*E. G. L. COWARD ... .. 3-4
†MRS. E. COWARD ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by E. G. L. COWARD.

\* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 28, 1939, in One Hour and Thirty-Four Minutes,  
AT 9, PATRICK ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Grandsire and 22 of Plain Bob.

HAROLD BROWN ... .. 1-2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 3-4
HAROLD PARFREMENT ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

First peal on handbells in two methods by all.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT BIRBY, DONCASTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MRS. T. C. RYDER ... .. 1-2	HAROLD CHANT ... .. 5-6
ALBERT NASH ... .. 3-4	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. 7-8

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by A. NASH.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 12 in F.

EDITH K. FLEICHER ... .. 1-2	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7-8

Composed by T. HAIGH. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal in the method on handbells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 31, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

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

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by F. W. BRINKLOW.

Umpire—Edwin Jennings.

\* First peal of Bristol Surprise as conductor on handbells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

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ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1938.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Main data table with columns for Association, Number of Conductors, and various peal types (MAXIMUS, ROYAL, CATER, MAJOR, TRIPLES) and a TOTAL column.

- MAXIMUS
a-Plain Bob b-Kent Treble Bob
ROYAL-SURPRISE
TREBLE BOB

- PLAIN METHODS
MAJOR - NEW SURPRISE AND MISCELLANEOUS SURPRISE
OTHER TRIBLE BOB
SPLICED PLAIN METHODS

- OTHER PLAIN METHODS
TRIPLES-OTHER METHODS

The tables relating to Minor and Doubles and to handbell peals will be found on the next page.

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR & DOUBLES, 1938.

Table with columns: Association, MINOR (Number of Methods: 8 to 1), DOUBLES (Number of Methods: 5-1), Grand Total of Peals. Lists various associations like Anc. Soc. Col. Y., Bath and Wells, Bedfordshire, etc., with their respective counts.

MINOR: a—in 10 methods. b—in 17, 19, 20, 25 (2), 35, 39 and 84 methods. c—8 and 9 methods. d—6 and 14 methods. e—14 (2), 18, 21, 26 and 30 methods. f—16, 24 and 25 methods. g—in 8, 9, 12, 14 (3), 28, 32, 34, 45, 49 and 53 methods. h—in 12 and 14 methods. i—in 8 methods. k—in 8, 12, 15 and 18 methods. m—in 32 methods. n—in 8 methods. o—in 8, 10 and 11 methods. p—in 14 methods. q—in 10, 14 and 25 methods. DOUBLES: a—in 6 and 7 (2) methods. b—in 7 methods. c—in 7 and 21 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS, 1938.

Table with columns: Association, MAXIMUS, CINQUES, ROYAL, CATERS, MAJOR, TRIPLES, MINOR, DOUBLES, TOTAL. Lists associations like Bath & Wells, Cam. Univ. Gld., Chester Dio., etc., and their counts for each bell method.

a—Two Oxford. b—Two Kent. c—One 6 methods: Original, Reverse, Double, Gainsborough, Little and Plain Bob. One 2 methods: St. Clement's and Crayford College. d—One in 19 methods. One in 14 methods. e—Including one in 4 and one in 3 methods.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The following report of the Analysis and Records Committee upon peals rung in 1938 will be submitted to the Central Council at their meeting on Whitsun Tuesday:—

The year 1938 shows an increase in the number of peals rung as compared with 1937.

The following summary shows comparative figures:—

Table comparing 1937 and 1938 data for Tower and Handbells across various peal types: Maximus, Cinques, Royal, Caters, Major, Triples, Minor, Doubles.

TOWER BELLS.

Peals of Maximus have increased by 8, this being shown in Surprise methods. Cinques have decreased by 9, Stedman by 3 and Grandsire by 6.

Royal have decreased by 3; Surprise have decreased by 12, Treble Bob by 4, and plain methods have increased by 13. Caters have increased by 15, Stedman by 4 and Grandsire by 1.

Major methods show an increase of 52. Surprise methods have increased 37; Spliced by 10; London by 11; Superlative by 11; Yorkshire by 7; new Surprise methods by 5; sundry Surprise methods by 10. Cambridge have decreased by 8 and Bristol by 9. Kent Treble Bob have decreased by 27; Oxford have increased by 1 and other Treble Bob methods by 1. Double Norwich have increased by 14; Plain Bob by 34 and other plain methods have decreased by 6.

Triples remain practically the same. There is one peal less of Stedman, one more of Grandsire and two more of other methods.

Minor have increased this year by 26, after having shown a decrease for some time. In one method peals have increased by 21; in two methods by 1; in five methods by 4; in six by 5; in methods over eight by 13. Peals in three methods have decreased by 5; in four methods by 4 and in seven methods by 9.

In Doubles there is an increase of 12. In one method peals have increased by 5; in three methods by 2; in four methods by 4 and in six methods and over by 1.

HANDBELLS.

There is a very gratifying increase in peals this year. Thirty more have been rung. There are two more peals of Stedman Cinques, one more of Royal, one less of Caters, eleven more of Major, two less of Triples, twelve more of Minor and seven more of Doubles.

ASSOCIATIONS.

The Kent County Association, with an increase of 9, still head the list with 151 peals. The Midland Counties come next with 137, an increase of 29 over their last year's total. The Chester Guild follow with 125, an increase of 24; the Essex with 124, an increase of 33; the Suffolk with 115, an increase of 9; the Yorkshire with 107, an increase of 23; the Norwich with 101, a decrease of 7. No other association reached 100 peals. Twenty-four associations show an increase and 20 a decrease.

NEW METHODS.

- 5,024 Ickleton Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, February 5th.
5,024 Clacton Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, February 16th.
5,038 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Ealing and Rutland Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, March 31st.
5,056 Spliced Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, London, Rutland, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire Surprise Major, by the Middlesex County Association, April 5th.
5,120 Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and Watford Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, April 5th.
5,024 Lavenham Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, April 22nd.
5,056 Stratford Surprise Major, by the Warwickshire Guild, April 28th.
5,280 Apsley Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, April 30th.
5,184 Kendal Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, May 21st.
5,056 Hitchin Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, May 24th.
5,024 Cranbourne Surprise Major, by the Middlesex County Association, June 16th.
5,024 Southall Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, June 18th.
5,055 Ashbourne College Bob Major, by the Middlesex County Association, July 6th.

- 5,024<sup>\*</sup> Sedbergh Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, August 27th.
- 5,056 Raunds Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, September 15th.
- 5,024 Woodaton Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, October 8th.
- 5,088 Gippeswyck Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, October 17th.
- 5,024 Delrow Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, October 22nd.
- 5,040 Painswick Surprise Royal, by the Guildford Diocesan Guild, October 29th.
- 5,040 Isleworth Bob Royal, by the Middlesex County Association, November 12th.
- 5,056 Verulam Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, November 5th.
- 5,024 Tilehurst Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, November 12th.
- 5,152 Loughborough Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, December 5th.
- 5,088 Newbury Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, December 15th.
- 5,088 Spiced Plain, Double, Hereward and Double Oxford Bob Major, by the Norwich Diocesan Association, December 11th.

**HANDBELLS.**

5,040 Spiced Original, Reverse, Double, Gainsborough Little and Plain Bob Major, by the Lincoln Guild, April 6th.  
 Three of the peals of Spiced Surprise Major, being the first peals in their respective combination of methods, are noted above under New Methods. Apart from these, the only Spiced Surprise Major peals rung in other than the four methods London, Cambridge, Bristol and Superlative were as follows: Lincoln Guild and Worcester and Districts Association each one in the following six methods: London, Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative, Rutland and Pudsey. The last-named association also records two peals in five methods, namely: London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Lincolnshire. Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, one in two methods, namely: Cambridge and Superlative.

**GENERAL.**

Noteworthy performances of the year were a peal of Minor in 84 methods by the Chester Diocesan Guild, and two peals of Minor on handbells—1 in 14 methods and 1 in 19 methods by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.  
 The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1937:—

	1938	1939		1938	1939
January	... 165	116	July	... 138	118
February	... 189	137	August	... 164	148
March	... 140	110	September	... 162	150
April	... 188	144	October	... 166	181
May	... 158	315	November	... 173	162
June	... 158	134	December	... 234	187

**FOOTNOTES.**

The number of ringers who have scored their first peal is 552—three less than in 1937. On eight bells and over, 67 rang the treble, 109 inside and 34 the tenor; on 5 and 6 bells 121 rang the treble, 156 inside and 58 the tenor. The number who rang their first peal in a different method or method on a different number of bells is 1,324, an increase of 84. Ringers of their first peal inside number 62; away from the tenor 13; Maximus 31; Cinques 8; Royal 41; Caters 9; Major 78; Triples 36; Minor 102; Doubles 64; on twelve bells 46; ten 46; eight 72; six 10; five 7; Surprise 24; in hand 18; in method in hand 19. New conductors number 67, a decrease of 5; conductors in new methods number 127.

Other footnotes show that 57 were the first on the bells; 195 the first in the method on the bells and 20 the first since restoration or augmentation. Five peals were rung for royal birthdays; 31 for church festivals and dedications; 69 for weddings (including silver and golden); welcome and farewell 61; muffled and half-muffled 63; Empire Day 3; thanksgiving for peace 8; Armistice Day 8.

We give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 72,643:—

1881	... ..	156	1921	... ..	1,632
1898	... ..	1,002	1932	... ..	2,199
1905	... ..	1,519	1934	... ..	1,784
1913	... ..	2,359	1935	... ..	1,863
1917 (war year)	... ..	130	1937	... ..	1,902
1919	... ..	1,048	1938	... ..	2,035

(Signed) G. L. GROVER.  
 GEORGE R. PYE.  
 CHARLES DEAN.  
 WALTER AYRE.  
 EDITH K. FLETCHER.

**'RINGING UP.'**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—May I thank your two correspondents for their letters, but express my regret that, in view of the importance of this subject, no more letters were forthcoming?  
 Possibly a sense of modesty prevails, or can it be that our band is not, after all, so very different from the majority? 'YOKEL'

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The prayers of all ringers are earnestly desired for the recovery of Mrs. Paul Field, of Ridouts, Stoke Wake, Blandford, who is seriously ill.

The suggestion that the College Youths and the Cumberlands should hold a joint meeting is to be adopted. Last week the College Youths, at their meeting, decided to accept the invitation, and the probability is the gathering will be held at Croydon, where there is within easy reach a peal of twelve and two rings of ten.

There has been some rearrangement of the times that bells will be available in connection with the Herts Association's annual meeting at Hertford. Owing to weddings, Bengoe bells will not be available until 3.30 p.m., but Hatfield bells can be used from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in addition to the other times advertised.

In connection with the invitation to tea extended to members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association by Mr. C. Heber Percy, of Cowley Manor, when they meet at Cowley on April 15th, it is interesting to recall that Henry Bret, Lord of the Manor of Cowley, was Master of the College Youths in 1701.

One of the sequels to the handbell ringing done by members of St. Mary's Cathedral Society at the Empire Exhibition at Glasgow last year was a request of the loan of a set of handbells for a Scout 'Gang Show,' which later ran for a week at Glasgow Theatre Royal. After some tuition they turned out 'The Musical Morgans,' who gave a very creditable exhibition of tune ringing, although they had never previously seen handbells.

## GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VISITS BELFRY. INSPECTS VICTORIA CATHEDRAL BELLS.

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and Mrs. Hamber visited Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, on March 10th, for the purpose of inspecting the bells. They were welcomed at the Cathedral steps by the Rt. Rev. H. E. Sexton, Bishop of Columbia, and the Very Rev. S. H. Elliot, Dean of the Cathedral.

The bells were rung to welcome the visitors and were ringing as they arrived at the Cathedral and as they climbed the spiral staircase to the ringing chamber. As the Lieutenant Governor entered the ringing chamber the ringers 'fired' the bells in his honour, and then set them.

After being introduced to the ringers and having the method of change ringing explained to him, His Honour climbed up into the belfry and inspected the bells. He expressed particular interest in the tenor and 7th bells, which were named by gracious permission of Her Majesty Queen Mary. The tenor is named 'King George V.' and inscribed:—

'God save the King,'

Christ Heaven's King he pleased with this ring.

The 7th bell is named 'Queen Mary':—

God bless Queen Mary,  
I hail the Festal Day.

While His Honour was in the belfry, a short touch of 42 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung so that he might see the movement of the bells, and on his return to the ringing chamber the ringers rang a touch of 350 changes. His Honour was then conducted round the Cathedral by Bishop Sexton and Dean Elliot, when he inspected the chancel rails, which are of special interest, being a gift from Westminster Abbey, and are those in front of which their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth knelt during their marriage service.

Those taking part in the ringing were E. W. Izard, Miss Margaret Izard, A. C. Melhuish, R. Lane, W. Sampson, A. King, A. Lomas, T. Guest, J. Hutchings, E. J. Merrett and D. Boniface.

On Tuesday, February 28th, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by E. W. Izard, Margaret Izard, A. C. Melhuish, R. Lane, W. Sampson, A. King, A. C. Lomas and J. Hutchings. This was the first quarter-peal by Miss Izard, R. Lane and J. Hutchings.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD'S LOSS.

### BRANCH PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

The Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild have sustained a great loss by the death of their president, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, Rural Dean and Vicar of Finedon, who died very suddenly on Tuesday, March 28th.

For the past four years the deceased gentleman had been president and attended most of the branch meetings, making them bright and cheery by the most efficient way he had of presiding.

The bells were chimed before the funeral service, held in Finedon Parish Church, and again as the large procession made its way to the cemetery.

About 50 clergy took their places among the mourners.

Mr. R. G. Black, general secretary, and Mr. A. Bigley, branch secretary, were present to represent the Guild, and several ringers from Irthlingborough, Mr. D. Deighton, Rushden, and Mr. C. Payne, of Irchester, together with the local ringers, were also present. A wreath in the shape of a bell, from the branch, and one from the local band were among the great number of floral tributes. The branch wreath was inscribed: 'With deep sympathy and great respect to our esteemed president. His valued work among us and his kindly way will be remembered by all.'

Finedon and Irchester bells were rung, half-muffled, later in the evening, as a last mark of respect.



**LEADING CONDUCTORS—65.**

**WILLIAM H. HEWETT.**

One of the best known and most versatile of London ringers is Mr. William H. Hewett, who has been towerkeeper at St. Margaret's, Westminster, since 1916 and has rung at that famous church, which stands in the shadow of Westminster Abbey, for over 800 weddings, two coronations, every opening of Parliament during the time he has been attached to the tower, the election and re-election of every Speaker of the House of Commons and many other State occasions. In addition he has helped to make gramophone records of St. Margaret's bells, some of pure change ringing and some with choir and organ; he conducted the last item on the programme of the old British Broadcasting Company and the first of the new British Broadcasting Corporation, when he called a touch of Stedman Triples with the bells muffled on old year's night at Bishopsgate, and then, after Big Ben had struck the hour, another touch with the bells open. He rang at Westminster Abbey on Armistice Day, 1918, the last time the old six bells were rung, and was among those instrumental in the renovation of the Abbey bells, for, after this occasion, his advice was sought by Sir Edward Knapp-Fisher and finally the bells were re-hung and made into a peal of eight. That record alone makes Mr. Hewett's ringing career one of more than ordinary interest. Beyond this, also, he must be given the credit of being the first to suggest the holding of joint meetings between associations.



**MR. WILLIAM H. HEWETT.**

Mr. Hewett was born at Camberwell on June 4th, 1886, and was taught to ring a bell at St. George's Church, Camberwell, in 1901. He remained a 'stoney' ringer at St. George's and St. Giles', Camberwell, and St. Peter's, Walworth, until 1906, when, a hand having met one short, he rang the tenor at St. George's to a peal of Stedman Triples with William Pye. His interest kindled, he lost no time taking up change ringing, and in the following year, so apt a pupil was he, that he rang ten peals, which included Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Superlative, and became a member at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and St. John's, Waterloo Road.

He did not, however, ring his first peal as conductor until 1920, when he called a peal of Double Norwich Major at Beeding, Sussex. He has now rung 465 peals (39 on handbells) and conducted 91. These include the 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-Jew, Cheapside, and the 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal record at Walthamstow. An unusually large proportion of Mr. Hewett's peals have been rung on ten and twelve bells. There have been 80 on twelve bells, including 35 of Surprise Maximus (Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire), and 155 on ten bells, including 70 of Surprise Royal (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Middlesex, London and Pudsey). He has taken part in five 'William' peals, and rang in the only peal (Doubles) on the pre-Reformation ring at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, for the 800th anniversary of St. Barts.

Among the interesting peals which Mr. Hewett has conducted have been the only peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal, the first peal of Double Norwich Royal in London rung with the bells in the tittums position; Cambridge Royal on, at the time, the heaviest and lightest rings on which it had been rung, Southwark Cathedral and Cudham, Kent. He called the first peal of Yorkshire Royal in the South of England, at Beddington, in 1928, and the only peal of Cambridge Royal rung at All Hallows', Lombard Street. Indeed, Mr. Hewett's record includes the first peals of Cambridge Royal in many churches in and around London. He conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch rung by six Cumberlands and six College Youths, and he also called the first peals of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus for the Surrey Association.

**A FIRST 720 OF LONDON MINOR.**

On Friday, March 24th, at St. Mary's Church, Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, 720 London Surprise Minor was rung by A. Walpole 1, B. Barber 2, R. Warman 3, S. Penn 4, G. Walpole (conductor) 5, E. Long 6. This is believed to be the first extent in the method on the bells, and is first extent by all the band, who are all local ringers.

**SILENT BELLS IN HOLY WEEK.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In his letter published in your issue of March 24th, Mr. Box controverts a previous statement of mine by asserting that the suppression of ringing throughout Holy Week is neither 'modern' nor 'Anglican.' As a matter of historical fact, there is strong reason to believe that his statement is incorrect, and that on two grounds. First, the pre-Reformation rubrics, to the best of my knowledge, gave no direction to that effect, but only as regards Thursday and Friday. Secondly, in other countries, where mediæval usages have continued without a break, one still hears bells rung up to Wednesday in Holy Week. I have in mind such strongholds of ancient Catholicism as Seville and Malaga. The custom of silencing bells—except for chiming—during five days appears to have been introduced in England alone—and first in the Established Church—during the 19th century.

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

**A WEEK APART.**

Dear Sir,—Mr. Scott seems to forget that Holy Week is the most sacred of all weeks in the year, and surely ringers can forego their ringing for a week. I quite agree that bells are to call the people to worship, but not in this one week in the year. This is kept apart from all others. There are some churches that do not allow ringing in Lent, mostly in the Roman Catholic churches. And, may I add, I think ringers do their bit all through the year without wanting to ring in Holy Week.

FRANK HOPGOOD.

Wimbledon.

**DEATH OF MR. A. B. BENNETT.**

**FORMERLY SUSSEX ASSOCIATION SECRETARY.**

A former hon. secretary of the Sussex County Association, Mr. A. B. Bennett, died in London on March 30th, at the age of 75 years.

Born at Felpham, near Bognor, Mr. Bennett was later in business as a miller at Midhurst, where he learned to ring in 1889. He rang his first peal at Hursley, Hants, on Boxing Day, 1890, and afterwards scored about 50 more, mostly of Minor, of which he was a proficient conductor, in the towers on the Sussex and Hampshire border.

He was hon. secretary of the Sussex Association from 1900 to 1907, and from 1903 to 1905 represented the association on the Central Council. In 1907 he retired from business and went to reside in London, where he joined St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, of which he later became treasurer, and had remained a member ever since.

Mr. Bennett was a bachelor, and had made his home for many years in a Kensington hotel.

The funeral service took place at St. Mary Abbot's on Monday morning.

**LONGEST LENGTH AT GREAT BEDWYN, WILTS.**

**BROKEN CLAPPER ENDS PEAL ATTEMPT.**

On Saturday, April 1st, during an attempt for a peal of Minor at Great Bedwyn, Wilts, three 720's were rung, viz., Double Court, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob. In the fourth 720 (Cambridge) the clapper of the 5th broke, with a noise like a small bomb! The ringers were Comdr. Poyntz, R.N. 1, W. Hunt 2, Miss M. R. Cross 3, R. Gordon Cross (conductor) 4, Rev. C. E. Wigg 5, A. P. Cannon 6. The tenor is 26 cwt. in D, and the time for the three 720's was 1 hour 30 minutes.

This is the longest length on the bells, the 'go' of which is considered rather bad, but there seems little hope of getting them re-hung. The bells are a fine-toned peal, but the noise in the ringing chamber is excessive. The bells are so close overhead that the sallies go round the wheel at backstroke. There are no windows in the belfry, so artificial lighting has to be employed during the day time.

Another attempt is to be made at a later date, when, providing no clappers or ropes break, the band are confident they can score the first peal on the bells.

**THE LATE MR. ARTHUR KNIGHTS' COMPOSITIONS.**

Dear Sir,—One of the last wishes of the late Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, was that we should book up all his peal 'compositions' which are rung for the first time, as he had done. Will conductors please include the number of the peal they call in their report to 'The Ringing World,' or, if they care to, correspond with us so that Mr. Knights' wishes may be carried out?

B. A. KNIGHTS.

A. P. KNIGHTS.

21, Northcote Road, Preston, Lancs.

**RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.**

At St. Giles' Church, Desborough, on Friday, March 31st, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung as a token of respect to Mr. Arthur Manning, of Desborough, who died suddenly on the previous day. He had been a regular ringer and the tower keeper for many years: A. Idle 1, S. Burditt 2, R. Idle 3, R. Law 4, D. Yeomans 5, F. Kilborn 6, L. Brown 7, L. Kilborn (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Kent Major by all.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

### Presentation to the Hon. Secretary.

The golden jubilee of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was celebrated on March 25th. The inauguration meeting was held on March 24th, 1889, within sixty yards of Leeds Parish Church, where, with a visit to the tower, the jubilee celebrations commenced. The day's proceedings were not only very enjoyable, but marked with much enthusiasm.

Ringling took place from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. in a variety of methods from Major to Cinques. Service was then held, to which all ringers were invited. The lessons were read by the president (the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews). A special anthem, composed from the Gloucester Cathedral Bell Chimes by Mr. Lee Williams and set to the words, 'O God, our help in ages past,' was finely rendered by the choir.

Before the Vicar (Canon Askwith) began the sermon, he gave a hearty welcome to the society and congratulations upon attaining the golden jubilee. He also wondered how many of the original members were still alive, and how many were still able to ring. He himself was not a ringer, he said. He was not sure why, but he thought it was either the weakness of his mathematics or the weakness of his arm or back which made him give up the art. The text of the sermon was taken from I. Corinthians xii. 28. While reading through the verse he came to the word 'helps,' and he thought that this exactly fitted the bellringers, who by their regular meetings made themselves efficient helps in forming a band of workers who were not often seen, but were contributing a valuable and important work to God and His Kingdom.

### HOT-POT SUPPER.

The next part of the programme was a 'hot-pot' supper and entertainment, held in Sherwin's Restaurant, which was enjoyed by 111 members, their wives and friends.

The President afterwards gave the loyal toast, and apologies for absence were then announced from the Vicars of Bramley (who attended the service), Burley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Hunslet, Holbeck and East Ardsley, also from the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' the president of the Barnsley Association and Mr. C. E. Lawson.

The toast to 'The Clergy' was ably given by Mr. J. F. Harvey.—The Vicar of Leeds replied in a humorous vein, and after this second hearing in a short time in entirely different atmospheres, one must appreciate what an acquisition Canon Askwith is, as head of the Church in Leeds.

Mr. P. J. Johnson gave the chief toast of the evening, 'The Continued Prosperity of the Leeds and District Society.' He said he had during his ringing career rung with every secretary of the society from the first to the present holder of that office. He spoke of the time when ringing contests were advertised as open to all England, and said that in one such contest held at St. Chad's, Headingley, the ringing continued through the night and finished on Sunday morning. Continuing, he said he thought the Leeds Society were the pioneers of monthly practice meetings. Referring to the primary object of bellringing, he said the societies were made for helping service ringers to be more efficient, and he did not like to see the number of people, who were unattached to any tower, going round the country ringing peals and not doing any service ringing. He hoped the day was far distant when chimes were heard from towers instead of change ringing, but he would stress the point that learners should be thoroughly taught before being allowed to ring and often spoil peals and in some cases make themselves a public nuisance. As an ex-president of nearer 30 than 20 years ago, he would remind the younger ringers that they were having passed on to them 50 years of work, and he was pleased to say he could look round with confidence on the people who were to hold office in the future (applause). He coupled with the toast the name of the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews.

Mr. Andrews, in thanking Mr. Johnson, said the reply would be given by the secretary, but before that was done he would call on Mr. Charles Pratt, of Calverley, who is the earliest ex-officer living (having been vice-president in 1892 and 1894, president in 1895, also secretary in 1902) to make a presentation to the secretary and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. Lofthouse).

### SECRETARY'S GOOD WORK.

Mr. Pratt, with well-chosen words and a delivery of speech which is envied by much younger men, spoke of the secretaries he had known and the amount of work put in by them, and said he was pleased that the committee had thought fit to mark the golden jubilee by a presentation to Mr. Lofthouse. Having known him for a number of years, he was able to testify to the good work put in and duty

well done, and in the name of the Leeds Society he had great pleasure in presenting to Mrs. Lofthouse a cut-glass vase, and to Mr. Lofthouse a gold watch suitably inscribed.

The gifts were handed to the recipients amid applause, and Mrs. Lofthouse thanked the members for their kindness.

Mr. Lofthouse said his first words must be to say 'Thank you' for the generous gifts they had received. Ever since the first whisper that this presentation was to be made he wondered what he had done to deserve it. He, as secretary, had not built up the society on his own, because the members made or broke a society. He felt very much like a navigator who, having set a course, was dependent on other people for carrying out the work. He also felt that he could not let an occasion like that pass without acknowledging with grateful thanks the support and advice he had received from Mr. Strangeway, Mr. W. H. Senior, Mr. L. Drake and, earlier on, Mr. J. W. Baxendale and Mr. C. E. Lawson, for with such people constantly attending, the running of a society was easy.

Replying to the toast, Mr. Lofthouse gave a list of officials who had kept the flag flying during the past 50 years and also a few details of interest, comparing the present gathering of 111 with the dinner held in 1894, when the attendance of 29 was described as anything but satisfactory. Pudsey had been making the society welcome with their wonderful hospitality since January, 1902, and the members were deeply grateful for this continued kindness. At the society's 21st annual meeting, the secretary had reported that some meetings were not a success owing to the pleasure-seeking fever of the members. 'I wonder,' said Mr. Lofthouse, 'what his report would have been to-day, when we do not see some members from one year's end to the other. I give a kindly welcome to those whose attendances are rare and invite them to come more often to the meetings' (applause).

Mr. Andrews, interposing, said, in spite of what the secretary had said he had not done, the members knew that the flourishing state of the society was due to his efforts (applause).

### A CHURCHWARDEN'S RECORD.

The toast to 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. W. Barton, who, as an ex-secretary, welcomed the visitors and said it was difficult indeed to name all, because some, who might be described as visitors, were really members of their society. The names of a few who needed no introduction were Canon Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association), Miss Bowling (vice-president of the Ladies' Guild) and Mrs. Cotterill, Mr. Dan Smith (secretary of the Barnsley Association), Mr. F. Hodgson (secretary of the Halifax and District Society), Mr. Mr. W. A. Wooler (Sheffield District Society), Mr. Davenport, who lived so near the boundary that one wondered whether to call him Yorkshire or Lancashire, also the Revs. A. L. Minn and T. H. Mathieson (the two vice-presidents of the Huddersfield Society). Mr. Minn was a ringer, but Mr. Mathieson had not yet reached that higher plane which comprised the ringing-clergy. Another notable visitor was Mr. H. Bacon-Smith, churchwarden of Leeds Parish Church. Mr. Barton said he was sorry the Vicar of Leeds had had to leave early, because he desired him to know that they were grateful for the manner in which the Parish Church authorities had always met the society whenever they wished to ring or hold a meeting there. Passing on to two very old friends, Mr. Pratt Cordingley and Mr. Tom Maude (who were unable to be present owing to indisposition), Mr. Barton said these two had been supporters of the society over a large number of years, and even now, though not able to visit them, were still interested in their welfare.

Mr. Bacon-Smith, in acknowledging the toast, said that although he was not a ringer, he was interested in bells and bellringing, and he thought he could claim a record that not many ringers could, and that was that he had been up every cathedral tower in England, Scotland and Wales. In conclusion, he said that he hoped the younger ringers would see to it that change ringing never ceased to be practised.

The toast to 'The Yorkshire Association' was proposed by the president (the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews), and acknowledged by Canon Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association).

During the evening artistes who provided entertainment included tenor and baritone vocalists, conjuror, ventriloquist, comedian, lighting artist and piano-accompanist.

### NOTICE.

RINGING VISITORS TO BOURNEMOUTH will be welcomed at St. Peter's Tower. — Sunday ringing takes place at 9.30 a.m., 10.50 a.m. (approximate) and at 5.45 p.m. Practice night is Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.—Arthur V. Davis.

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**PEAL NOTES.**

**BROTHERS' ONE HUNDREDTH PEAL TOGETHER.**

The brothers William and James Fernley, of Norbury, Cheshire, rang their 100th peal together on March 25th, when they took part in a peal of London Surprise Major at Hyde. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Wilde.

The Chester Diocesan Guild thus had an even better day for peals on Saturday, March 25th, than our reports last week indicated, for in addition to the four peals recorded, this peal of London also goes to the Guild's credit.

A handbell peal of Grandsire Doubles at Mere, Wilts, on March 27th, was the first peal rung 'in hand' for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for 25 years. In this peal two ringers rang their first peal on handbells, and a lady, Mrs. E. Coward, rang her first peal.

A composition of Stedman Caters (No. 26) by the late Mr. Arthur Knights was rung for the first time on March 25th at Manchester Cathedral. It contains the 6th its extent in 5th's place in the tittums and inverted tittums positions. It was Mr. John Booth's 150th peal and was a birthday compliment to Mrs. N. Heaps, wife of the conductor.

Mr. Thomas E. Sone conducted another of the late Mr. Arthur Knights' compositions of Treble Bob (No. 379) on Saturday at Wrotham, Kent. It was rung for the first time and was the 150th different composition which Mr. Sone has called. Mr. W. A. Oldfield rang his 25th peal.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer's birthday on March 27th was celebrated with a peal of Minor in four methods rung at Burgh, Suffolk.

On the preceding day there had been a joint celebration at Haske-ton, when Miss Bowyer called a peal of Minor in four methods, specially arranged as a birthday honour for Miss Hilda Snowden, Mr. Lewis Last and herself. The three birthdays fall on successive days, March 25th, 26th and 27th.

A handbell peal of Bob Major at Rotherham on March 28th was Mr. Harold Chant's 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. Fred Brinklow, one of the Hertfordshire band who have made so much handbell peal history in recent years, rang his 300th peal on Friday, when he called a peal of Bristol Surprise 'in hand' at Bushey. It was a birthday compliment to his wife.

Mr. Brinklow has now called a peal in each of the four most popular Surprise methods—London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol—both on tower and handbells. Certainly a notable performance. Incidentally this peal was also the 150th which Mr. Chris. Woolley had rung on handbells.

**ALL FOOLS' DAY.**

The first peal of Napsbury Surprise Major was rung on Saturday, also at Bushey. But—The footnote says it was to celebrate All Fools' Day! We cannot find 'All Fools' in the Church calendar. And Napsbury is not on our map, neither can we find it in that comprehensive gazetteer, the Post Office Guide. However, perhaps that doesn't matter; there is no penalty attached to using a name not printed in our reference books. But, maybe, the joke is in the footnote and not in the peal. We hope so, for the sake of our reputation.

Two lads of 14 rang the treble and tenor at Meopham, Kent, to a peal of Grandsire Doubles on Saturday, and are to be congratulated upon the way they acquitted themselves, for the go of the bells leaves a lot to be desired, and, we are told, the band had to do some 'bell hanging' before they started to ring.

These two young ringers scored their first peal, the trebleman at the first attempt, the tenorman at his second, the latter having previously lost a peal on the tenor at Northfleet, through no fault of his own, after ringing for two and a quarter hours.

The peal was arranged for Mr. George Turner, who, at 45 years of age, has only just taken up ringing, and was able to ring his first peal. The other five ringers belong to Northfleet.

Two ringers reached their first peal century on Saturday. Mr. H. J. Mansfield rang his 100th peal when he took part in the quickest peal of Major (2 hours 55 minutes) yet rung at Prittlewell, Essex; and Mr. A. S. Richards scored his 100th with a peal of Double Norwich at Ospringe, Kent.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Milton Regis, Kent, on March 29th, was a birthday compliment to Walter H. Dobbie. Five of the six ringers who made up the band rang their first peal of Cambridge Minor.

The first peal on the bells at Harpford, Devon, rung about three years ago, was rung on March 27th. It was an event of some importance in the parish, and two of the local ringers (Messrs. T. Holland and L. Baker) took part and scored their first peal. The Vicar (the Rev. Greenslade) and several parishioners looked in to watch the progress of the ringing and afterwards to congratulate the ringers. Later the Vicar kindly provided refreshments and said how pleased he was that some of his own ringers had taken part. Three of the other ringers belong to East Budleigh, and the conductor (Mr. C. R. Lilley) to Highweek.

Last Friday, by ringing his first peal of Superlative Surprise as conductor, Derek Sharp reached his 50th peal at Crayford, Kent. He has rung them in the short space of two and a half years. You can't hold the lads in these days. A generation ago 50 peals in one tower in a lifetime would have been considered good going.

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**SPLICED MINOR.**

**USE OF 'OPPOSITE' GROUPS.**

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—I have perused with interest the new edition of the Central Council's 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' and would like to congratulate the compilers on their excellent work, particularly in regard to the space allocated to 'spliced' compositions.

Nevertheless, I have been unable to find in the latter any allusion to the infusion, into one true and complete 720, members of the opposite groups, the so-called Oxford group, viz., Capel, Kingston, London Scholars and Sandal, and the opposite group, Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay.

Two or three years ago (when I spent more time on such matters) I compiled two 720's practically on the same plan, except one had 2nd's and the other 6th's at the lead end (or head) containing these eight methods together with one or two more.

As I think they may be of use to the Exercise, I am forwarding them to you for publication. I may add that I hope to gather together a team to ring them (and many others) before long.

**HAROLD CHANT.**

23456	Capel T.B. 26	23456	Oakley T.B. 25
56342	Pevensey 3 D. 33	64523	Conisborough 3 D. 24
42635	Skipton 3 D. 30	—	23564
35264	Woodcocks V. T.B. 11	45623	Knutsford 3 D. 31
—	64235	36245	Dunedin 3 D. 34
—	35426	—	45236
—	26435	62345	Brit. Scholars P. T.B. 12
—	35642	—	45362
—	42563	23645	Knutsford
—	63542	56423	Duke of Norfolk T.B. 3
42356	Pevensey	34256	Dunedin
56234	Woodcocks V.	62534	Conisborough
34625	Chepstow	—	34562
—	25463	25634	Rostherne 3 D. 29
—	63425	46325	British S.P.
—	25346	—	25346
—	46325	63425	Norbury T.B. 19
—	25634	—	25463
—	34562	34625	Rostherne
—	62534	56234	Dunedin
34256	Woodcocks V.	42356	British S.P.
56423	London Scholars T.B. 7	63542	Conisborough
23645	Balmoral	—	42563
45362	Pevensey	35642	Wilmslow 3 D. 39
—	62345	26435	Duke of Norfolk
—	45236	—	35426
—	36245	64235	College Exercise T.B. 8
—	45623	—	35264
—	23564	42635	Bogedone 3 D. 40
—	64523	56342	British S.P.
23456		23456	

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

At St. Nicholas, Brighton, on Sunday, March 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: \*Miss M. Butcher 1, W. Franks 2, B. Saunders 3, J. Whitehead 4, G. Ades 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6, H. Stalham 7, \*G. Gilbert 8. \*First attempt for a quarter-peal.

On Sunday, March 26th, for evening service at St. Giles', Camberwell, London, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: B. Wayman 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, B. R. Harris 3, R. A. Johnson (first quarter-peal) 4, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 5, H. G. Andrews (first quarter-peal on ten bells) 6, E. J. King 7, J. Gransbury 8, T. W. Taffender 9, H. H. Peters 10.

On Sunday, April 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Lydney, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Charles 1, C. Thomas 2, N. Rees 3, C. Goulding 4, W. H. Harris (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. W. Davis 6, Inspector Carter 7, James Hill 8.

**PEAL NOTES.**

(Continued from previous column.)

Then, having called his first peal of Superlative on Friday, he rang his first of Bob Triples as conductor on Saturday! That was at Shoreham, Kent, and everybody in the peal got a 'decoration' of some kind.

A band was to have met at Privett, Hants, on Saturday, for a peal in six Spliced Surprise methods, but the conductor had to disappoint them on account of a 'groggy' wrist. So, filling up the company with another enthusiast, who was able to ring his first Surprise peal 'inside,' they rang a peal of Cambridge. Not altogether inappropriate, after what had happened on the Thames earlier in the day.

The first peal of St. Clement's Bob Triples rung for the Sussex Association was accomplished on Saturday at All Saints', Hastings. It was the first peal in the method by all the band, and Mr. W. Wenban, of Staplehurst, had never struck a blow in the method before. There were two other-visitors in the peal, Messrs. W. Gorrington and J. G. Powell, of Hawkhurst.

## NOTICES.

**BRONLLYS, TALGARTH, BRECONS.**—Reopening of the bells on Saturday, April 8th, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. Notification to the Vicar for tea, which will be supplied at a nominal charge. The five bells restored and a new treble added to make six by John Taylor and Co.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLANDS.**—Ringing arrangements for Easter Sunday: St. Leonard's, Shore-ditch, morning 10 o'clock; St. Martin-in-the-Fields at 5 p.m. Visitors will be welcomed.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The 59th annual general meeting will be held at Erith on Easter Monday, April 10th. Committee meeting in St. John's Hall at 11.15 a.m. Service in the Church of St. John the Baptist at noon. Address by the Vicar of Erith (Rev. R. W. Thornhill, M.A.). Luncheon in St. John's Hall at 1 p.m. (free to practising members, 2s. 6d. others). His Worship the Mayor of Erith (Rev. J. W. Wilkinson) will preside. Business meeting follows for the election of officers and Central Council representatives (4). A new rule to be submitted.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The following towers will be open for ringing on the occasion of the annual general meeting at Erith on Easter Monday: Bexley (8), 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.; Crayford (8), 10 to 11.15 a.m.; Dartford (8), 10 to 11.15 a.m.; Erith (St. John's) (8), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Erith (Christ Church) (8), 10 to 11.45 a.m.; Sidcup (6), 10 to 11.15 a.m. These towers will also be open after the meeting for further ringing.—F. M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, at Burton-on-Trent. Bells open: St. Paul's (10) from 10 a.m.; Rolleston-on-Dove (8), 11.30 to 12.30, 1.30 to 3.30; Winshill (6), 11 to 12 a.m., 1.30 to 4 p.m. Subject to weddings and funerals. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 prompt, followed by general meeting in St. Paul's Institute.—Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 10.30. St. Peter's from noon. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 4.30, to be followed by the annual meeting. The hon. secretary will not be up for re-election, so it is hoped as many members will be present to take part in the meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Easter Monday, April 10th. Bells available: St. Mary's, Ewell, 11 a.m. to 12.30; St. Martin's, Epsom, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Christ Church, Epsom, 3.30 to 4.55, and again in the evening. Service at Christ Church 5 p.m., followed by tea at Christ Church Hall at 1s. per head. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 10th. General business meet-

ing in the College Hall at 2.45 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Special preacher: The Rev. J. R. Bamber, Vicar of Wollaston. Tea 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1-2 p.m.; All Saints (10), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), and St. Nicholas (6). St. Swithun (6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. only). Central Committee meeting in St. Albans at 11.30 a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Albans' Church Room, Fish Street, between 12 noon and 1 p.m. Members are particularly asked to note that St. Helen's Church House will not be available as in previous years.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Hon. Sec., Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will take place at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 10th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles, St. Michael at Coslany and All Saints available from 10.30 a.m. Service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m. Address by the Rev. E. William Blyth, Rector of Northrepps. Luncheon (2s. 6d.) at The Castle Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Kindly notify attendance at luncheon.—F. Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at HERTFORD, on EASTER MONDAY. Ringing 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. at All Saints (10 bells) and St. Andrew's (8). Bengoe (8) from 3.30 p.m. Hertingbury (5) 1.30 to 3 p.m. Service in St. Andrew's Church 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Nicholas Hall, St. Andrew's, 5 p.m., price 2s., followed by business meeting. Ringing at the three Hertford churches up to 9 p.m.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 10th. Service at St. Mary-the-Great, 3.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea at King's Parade Cafe. Bells available: St. Mary's (12), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 3.30, and in the evening; St. Benet's (6), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 3.30 p.m., and at 7 p.m.; Roman Catholic (8), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Old Chesterton (6), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ringing at Trumpington on application to me.—Kitty Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Stroud, Glos, on Easter Monday, April 10th. Arrangements: Stroud bells (10) available from 1 p.m. Service 2.30 p.m. Meeting in Church Institute 3.15 p.m. Tea at Premier Cafe, King Street (1s. per person), 5.15 p.m. (approximately). Painswick bells (12) available from 6.45 p.m., Stonehouse bells (6) 6.30 p.m. Half-hourly service of buses from Stonehouse to Stroud.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2.

**EASTER MONDAY.**—'HOSS' SHOW and FAIR at Woodbridge, Suffolk. Ringing all day from 10 a.m. (8 bells, 25 cwt.). Everybody welcome.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ripley on Easter Monday, April 10th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 at the Co-operative Cafe, followed by annual meeting.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — Practices for April: \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 11th; St. Magnus, 13th and 27th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 18th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 20th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 25th. All at 7.30 p.m., except St. Andrew's, 8 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — A. B. Peck, Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Finchampstead, Berks (6 bells) on Wednesday, April 12th, 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A combined meeting will be held at Rotherfield (8 bells) on Saturday, April 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lewry, Rosemary, Old Lane, Crowborough, not later than Wednesday, April 12th. All welcome.—O. Sippetts and B. Saunders, Hon. Secs.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at North Rauceby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (5) open from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Tea will be provided free of charge by the Vicar to all who notify him at The Vicarage, Rauceby, near Sleaford, by Thursday previous.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Ipswich on April 15th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. and service 4.30, both at St. Mary-le-Tower. Address by Rev. Basil Eden, of Bredfield. Tea at 5.15 in Co-operative Hall, followed by meeting. The following bells will be available for ringing: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6), Sproughton (6), Bramford (6), St. Lawrence (5).—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church (R.C.), Chorley (8 bells), on Saturday, April 15th. Tower open for ringing 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Tackley on Saturday, April 15th next. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. All those requiring tea please inform me on Wednesday, April 12th, first post.—W. Evetts, Sec., Hampton, Tackley, Oxford.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Monday, April 10th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathampton on Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Cheltenham Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cowley, near Cheltenham on Saturday, April 15th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.30, by the invitation of C. Heber Percy, Esq., M.F.H., Cowley Manor. Should appreciate a note from those intending being present. — Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, April 15th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by April 11th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, Saturday, April 15th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—Charles R. Raine, Hon. Sec., 21, Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Drayton (8 bells) on Saturday, April 15th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a card on, or before, April 12th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Over, Cambs., on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please drop a card to say you are coming. — F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Swavesey, Cambs.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.**—Chippenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Paul's (8) Saturday, April 15th, at 3 p.m. St. Andrew's (8) also open. Service 4.45. Tea follows. A card for tea will oblige.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Bucks Branch. — Newport Pagnell Deanery. — A meeting at Sherington, Saturday, April 15th. 2.30, ring up. 4.15, service. 4.45, tea. — Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** — Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Brinkworth on Saturday, April 15th. Six bells. Tea by invitation of Bishop of Malmesbury.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 15th, at St. John's, Leytonstone. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting and further ringing till 8.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Lincoln District will take place at Scothern (bells 6) on Saturday, April 15th. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m., at 1s. per head to those who inform Mr. C. V. Cade, Brooklyn, Scothern, Lincs., by Thursday, April 13th.—Kenneth W. Mayer, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thorpe Malsor (bells 6) on Saturday, April 15th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—Next ringing meeting at Sapcote on Saturday, April 15th. Usual times. Send a card to Mr. C. Brown, Sharnford Road, Sapcote, near Leicester, if you want tea. At the last meeting one card only was received by the caterers. Play the game, please.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5), Saturday, April 15th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Baunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dursley on April 15th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45. Evensong 6 p.m.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Staunton on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) open at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. in Schoolroom. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, April 12th. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. For tea please notify S. H. Towell, 27, West Road, Oakham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Mells on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. —J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Newington-next-Folkestone on Saturday, April 15th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

**SOMERLEYTON, NEAR LOWESTOFT.**—The ring of six bells, rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, April 16th, at 3 p.m.

**ST. GILES - IN - THE - WOOD, TORRINGTON, DEVON.**—The ring of six bells, restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton on Wednesday, April 19th, at 7 p.m.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Afternoon Guild. — The next meeting will be held at Sunderland (two towers), on Wednesday, April 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. at St. Michael's. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available at 6 p.m. at St. Ignatius'. All are welcome.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. P. D. Ellis. High tea at the Express Dairy, Wormwood Street, at 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements as follows:—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate (8) from 2.30 to 4.45 and after the meeting; St. Giles', Cripplegate (12) from 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry (8) from about 7.30 to 8.30 (one hour only); St. Olave's, Hart Street (8) from about 7.30 to 9 p.m. Please advise me, not later than Wednesday, April 19th, if you will require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Larkswold 1959.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting has been arranged at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than April 17th. —A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Cannock on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.45, with address by the Rev. J. F. Foster, A.K.C., Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, 18th inst. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Please make this a bumper meeting. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at All Saints', Hollingbourne (6 bells) on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Room. Tea has been arranged for 40 at 6d. per head, but members attending must notify me by Wednesday, April 19th. Frequent buses pass on main London-Folkestone road (10 minutes from village).—R. G. Rayfield, Hon. Dis. Sec., Downsview, Spring Lane, Ightham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Heene (Worthing) on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, price 1s., 5.15., at the Church Rooms. Half rail fares, maximum 1s. 6d., allowed to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Gravesend on Saturday, April 22nd. Fuller particulars next week.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting follows at Yateley Hall by the kind invitation of Miss de Winton Corry. Will all requiring tea please inform me by April 19th without fail?—J. G. Stilwell, Lea Cottage, Yateley, Camberley.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The meeting of the Farnham District, arranged for Hawley on April 22nd, has been postponed owing to repairs to the steeple of the church.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held (p.v.) at Great Doddington (5 bells) on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and usual proceedings. Will all those intending to go, please let me know early?—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Miles-Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock.—J. H. Ridyrd, Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Netherseale on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance to try this handy peal. Splendid tea arrangements will be made for those who notify me by Thursday, April 20th. Visitors cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be at All Saints', Maldon, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. The bells at St. Mary's (6) will be available after tea. Please let me have numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, April 19th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A mid-week meeting will be held at Hartfield (6) on Wednesday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. K. Garwood, 28, Brooklands Way, East Grinstead, Sussex—who is now organiser of the Guild's mid-week meetings—not later than April 24th. All are welcome. The usual monthly will be a joint meeting with the Sussex County Association (Northern Division) at Rotherfield, on Saturday, April 15th.—B. Saunders, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, April 29th. Service at St. Peter's, with address by the Vicar of Brighton, 4.30. Tea at the Pavilion Grill Room 5.15, price 2s. 6d. (1s. to members). Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members. Names for tea by April 24th essential. Notices of motions affecting rules must be received by April 15th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 29th. Full details later.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Secretary.

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