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HANDBELL RINGING.

If the object of peal ringing was merely to ring peals, then anything which made peal ringing easier would undoubtedly be an advantage. But since the object of peal ringing is not merely to ring peals, it may well be that things which make peal ringing easier can defeat the object for which peals are really rung.

If that is a hard saying, we will illustrate the point by an analogy. If the object of mountaineering was merely to get to the summit of a mountain, then the funicular railways which have been erected on several peaks would be a blessing to mountaineers, and they would be inclined to agree with Dean Inge when he says in his clever parody of Bishop Heber's familiar hymn, 'They climbed the steep ascent of heaven, Through peril, toil and pain. But oh! to me may sense be given to follow by the train.' The ultimate object of the mountaineer and of the railway passenger is the same—to arrive at the summit—but their essential objects are poles apart.

For the change ringer in tower-bell ringing the essential thing is the mental journey he takes through the other bells. He has a continuous connected path to follow, and he reacts to his journey much in the same way and spirit as he reacts to a walk through the country. What he values are ease and comfort (sometimes); difficulty and hard work (sometimes); novelty (sometimes); old familiar scenes (sometimes); the things he meets and the people he passes; and at the end the feeling he has done something worth doing. All other things in change ringing are subordinate to this mental journey and are of value only so far as they minister to it.

In the traditional style of handbell ringing this idea of a personal journey is somewhat blurred. Movement in a continuous connected path is still the root idea, but it is rather as if the man were moving two separate things than as if he were himself moving; but since the things moved are represented by his two hands, and therefore by parts of himself, the idea of personal movement is by no means lost.

In Mr. Woodhouse's system of handbell ringing, when it is carried out completely and logically, the idea of personal movement along a connected path entirely disappears, and with it the most characteristic feature of change ringing.

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Correspondents have written to say that there is nothing in the system with which they are not already familiar, and one goes so far as to say he has found it all in the eighteenth century 'Campanalogia.' Perhaps the truth is that they have not yet realised what the system is. Broadly it may be said that the difference between it and the traditional style is the difference between pricking a lead of a method on paper and the drawing of a skeleton course, only instead of it being done visually it is done mentally. About a year ago we published an article on 'The Art of Pricking Changes.' The article was intended for beginners, and was indeed written as a chapter in a projected elementary book on Grandsire. We showed how, once a few simple rules are understood, it is quite easy to prick any method when the positions of the places are known; and they can be known in a couple of minutes or so. Scores of methods can be written out quickly, and those which are reckoned complex and difficult as readily as simple and easy ones. All methods are reduced to one dead level of merit and difficulty. That is the tendency of Mr. Woodhouse's system. The man who used it without any other aid (if such a man there could be) would find London Surprise little more difficult than Bob Major, or (if you like to put it the other way) would find Bob Major little less difficult than London Surprise.

Perhaps it is in thus destroying old standards of value that the revolutionary nature of the new system is most shown. In some ways, no doubt, it is a good thing that London Surprise, once so far above not only the capacity but the ambition of ordinary ringers, should be made generally available; but it is rather sad to think of the old lion with his claws pared and his teeth drawn, turned out to graze among a flock of sheep.

There is a lot more to be said on this subject. We have dealt with one point only, and we have not referred to Mr. Spice's clear explanation because it introduces practical modifications which are absent from Mr. Woodhouse's more elemental system.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHEND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERIC A. DENCH	Treble	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	6
THOMAS J. LOCK... ..	2	†ERIC B. HARTLEY	7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	3	†FRANK B. LUFKIN	8
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	9
JAMES BENNETT... ..	5	*PHILIP A. CORBY	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal, † First in the method.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PHILIP WALKER... ..	Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER	6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD	2	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	7
WILLIAM JUDGE... ..	3	MAJ. J. HOWARD FREEBORN	8
*MARGARET C. COSSAR ...	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	9
RICHARD A. POST	5	EDWIN DREWITT	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. FEARN	1 treble	THOMAS H. REEVES	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
ALBERT WALKER... ..	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ...	Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW ...	Treble	KEITH W. WHITFIELD ...	5
*LESLIE FOSTER	2	ROBERT WHIDING	6
CLAUD WOODARD	3	*SIDNEY W. ARBON	7
HARRY D. LISTER	4	*OLIVER G. BARNARD ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Oxford.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,240 London, 1,664 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 115 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM WENBAN	Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE... ..	5
*JOHN R. MAYNE... ..	2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	6
*PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
FRANCIS (KIRK)	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of four-spliced Surprise.

HELMSHORE, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES JACKSON	Treble	HERBERT HOLDEN	5
THOMAS ISHERWOOD	2	LESLIE L. WILLIAMS	6
JOSEPH WOODS	3	JOHN WISE	7
JAMES CORBRIDGE	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WOOLLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, May 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

CYRIL TABERNER... ..	Treble	HENRY H. FEARN	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ...	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	JOHN S. MASON	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	ALAN R. PINK	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	Treble	*PHILIP A. CORBY	5
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	2	EDWIN A. BARNETT	6
*JAMES BENNETT... ..	3	HARRY HOVERD... ..	7
*FRANK B. LUFKIN	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

DAVID VINCENT Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 6
FRANK L. FISHER... .. 3	PERRY SWINDLEY... .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*MRS. GRACE SAVILL Treble	*JOHN D. A. CLEAVER 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY 6
JOHN E. ROOTES 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 4	HENRY HODGETTS Tenor

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

DAVID VINCENT Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
FRANK L. FISHER... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ERNEST THORLEY Treble	JOHN G. AMES 5
*ARTHUR J. FARR 2	*STANLEY E. BENNETT 6
MISS MARGARET D. TELFORD 3	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON... .. 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... .. Treble	*SAMUEL C. WALKER... .. 5
DENIS A. BAYLES... .. 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6
JOHN A. BROWN 3	CHRIS HETHERINGTON 7
JOHN ANDERSON 4	WILLIAM H. BAFBER Tenor

Conducted by CHRIS HETHERINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	FRANK L. FISHER... .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 6
TOM WILDE 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
ALAN J. BROWN 4	LESLIE G. BRETT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	NORMAN HEAPS 7
EDWIN C. BIRKETT 4	LESLIE G. BRETT... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 24, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD Treble	*HAROLD JACKSON 5
*MISS BESSIE MOSS 2	CYRIL WRIGHT 6
JOSEPH SAXTON 3	ARTHUR B. COOPER 7
*HAROLD KENT 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by J. E. TURLEY.

* First peal in the method.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Treble	HAROLD A. MAY 5
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 24 cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	LESLIE A. TREMEER 6
*WALTER C. ROSE 3	ALBERT DISERENS 7
ARTHUR V. DAVIS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
LESTER L. GRAY... .. 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 6
DAVID VINCENT 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD BUSBY... .. Treble	JOHN A. BROWN 5
W. NORMAN PARK 2	G. GORDON GRAHAM 6
GEORGE F. NEWTON 3	ROLAND PARK 7
*CLIFFORD A. BROWN 4	DENIS A. BAYLES... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.

* First peal.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

FARNBOROUGH, HAMPSHIRE. THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

- * LESLIE S. HALLETT ... Treble | DENISON C. ALLEN ... 4
* G. SIDNEY JOYCE ... 2 | PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE ... 5
CHARLES W. DENYER ... 3 | WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. VIGGERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 18 cwt.

- * LEN BODYCOTE ... Treble | WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4
ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ... 2 | CECIL E. CARR ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3 | WILLIAM R. DRURY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. CARR.

* First peal.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, combined Kent and Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

- * MISS JEAN METHAM ... Treble | ROBERT W. PARKER ... 4
* CYRIL WARD ... 2 | SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 5
HAROLD MARCON ... 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Minor.

WESTONING, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Wells, London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

- * THOMAS P. HARRIS ... Treble | ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 2 | C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... 3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

* First peal.

OADOXTON, NEATH.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 7 1/2 cwt.

- THOMAS SCOTT ... Treble | TREVOR RODERICK ... 4
HARRY BOYCE ... 2 | ARTHUR HOARE ... 5
ERNEST STITCH ... 3 | GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all.

ST. HELENS, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 24, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

- H. GRUNDY ... Treble | J. I. FRASER ... 4
R. LEIGH ... 2 | C. BLACKBURN ... 5
A. COWMAN ... 3 | * A. LYMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by C. BLACKBURN.

* First peal. Rung on the front six of the ten.

BENTLEY, DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

- * DEREK REED ... Treble | * HERBERT COOPER ... 3
FRANK REED ... 2 | * ERNEST J. PADGETT ... 4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Sunday, May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Glanvill 1, B. Pidgeon 2, F. Dimond 3, J. Skinner 4, W. Hayman 5, J. L. Glanvill (conductor) 6, John Deem 7, R. Skinner 8.

SEVENOAKS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Etheridge 1, Miss D. Corke 2, L. Turley 3, P. Turley (conductor) 4, J. Igglesden 5, E. Andrews 6, J. Weller 7, R. Collips 8.

ALVERSTOKE.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. L. Fry 1, F. W. Burnett 2, C. Philpotts 3, S. E. Cook 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Dawson 1, J. H. Crampson 2, E. W. Furbanks 3, T. G. Fox 4, C. A. Hughes 5, A. Prior (conductor) 6, E. D. Smith 7, W. R. Killingback 8.

SPRINGFIELD, CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, Miss A. White 2, E. J. Runter 3, H. W. Shadrack 4, H. Devenish (conductor) 5, R. Thrift 6.

READING.—On Sunday, May 5th, at St. Laurence's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Hart 1, N. Diserens 2, A. D. Cullum 3, T. N. Lanaghan 4, C. H. Pullen 5, A. Disorens 6, E. Humphrey (conductor) 7, E. G. Foster 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, May 5th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Hayward 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss E. George 3, W. J. Perrot 4, P. Gray 5, T. A. Blow 6, H. W. Simmons (conductor) 7, W. Brownett 8.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford, 360 Kent and 180 Bob Minor): Fred Matthews, sen. 1, J. Buckenham 2, Fred Matthews, jun. 3, A. V. Bowen 4, W. Buckenham 5, E. Barker (conductor) 6.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Godwin 1, J. Mustoe 2, J. C. Acock 3, H. R. Acock (conductor) 4, W. Clayton 5, H. Barrett 6, P. Westmacott 7, P. Marsh 8.

MAIDSTONE.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1,119 Stedman Caters: E. Spiller 1, T. Grice 2, G. Cantrill 3, F. Richardson 4, H. Springate 5, L. Head 6, B. F. Baker 7, C. E. J. Norris 8, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 9, H. Smith 10.

MERE, WILTS.—On May 8th, 1,280 Bob Major: E. F. White 1, L. A. C. Moore 2, J. Paul 3, J. Bagley 4, N. G. N. Knee 5, R. H. Newton 6, A. J. Gray 7, E. G. L. Coward (conductor) 8.

ROCHDALE.—On May 8th, 1,800 Bob Minor: D. Pugh 1, Miss M. S. Greenwood 2, J. Taylor 3, J. A. Taylor 4, A. Smith 5, A. Hoyle (conductor) 6.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On Friday, May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Gatter 1, O. Gatter 2, D. Deem 3, J. West 4, H. Hillman 5, E. Piper 6, B. Pidgeon (conductor) 7, R. Gatter 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Murlitt 1, G. C. Goodman 2, Miss M. Pemberton 3, G. Lister 4, H. W. Barrett 5, G. Gilbert 6, N. V. Harding (conductor) 7, Miss J. M. Broomfield 8.

LANFRÉCHFA, MON.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John Challenger 1, Robert Smith (conductor) 2, Miss Linda Davies 3, William J. Powell 4, Miss Marion Stephens 5, David Challenger 6.

WEST COKER, SOM.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. A. Gould 1, Freda M. Poole 2, H. W. Pearce 3, W. H. Poole 4, W. E. Turner (conductor) 5, R. Guppy 6.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, May 12th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. C. C. Warren 1, Miss A. Brown 2, E. J. Brown (conductor) 3, J. Carman 4, T. Harris 5, B. D. Price 6, A. Gale 7, R. C. Seager 8.

KILBURN.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Miss M. Lane 1, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 2, Miss R. M. Davies 3, A. Tozer 4, A. Bone 5, J. W. Wilkins 6.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,290 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. J. Button 1, C. Whiting 2, F. J. Youngman 3, E. S. Bailey 4, J. G. Rumsay 5, E. C. Pizzey 6, L. P. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,264 Bob Major: M. Lawrence 1, J. Walton 2, C. Philpotts 3, S. E. Cook 4, H. A. Nobes 5, W. Tate 6, E. E. Whitmore 7, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 8.

STALYBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crawshaw 1, W. Schofield 2, A. Jackson 3, H. Saxon 4, J. Jackson 5, F. Hodge (conductor) 6, V. Turner 7, A. Brownhill 8.

THAMES DITTON.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss P. G. Kitchen 1, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 2, G. C. Goodman 3, W. H. Seabrook 4, Wilkins Massey 5, H. W. Barrett (conductor) 6.

STOURBRIDGE.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. L. Wright 1, F. W. Gibbs 2, G. C. Cookson 3, J. W. Smith 4, A. Whitmore 5, F. V. Nicholls 6, A. L. Dunn (conductor) 7, R. Lees 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, S. C. Thain 2, F. Garland 3, R. J. Thain (conductor) 4, T. C. Witts 5, R. Sharpe 6.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, May 12th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. C. C. Warren 1, Miss A. Brown 2, E. J. Brown (conductor) 3, J. Carman 4, T. Harris 5, B. Price 6, A. L. Gale 7, R. C. Seager 8.

MONMOUTH.—On Saturday, May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. H. Winney 1, G. Hanks 2, F. E. J. Reynolds 3, F. H. Foster 4, S. Goodwin 5, J. J. Webb (conductor) 6, L. H. Jones 7, T. Castree 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. D. Smith 1, E. W. Furbank 2, A. W. Brighton 3, A. Prior 4, R. W. Stannard 5, C. E. Willmington 6, G. Dawson 7, F. W. Housden (conductor) 8.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. H. Aldridge 1, T. H. Culver 2, P. A. Corby 3, Miss L. M. Hubbert 4, F. Johnson 5, G. N. Murphy (conductor) 6, B. W. Aldridge 7, C. Dann 8.

WATFORD.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. H. Hoare 1, Dr. F. S. Poole 2, W. G. Paul (conductor) 3, A. W. Dawes 4, H. Timms 5, B. A. Cornell 6, A. W. Dix 7, F. H. Crook 8.

LONDON.—On May 12th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,260 Stedman Triples: O. E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, J. H. Botham 3, M. Hodgson 4, A. Cutler 5, G. A. Parsons 6, T. J. Lock 7, A. W. Coles (conductor) 8.

HEMPSTEAD, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Boulton 1, Joyce Webster 2, B. H. Thompson 3, R. Morris 4, I. M. Taylor (conductor) 5, A. E. Taylor 6.

ST. ALBANS.—On May 13th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Jones 1, C. F. Sayer 2, F. J. Spicer 3, W. J. Southam 4, R. W. Darvill 5, T. J. Southam 6, H. V. Frost (conductor) 7, W. Woodward 8.

RUNCORN.—On May 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. E. Bibby (conductor) 1, J. Orme 2, A. Billington 3, R. Hulse 4, D. Maddocks 5, T. H. Mather 6, C. Valentine 7, W. Allman 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On May 14th, 1,264 Bob Major: T. Paul 1, E. F. White 2, E. G. Coward (conductor) 3, T. Bagley 4, C. H. Moore 5, N. G. Knee 6, A. T. Gray 7, R. H. Newton 8.

DINDER, NEAR WELLS.—On Wednesday, May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hull (conductor) 1, S. Vowles 2, H. Horler 3, F. Bird 4, F. Griffin 5, C. Dinham 6.

HALESOWEN.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: William H. Webb 1, George H. Williams 2, Molly Tromans 3, Albert Greenhall 4, Leonard Clissett 5, Joseph H. Cox (conductor) 6, Thomas Greenhall 7, Albert H. Harris 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Wednesday, May 15th, at the R.C. Church, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: H. Martin 1, S. E. Durmon 2, R. Speed 3, T. R. Dennis 4, M. Ginn 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 7, F. Warrington 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Beedie 1, Miss E. K. Fulton (conductor) 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, H. G. Hart 4, H. D. Butler 5, W. N. Genna 6, W. Wenban 7, G. A. Hughes 8.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Thursday, May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: George Cousins 1, John W. Humphries 2, E. Geoffrey Benson 3, Austin T. Wingate 4, William H. Symonds 5, Geoffrey Dodds 6, George Davis (conductor) 7, Arthur W. Davis 8.

BATH.—On May 17th, at St. Michael's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Hallett 1, T. K. King 2, Miss N. Williams 3, R. Lawrence 4, S. J. T. Shellock (conductor) 5, W. Brown 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, W. J. Prescott 8.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Church 1, Miss J. Winterbourne 2, B. Costar 3, C. G. Calcutt (conductor) 4, T. Bond 5, H. Farmer 6.

CHERITON, KENT.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. S. Binfield 1, A. Kedwell 2, T. Anderson 3, J. Willis 4, E. J. Walker 5, T. Farley 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, T. Wilson 8.

HATFIELD, YORKS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. McCluskey 1, E. Padgett 2, H. Morley 3, W. E. Critchley (conductor) 4, E. Short 5, F. Reed 6, L. Woodhead 7, H. Cooper 8.

SOUTH WIGTON, LEICESTER.—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Cox 1, C. Marshall 2, A. Bodycote 3, J. E. Clarke 4, C. Burns 5, D. Dalby 6, A. Patrick (conductor) 7, F. Ford 8.

MARKET DRAYTON.—On May 19th, 1,120 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. J. Chester 1, T. Price 2, R. H. Tyler 3, Wren Dorothy T. Richardson 4, W. Lycebt 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (conductor) 7, P. Price 8.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. V. Hare 1, H. Platt 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, H. W. Else 5, D. C. Mears 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, F. Croft 8.

BROMLEY COMMON.—On Sunday, May 19th, 1,280 Double Norwich: G. F. James 1, P. J. Spice 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, Miss Barbara Hill 4, J. Lyddiard 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, S. Humphrey 8.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Sunday, May 19th, 360 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles and 540 Grandsire: Benjamin Ridout 1, Miss P. V. Marsh 2, C. Ridout 3, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, Bertram Ridout 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, May 19th, at St. Giles', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. F. Bull 1, R. A. Pearson 2, N. E. Bannard 3, G. Bannard 4, W. E. Hammons (conductor) 5, T. Simpson 6.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On Sunday, May 19th, 1,260 Minor, 360 Oxford Bob, 900 Plain Bob: Miss M. Pettit 1, Miss F. Reed 2, Miss M. Hull 3, Miss J. Harding 4, Hugh E. Harding 5, R. J. Houghton (conductor) 6.

POPLAR.—On Sunday, May 19th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: L. W. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, G. A. Andrews 4, R. W. Begrie 5, C. Pothocary 6, J. W. Euston 7, J. W. Chapman 8, J. Bullock 9, W. Partiss 10.

ACTON.—On Sunday, May 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. E. Lankester 1, E. Lankester 2, D. R. Judd 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, J. H. Botham 5, J. C. Birt 6, L. H. Bowler 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8.

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We are now prepared to print notices in full as sent in, but would remind our readers that space reserved for notices is still restricted by law. When, therefore, notices are too long there is a danger that other notices may have to be left out. Under such circumstances steps will be taken as far as possible to give priority to the more urgent notices.

IMPORTANT.

Owing to the Central Council meeting, all notices and other matter intended for insertion in our issue of June 14th must reach us not later than the first post on Friday, June 7th.

The band who rang the Cambridge Major for the Suffolk Guild at Over, Cheshire, on May 25th, are all natives of Suffolk.

In the peal at Mossley, Lancs, on May 18th, the ringer of the 4th was Joan Holdsworth, not John Holdsworth as printed.

The ringer of the second in the peal at Bicester on May 18th was Miss Frances A. Edgar, not Francis A. Edgar as printed.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, will be available for a peal attempt on Whit Saturday, June 8th, at 9 a.m. sharp. Any visitor wishing to take part should communicate with Mr. Nolan Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

- May 26th, 1923. At Newcastle, the first peal of Little Bob Maximus.
- May 27th, 1912. At Hornchurch, Essex, 15,264 Bristol Surprise Major. The record length.
- May 28th, 1787. At St. John's, Horsleydown, the first peal of Stedman Caters.
- May 29th, 1896. At Ashton-under-Lyne, 10,075 Grandsire Cinques.
- 1936. At Bushey, the first handbell peal in four Spliced Major methods.
- May 30th, 1741. At St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the College Youths rang 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal.
- May 31st, 1896. At Burton-on-Trent, the first peal of New Cumberland Major.
- June 1st, 1912. At Guildford on handbells, 14,031 Stedman Caters.
- 1942. John S. Goldsmith died.

SERVICE TOUCHES.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

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23564	—	—		34256	—	—	
35264	—	—		52436	—	—	
34256	—	—		24536	—	—	

Each twice repeated.

BELLS—USES AND ABUSES.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

(Continued from page 157.)

With the coming of Easter the bells were liberated after the silence of Lent, and sent forth at the great festival the most joyous peals, and as Burnabe Googe has it:—

‘From the toppes of hawtie towers with clappers lowd they crie’ and ‘belles are set againe at libertie.’

In pre-Reformation times the bells were rung at midnight at the close of the Lenten feast, for early Matins on Easter morn. ‘At midnight then with carefull minde they up to Mattins rise’ (Hope’s reprint, p. 52). There are several entries in the churchwardens’ accounts at Ludlow which appear to have reference to this ringing; for instance:—

‘1556-7. Item to Rushburie for makyng a breakfast to those that ryng a day bell in the Easter weke. . . . xijd.’

Although the bells are not now rung at midnight, they are in some parishes—as at Mavis Enderby, Lincs—rung at break of day, and in many others, as at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Yardley Hastings, Northants, and many parishes in Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, and other counties, early on Easter morn, similar in most respects to the mode used at Christmas. We still do this at St. Margaret’s, Leicester, and get a small remuneration from the churchwardens for so doing. As at Christmas, greeting cards are a common feature, so too the poets—as would be expected—give us many beautiful lines on this the ‘Queen of Festivals,’ and not unnaturally the bells play their part.

On Ascension Day, Whit Sunday and Trinity Sunday the bells were frequently rung instead of chimed, as a summons to Divine Service. In the account book of Chester Cathedral for 1559 there is this entry:—

‘To ye Clerkes for Ryngyng ye grett bells at the feast of Ascension and Pentecost . . . xijd.’

At Laundon Hills in Essex a peal was rung on Ascension Eve and on the day itself a peal at an early hour is not uncommon at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex. This took place at 4.30 a.m. and a hymn was sung on top of the tower. There are instances of this ringing in Herts, Salop, Warwick, Lincs, and other counties. Trinity Sunday and Epiphany were both likewise observed in many parishes. It is usual, too, for bells to be much rung in the winter evenings during the season of Advent, sometimes beginning as early as the first week in November. In some parishes the mode varied, as at Claxby, Lincs, where they rang once in the first week in Advent, twice in the second, thrice in the third, four times in the fourth and last week. At South Kelsey they rang twice in the week from Old Martinmas till Christmas, and at Epworth peals were rung from 7 to 8 p.m. on the Saturday night next following Martinmas Day, then on every Thursday and Saturday evening until the Saturday night before ‘Fasten’s Eve’ (i.e. Shrove Tuesday). In some Northants parishes the bells were rung early on Monday mornings, and at Great Yarmouth after the close of Sunday evening service. At Moreton Pinkney, Northants, the bells were rung every evening of the last

week, and on three mornings preceding Christmas Day. These latter customs have a religious significance, and refer to the joyful hopes which the coming of Christmas inspires. The other regular weekly ringings are merely for practice for the latter great festival. St. Thomas’ (or Mumpung Day as it is called in some places) falls within the last week in Advent. On that day it was the custom at Wragby, Lincs, up to 1877, to ring the tenor bell as a summons to the poor to receive a dole of bread and meat provided for them by the churchwardens. At Wellesbourne, Warwick, it is an ancient custom which is not explained, for the bells to be rung for half an hour, commencing at six o’clock in the morning of St. Thomas’ Day—but the church is dedicated to St. Peter. Certain Saints’ Days are also specially honoured in many places. It is a frequent practice to honour the patronal or dedication festival of the church in this way.

Several customs in connection with the bells were observed in different parishes on St. Andrew’s Day. At Hallaton, Leics, where the church is dedicated to St. Michael, it was the practice in former times for the school children to lock the master out of the belfry, and then to jangle the bells. At Bozeat, Northants, where the church is dedicated to St. Mary, a bell was rung at noon on St. Andrew’s Day called the ‘Tandrew bell; and the villagers on that day make and eat a kind of sweet toffee. Of course, where the church is dedicated to St. Andrew, we may expect to find ringing on this day. Even during the Commonwealth, the churchwardens of Kirton-in-Lindsey (whose church is so dedicated) make this entry: ‘1658. It’ to the ringers on Saint Andrews day 0-1-0.’ At Romford it used to be believed that every year on St. Andrew’s Day at noon, the bells of the old church—dedicated to that saint—and which formerly stood about half a mile from the town, but was taken down nearly four hundred years ago, could be distinctly heard. On Lady Day—the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—the bells were doubtless rung in pre-Reformation times. It does not appear, however, to have been held so much in honour in England as the Feast of the Assumption, which used to be kept on August 15th. At Lincoln Cathedral (dedicated to the Blessed Virgin) peals were always rung on this day, and before the six beautiful Lady bells there were destroyed in the year 1834, the choristers used to ascend the grand Cathedral broad or rood towers on Lady Day, tie strings to the clappers and chime them as follows. Sir Charles H. J. Anderson writes:—‘I am more and more convinced that the chiming on Ladyday was Ave Maria:—

1 3 1 2 4 1 5 1 2 6
a. ve. ma. ri. a. o. ra. pro. no. bis.’

They used to repeat this for an hour and finish with the six bells in succession—or rounds.

One would expect to find constant references to the ringing of bells on St. George’s Day, being the patron saint of this country, but it is a singular fact that very little notice is taken. This neglect does not appear to be of modern growth only, for there are few—very few—notices of peals rung on this day. At All Saints’, Loughborough, we do find occasional notice, thus:—

‘1664. Pd. to ye Ringers to drinke on S. George’s Day 5s.’

(To be continued.)

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.**MR. C. F. JOHNSTON'S GIFT.**

As a thankoffering for the Allied victory in 1945, Mr. Cyril F. Johnston has given a new extra bell to Croydon Parish Church to make a lighter octave in addition to the fine ring of twelve bells, with its 36 cwt. tenor, which was installed in the year 1936. As the new bell came from the same foundry and is of the same design, the blend is, of course, perfect.

The dedication service on May 25th was conducted by the Bishop of Croydon, assisted by the parochial clergy, choir and organist, in the presence of the churchwardens, many parishioners, and a large number of ringers. After Mr. Johnston had asked the Bishop to dedicate the bells and the Bishop had performed the ceremony at the base of the tower, the new octave was rung in rounds by R. Davies, Mrs. F. E. Collins, J. Cooper, D. Cooper, H. Humphries, J. Cawley and F. E. Collins.

In his address the Bishop thanked Mr. Johnston. He said the present bells were at least the third ring that had hung in their ancient tower, which dated from the early fourteenth century. The new bell would take its place in the service of the Church, and in centuries to come, when it was no longer new but ancient, it would remind men of the glorious victory that had been won. For it was a glorious victory with much occasion for thanks however it had been followed by disappointment and disillusionment. He pointed out how the sound of the bells had been missed during the war and how much was owed to the ringers who had kept themselves ready for better times.

Later the company was entertained to tea by Mr. Johnston in the Parish Hall. Mrs. C. F. Johnston presided and was supported by the Bishop, Mr. Johnston, the churchwardens, Mr. Jackson and Mr. J. A. Daldorph, the Rev. A. Bailey, the Rev. E. L. Bell, Mrs. Calham, Mr. Butler and other parishioners.

Mr. Johnston referred to the bells which hung in the steeple before the present twelve. Many present would remember them and how the belfry then was generally known as the 'slaughterhouse.' On the twelve they had the opportunity of ringing 479,001,600 changes which would take only about 27 years. The new bell would increase the range to figures which the speaker's hearers rather laughed at than marked carefully. He spoke of the cordial relations which existed between the ringers and the church authorities.

Mr. D. Cooper, the captain of the band, said that, thanks to Mr. Johnston, they had now got in the steeple everything they needed. They had a splendid ring of twelve and a light octave for training beginners and other purposes.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' congratulated those present on their bells. Though he had been brought up in a twelve-bell tower and on bells which to him must always be the best that existed, he thought that generally rings of twelve were a mistake, both from the point of view of the public and the ringers themselves, but the Croydon ring was certainly a splendid one. It was wonderful how in recent years the people had responded to the sound of church bells. Ringers enjoyed their art and the glass of beer they had after ringing, but behind it all was the fact that the church bell was a standing witness to the Christian religion, to peace and goodwill, and to the good things of God.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey and Mr. W. Hewett also spoke.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, held at Cheltenham on Easter Monday, was attended by about 60 members. The Master, the Rev. N. E. Hope, presided and in his report urged ringers to secure representation on parochial church councils. He stressed the necessity for good striking and suggested that recruits should be given every encouragement. He stated that he had visited several towers during the year and had been struck by the spirit of comradeship. He also put in a plea for the branch secretaries and said that if everyone attending meetings would let the secretary know it would be very helpful, as arranging tea was a very difficult problem.

In his report the hon. secretary said that the year had been a successful one. Members had increased by 188, and the Tewkesbury Branch was firmly established again. Twenty-four peals had been rung on tower bells and seven on handbells. The balance sheet showed a slight decrease on the year's working, and the total fund of the association now stood at £185 7s.

The Master made a presentation of a wallet and Treasury notes to Mr. E. Guise in appreciation of his services as hon. secretary for 27 years. Mr. Guise, in reply, said it had been a pleasure to him to do the work, and although he was giving up an official position he would still have the interest of the association in his heart.

The officers elected were: Master, the Rev. N. E. Hope; hon. secretary, Mr. C. R. Harding; hon. treasurer, Mr. P. Williams; peal secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves. Mr. F. Waite, of Gloucester, was elected to fill the vacancy on the Central Council caused by the death of Mr. J. Austin.

It was decided to print an annual report this year, and to hold the next annual meeting at Lydney on Easter Monday, 1947.

Service was in the Parish Church, and ringing was at the Parish Church, Charlton Kings, Leckhampton and Prestbury.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The ringers in New South Wales are very conscious of the need for organisation, and the recent visits of experienced change ringers from the mother country have created such interest that steps have been taken to form an organisation to be designated the N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers, and the following officers were duly elected at a meeting held at Christ Church St. Laurence tower, George Street, Sydney, on January 14th: Chairman, Mr. R. Joyner; secretary, Mr. W. M. Rowe; treasurer, Mrs. H. Macpherson. A committee was also appointed from the fairly representative gathering of the six towers in Sydney. The object of the association is to spread the art of change ringing, and it is hoped to extend the association through N.S.W., and ultimately create sufficient interest that an Australia wide organisation will ensue. Of course, this is all in the initial stage as yet, and much remains to be planned and worked for. There is, as has been pointed out by our English visitors, difficult problems to be overcome. These will not be surmounted unless work any time is given thereto.

The Central Council should really do something practical to assist this new organisation. This could be done by the visitation of expert teachers and conductors from England either for a term sponsored by the Central Council or by the immigration of such change ringing artisans duly credited by the Council to the N.S.W. Association. This in itself may prove impracticable as your leading article states, but there is nothing to stop the Council from forwarding regularly pamphlets and literature that could be used by the N.S.W. Association to spread knowledge for training as it endeavours to visit country centres and arouse interest, and to organise bands at places where bell towers now exist and have no ringers, or where now towers are contemplated. Along this line there is some hope for development, and any publicity of our efforts in your journal will be welcomed as an incentive.

Perhaps it may be possible to grant some degree of affiliation to the Central Council, although it is not possible for us to attend meetings of the same. On this point we would like some more information.

W. ROWE, Hon. Sec., N.S.W. Association.

PEAL RINGERS.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—There has been criticism that the Oxford ringers do too much peal ringing. But, if ringers perform their duties to the Church and to beginners, I think they are entitled to their relaxations.

The Oxford ringers serve the Cathedral and at least four other churches Sunday by Sunday, their skill, from Cambridge Maximus to Bob Minor, being of a high class. I should not be surprised if they are not the only Cathedral ringers who are unpaid. They hold regular practices at several churches and are assiduous in teaching. Beginners have every opportunity for advancement, and that full advantage is taken of this is evident from the number of young ringers from both the City and University Societies who are now creditable performers on eight, ten and twelve bells. At the Cathedral they have, moreover, to cope with exceptionally difficult conditions, for though the bells go well they are nearly all odd-struck and difficult to hear, while the rope circle for the small bells is awkward. Further, they all continue in great good fellowship.

As you have more than once very truly remarked in your leaders, the best way to become a good striker is to ring peals. If, therefore, ringers who are doing their Sunday duty well and accepting their responsibility in teaching with particular care wish to take advantage of the large number of good rings within easy reach to enjoy the fruits of their proficiency, I think they are fully entitled to do so. This, of course, goes for all the other bands similarly circumstanced.

J. H. R. FREEBORN.

Aith, Little Chalfont.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART PEAL.

Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman Triples was rung for the first time on the front eight bells at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Monday, May 18th, 1846, with Henry Johnson as conductor, and on May 18th in this year the same composition was rung as a centenary peal on the front eight bells in the same steeple. Anniversary peals were also rung at Ellesmere and Bicester.

Thurstans' four-part shares with J. J. Parker's Grandsire and Charles Middleton's Cambridge the distinction of being one of the very few indispensable compositions of change ringing. It was the first with ordinary bobs and singles ever rung in the method, and the story of how it was gradually evolved by the hard work and long study of several men out of earlier peals is one of the romances of the Exercise. So too is the rivalry between Thomas Thurstans and Isaac Benjamin Lates to be the first to attain the desired object, and the latter's excited exclamation to the conductor as the band came down from the belfry, 'Why, — it, Harry, what peal have you been ringing? The bells came round with a single!'

There has been a lot of development in the composition of Stedman Triples during recent years, but the supremacy of Thurstans' four-part and its various transpositions has not been seriously challenged and it does not seem that it ever will be.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT FARINGDON.**

The annual meeting of the Vale of the White Horse Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Faringdon on May 18th, and was attended by 30 ringers and visitors. After service in church and tea, the business meeting was held, at which the Rev. C. G. Seymour Melford presided, supported by the branch secretary.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. W. T. Hibbert. The statement of accounts for 1945 showed a balance of £2 17s. in the general fund and £11 4s. 6d. in the restoration fund. The Rev. C. G. Seymour Melford was re-elected chairman of the branch and Mr. R. F. J. Gilling as secretary. Messrs. V. J. Jones and F. Whupp were re-elected branch representatives, and Messrs. M. J. Pryor, T. Clark and G. Belcher were enrolled as new members. It was decided to hold three meetings during the year and monthly practices in addition. A proposal that all meetings be held on the third Saturday of the month was defeated, and an amendment that meetings be held on the first Saturday was carried. It was arranged that the monthly practices during the summer should be as follows: June 1st, combined meeting with the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at Bishopstone; July 6th, Buckland; August 3rd, Shrivvenham; September 7th, Hinton Waldrist; and Stanford-in-the-Vale on October 5th.

Miss M. Cross, the Guild librarian, said she had a number of the books which members could borrow for a month on payment of postage. She hoped the branch would be well represented at the annual festival at Oxford on July 20th, when a new Master and general secretary would be appointed.

Members were present from Faringdon, Coleshill, Shrivvenham, Hinton Waldrist and Stanford-in-the-Vale, and visitors from Oxford, Radley, Bramley, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret, Beedon and Childrey.

The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT NORTON.**

A meeting of the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Norton on May 18th, at which ringers were present from Thirsk, Pickering, Scarborough, Helmsley, Ripon, York, Headingley and the local belfry.

At the business meeting after tea, Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president of the Western District) took the chair. Mr. J. B. Hutchinson was elected vice-president of the Northern District, Mr. J. Stott Ringing Master, and Mr. B. Sutton member of the General Committee.

Meetings were arranged for Richmond, June 15th, and Thirsk, July 20th, and mention was made of the general meeting of the association, to be held in Ripon on September 21st. Fourteen new members were elected.

A variety of methods was rung on the bells, recently increased to eight by Messrs. Taylor, and on the heavy going octave at Malton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT WIVENHOE.**

A meeting of the Essex Association, held at Wivenhoe on May 4th, was attended by 37 ringers. Service was conducted by the Rector and a collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to 22s.

Tea was in the Church Schools and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the District Master, supported by the district secretary and the Rector.

The Rev. J. W. Thomas, Vicar of Kirby-le-Soken, was elected an honorary member, and Mr. Denniss, Mr. W. Evans, Mr. R. Cooper and A. Gow were elected ringing members. After a lapse of six years all the Wivenhoe band were reinstated. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Holland in July. Just over £3 had been collected for Mr. Nevard's memorial, which it is hoped will be dedicated this summer.

LADIES' GUILD.**MEETING AT DAGENHAM.**

The first annual meeting of the London District of the Ladies' Guild since the outbreak of war was held at Dagenham on May 18th, and members attended from Bayswater, Konton, Claygate, Gravesend, Crayford, Ravenscourt Park, Osterley, Upper Tooting, Balham, Edmonton, Orsett, Southfields. One new member was elected.

Mrs. R. F. Deal was re-elected vice-president, Mrs. E. E. Davis was appointed secretary in the place of Mrs. F. Housden, and Mrs. C. Matthews assistant secretary. Miss D. Lidbetter, Mrs. J. Thomas, Mrs. F. Mitchell and Mrs. D. E. Massey were elected to the committee. Methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise. The next meeting will be on June 29th at Stanford-le-Hope.

DEATH OF MR. R. H. JENKINS.

Mr. Richard H. Jenkins, of Tenby, who died on May 1st at the age of 83, was the oldest ringer in Wales. He had twice conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples at Tenby.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on May 18th. Ringing was at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', and for a short time at the Good Shepherd. Service at St. Peter's was conducted by the Rev. J. Fisher, and tea was at the Church Hall. One hundred and twenty ringers and friends were present, including Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, one of the two remaining foundation members.

At the business meeting the officers were elected as follows: President, the Bishop of Chichester; Master, Mr. F. I. Hairs; hon. treasurer, Mr. O. Sippetts; hon. general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; hon. peal secretary, Mr. J. Dearlove; hon. central fund auditors, Messrs. W. C. Hart and G. Cecil; hon. trustees of funds, Messrs. P. Tompkins, H. R. Butcher and F. Dallaway.

The peal secretary reported the ringing of 22 peals during the year, and the divisional secretaries' reports showed a satisfactory situation both financially and as regards progress. Although the general fund is slightly on the debit side, it was accepted as satisfactory in view of the reconstruction work which had been carried out. The hon. treasurer announced the divisional levies would be 25 per cent. of income.

The meeting was under the chairmanship of the Master, supported by all the chief officers of the association.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**MEETING AT BRAMPFORD SPEKE.**

The Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers had an attendance of about 30 members at a meeting at Bramford Speke. The Vicar conducted the service, Mr. R. C. Copleston read the lesson, and Mr. C. Walker was at the organ. Ashburton, Buckland-in-the-Moor and Widecombe were chosen for an excursion on July 13th, and Ide for a meeting on September 14th. Twelve new members were admitted, mostly from Tedburn, where Prebendary E. V. Cox is forming a new band to ring the bells, which are to be rehung after 70 years' silence.

The chairman of the branch, Mr. A. W. Searle, challenged some remarks of the Vicar about the attendance of ringers at church services. In the Exeter area most ringers attended at least one service on Sundays, and in cases of absence allowance must be made for occupational duties by railwaymen, nurserymen and others.

The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Stoke Canon (6) and Thorverton (8) were visited during the evening.

THE REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE**MEMORIAL AT WATLINGTON.**

To the memory of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, some time librarian to the Central Council and general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, a bronze tablet has been erected at Watlington Church bearing the inscription: 'In grateful memory of Barnard Halsey Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.A., Rector of Watlington, 1928-33, died 25th January, 1936, who devotedly gave his services to ringing. This tablet was erected by his fellow ringers.'

The cost has been defrayed by subscriptions of members of the Ely Diocesan Association, and a grant of £3 3s. from the Central Council.

The tablet will be dedicated at a service in Watlington Church on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon H. K. Stallard, of Wisbech. The ring of six bells will be available before the service and during the evening. If possible a tea will be arranged, and for ringers who wish to attend the nearest railway station is Magdalen Road, three-quarters of a mile.

ALWINGTON, DEVON.

On May 25th, the six bells at St. Andrew's, Alwington, which have been returned and rehung with new fittings in a new cast-iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton and bands from neighbouring towers attended.

The ring is of unusual interest. The tenor, 11½ cwt., is mediæval, and bears the inscription, 'Sancta Maria ora pro nobis. T.G.' The fourth, also mediæval, has 'Gloria in Excelsis'; the fifth is dated 1712 with 'Johannes Stadler, Chudleigh.' The first three bells were cast by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, in 1887. A ring of four hung in the tower in 1537.

The canons of the mediæval bells are retained and special headstocks are used.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT RUISLIP.**

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association at Ruislip on May 22nd was attended by about 35 members and friends from Faling, Feltham, Fulham, Hillingdon, Isleworth, Kensington, Kilburn, Lyme Regis, Pinner, Ruislip, Twickenham, Wembley Park and Willesden. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich, and Cambridge Superlative and London Surprise Major. One new member, Mr. S. Saban, of Stanwell, was elected.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**MEETING AT BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD.**

A meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held at Barton-Under-Needwood on May 25th shortly after the dedication by the Bishop of Lichfield of the Chapel of Peace in the Church of St. James. The Vicar, the Rev. D. Nichol-Griffiths, conducted the ringers round the chapel after shortened evensong and pointed out that the furniture and vestments were presented by the relatives of the fallen. He believed it was the first memorial Chapel of Peace in the country for the years 1939-1945.

At the business meeting, at which Mr. B. G. Key (chairman) presided, five honorary and eight ringing members were elected. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Ticknall on June 29th, and, owing to the cost of production, to defer the question of certificates for at least twelve months.

Forty ringers and friends were present from Burton, Ashby, Repton, Netherseale, Overseale, Lullington, Measham, Tamworth, Hoar Cross, Wolverhampton, Spalding, Sevenoaks, Skipton and the local belfry.

The methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT STARSTON.**

A meeting of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Starston on Saturday, May 18th, at which 38 ringers attended from Attleborough, Diss, Fornsett, Garboldisham, Hitchin, Long Stratton, Mulbarton, Norwich, Newmarket, Pulham, Redenhall, Starston, Sudbury, Swaffham, Saxlingham, Winfarthing, Wymondham and Yateley. The Rev. A. St. J. Heard conducted the service, with the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow at the organ.

Mr. W. L. Duffield presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. A. J. Heard, president; the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, general secretary; Mr. Nolan Golden, Ringing Master; Mr. A. G. Harrison, branch secretary; and Messrs. Bennett, Whiting and Munnings, members of the committee. Ringing took place at Redenhall in the evening.

MEETING AT SOMERLEYTON.

On May 11th a meeting of the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was attended by 30 members. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. B. Feast, who afterwards presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. S. J. Heard, Mr. W. J. Lee, Mr. Nolan Golden, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. J. Harwood and Mr. G. W. Fletcher. Two new members were elected, Miss Mollie P. Prettyman and Mr. Ronald F. Taylor, both of Somerleyton. Norton Subcourse was chosen as the place of the next meeting on July 6th.

Ringers were present from Beccles, Caister-on-Sea, Gillingham, Great Yarmouth, Gorleston, Kessingland, Mulbarton, Norton, Norwich, Somerleyton and Wymondham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**MEETING AT HORNCASTLE.**

A joint meeting of the Eastern Branch and the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on May 18th was attended by 77 ringers from Boston, Frieston, Algarkirk, Spalding, Frampton, Lincoln, Branston, Blankney, Nettleham, Metheringham, Donington, Bicker, Billingsborough, Bibsey, Benington and Sutterton.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon R. E. Barlow-Poole, and tea in the Chapel Room was followed by a business meeting. Mr. W. E. Clarke mentioned that a pulpit for a Dutch church, for which subscriptions had been raised in the Eastern Branch, was ordered and would be installed in the church in the near future. The Vicar and churchwardens of Boston had been invited over to Holland to take part in the dedication ceremony.

RAIN AND PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We live and learn. Mr. White's letter did not say one word about ropes; simply did rain help steady towers. Ours is a brick one with no support on the east and west. It would be more interesting and instructive to the whole Exercise if Mr. Turner's Brains Trust could tell us how bell ropes, either tight or snaky, affect a swaying tower.

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RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.

The following two quarter-peals of Grandsire Doubles have been rung by the recently formed New South Wales Association.

On Sunday, January 20th, at St. James', Turramurra, Sydney, tenor 12½ cwt.: H. Short 1, A. G. Williams, R.N. 2, J. B. Watts 3, W. M. Rowe (conductor) 4, W. Smith 5, J. Street 6.

On Sunday, January 27th, at All Saints', Parramatta, Sydney, tenor 10 cwt.: H. Short 1, A. G. Williams, R.N. 2, G. Williamson 3, W. M. Rowe (conductor) 4, J. B. Watts 5, T. Howell 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

Two peal boards given by the churchwardens have been erected in the belfry of All Saints', High Wycombe. One records a peal of Stedman Cinques rung on July 22nd, 1945, and composed and conducted by Mr. Fred Hayes, the other a peal of Stedman Cinques on July 11th, 1945, conducted by Charles T. Coles.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT LUDGVAN.**

The annual meeting of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Ludgvan on May 18th, when about eighty ringers attended from Phillack, Towednack, Zennor, Gulval, Truro Cathedral, Kenwyn, Carbis Bay, Helston, Camborne, Crowan, St. Hilary and St. Breock. Service was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Roberts (branch secretary), the lesson was read by the Rev. W. H. R. Trewbella (diocesan secretary), and the address given by the Rector, Canon R. de C. Murley.

Miss Eileen Symons (branch chairman and president of the Diocesan Guild) presided at the business meeting, when the branch secretary reported on the progress of young ringers and of several pending restorations of bells in the district. The accounts showed a credit balance of £12 16s. 7d. An invitation to visit Crowan for the September meeting was accepted. Ringing was on the six at Ludgvan and the eight at Gulval.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Epping on May 18th and was attended by 45 members and friends, almost every tower in the division being represented. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. B. Mortlock, and collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to £1 0s. 2d.

Tea was served in the Church Hall and the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. B. Mortlock. Mrs. G. L. Joyce was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. H. S. and H. T. Wilson, of Brentwood, and Miss Olive Desley, of Bentley, were elected ringing members. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Leigh-on-Sea on July 13th.

The Master, Mr. J. Chalk, emphasised the importance of all members of the division attending the annual meeting of the association on Whit Monday, and asked them to support the monthly 'Crusader' meetings.

The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild, held at Stoke-by-Clare on May 25th, was attended by ringers from Sudbury, Clare, Cavendish, Long Melford, Newton, Great Cornard, Hadleigh, Chevington, Whepstead, Braintree, Sawston, Stoke-by-Clare and Cambridge.

At the business meeting seven new members were elected and respect was paid to the memory of Mr. S. J. Howell, who had died on the previous Sunday. The next meeting was fixed for Long Melford on June 15th.

There was ringing at Clare in the evening and the methods ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The first meeting of the Hawkhurst and District Guild since the war was held at Hawkhurst on May 11th. The church was severely damaged in August, 1943, by a flying bomb and the only part which escaped was the tower. Twenty-four ringers were present and methods from Bob Doubles to Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. Mr. G. Maskell was elected as chairman of the Guild, Mr. J. G. Powell as hon. secretary, Mr. W. Gorrings as ringing master and treasurer, and Mr. J. Downing as peals secretary. The old committee was re-elected, with the addition of Mr. G. Waters.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Barnsley and District Society, held at East Ardsley, near Wakefield, on May 11th, ringers were present from Cawthorne, Barnby Don, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Ossett and the local belfry.

Nine new members were elected. A course of Bob Major was rung on handbells over the grave of the Rev. Dan Walters, some time Vicar of the parish and a friend to ringers. The methods rung on the tower bells included Minor, Triples and Major.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the London County Association, held at Poplar on May 11th, the ringing at All Saints' and Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal and London Surprise Major, and it was decided to hold meetings at Wimbledon in July and Hackney in September.

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SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Bingham (8), Saturday, June 1st, 2.30 p.m.—T. Groombridge, jun., 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood, Nottingham.

KENT ASSN. — Tonbridge District.—Benenden, Saturday, June 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. members attending.—T. Saunders.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Sleaford District.—Annual, Sleaford, June 1st, 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business. — G. V. S. Andrews, 12, North Parade, Sleaford.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Northern Division.—Withyham, June 1st, 3 p.m. Service and tea.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—REMEMBRANCE VISIT to the grave of J. S. Goldsmith at Pyrford Church, Saturday, June 1st. Service 4.15 p.m. (Bus from Woking Car Park, 3.50.) Ringing at Old Woking 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—G. L. Grover.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Tring (8), Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8), June 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business, Parish Hall, 5 p.m.—C. H. Wood.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, June 5th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

HEREFORD GUILD. — Annual, Bridgnorth, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service at St. Mary's 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Squirrel and King's Head 4.20. Business, Old Grammar School, 5 p.m. Bells of St. Leonard's (8) and St. Mary's (8) 11.30 a.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 1s. 6d. to members notifying Mr. H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop, before June 6th.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Annual, Northampton, Whit Monday. Committee 2.45 in Holy Sepulchre Church Rooms. Service, Holy Sepulchre Church, 3.30. Tea by ticket only. Names to Guild secretary by June 1st. Bells, 11 to 1, St. Edmund's and All Saints'; 1 to 3, St. Giles' and St. Peter's; 2 to 3.30, Holy Sepulchre; after the meeting all the above, also Kingsthorpe.—R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Annual, Whit Monday. Notice of proposed addition to Rule xv., Bell Restoration Fund: 'but where the cost of the work exceeds a certain sum, the maximum grant may be up to £20.'—R. G. Black.

DEVON GUILD.—Annual, Holsworthy, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service 12.15. Dinner, 1 p.m., members 2s., non-members 3s. 6d. Tea 1s. 6d. if required. Buses to (1) Stratton, (2) Bradworthy, with other towers; fare 2/-. Tickets before June 5th from F. C. Smale, Oakfield, Station Road, Okehampton.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Walpole St. Andrew (6), Whit Monday, June 10th, 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

ESSEX ASSN.—Annual, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service in Cathedral 11 a.m., followed by meeting in Chapter House. Resolution will be proposed that rules be amended; namely, that Annual Meeting be held on Easter Monday instead of Whit Monday. Lunch at County Hotel 1.30 p.m. Those requiring lunch must let me know by Thursday, June 6th. Bells: Cathedral (12) from 9 a.m., Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8); Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6) after lunch.—L. J. Clark, Southdene, Petersfield Lane, Gosfield, Halstead, Essex.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Sowerby, Halifax, Saturday, June 15th. Tea 2s. 6d. Apply G. A. Briggs, 21, Tillotson Avenue, Sowerby Bridge, before June 12th. Reports for 1945 available.—Wm. Ambler, 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Richmond (8), June 15th, afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) and business, Parish Room, Dundas Street, after service. Names to Miss D. M. Killingley, 2, Pottergate, Richmond, Yorks, by June 8th.—Edward Hudson.

KENT ASSN.—Ashford District.—Folkestone, Saturday, June 15th, 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—P. Page.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual, Chester, Saturday, June 15th. Service, Old St. Mary's, 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Tea (2s. 6d.) by ticket only. Ringing at Cathedral 2-3 p.m. only, and four neighbouring churches after 2 p.m. Tea tickets from branch secretaries before June 8th.

CONTEST AT WENTWORTH, near Rotherham, June 15th, 3 p.m. Draw, Parish Room, 2.45 p.m. All entries and names for tea by June 8th to D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern District.—Kelvedon (6), June 15th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business afterwards.—H. A. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Yelvertoft (5) on Saturday, June 29th. Tea provided.—T. H. Loakes.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Tadcaster, July 6th. Details later. No June meeting.—T. H. Foster.

KENT PEAL TOUR.—July 27th to August 4th. First attempt, Canterbury Cathedral (12), 4 p.m., July 27th. Thirteen other attempts during the week. Accommodation vacant for five more ringers. Applications must be in with stamped postcard and 10s. deposit by June 15th. Board and lodging for 18 ringers reserved at Folkestone. Private coach will take party out each day. Overall cost about £6.—Apply to Frank C. W. Knight, 25, Second Avenue, Walthamstow, London, E.17.

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