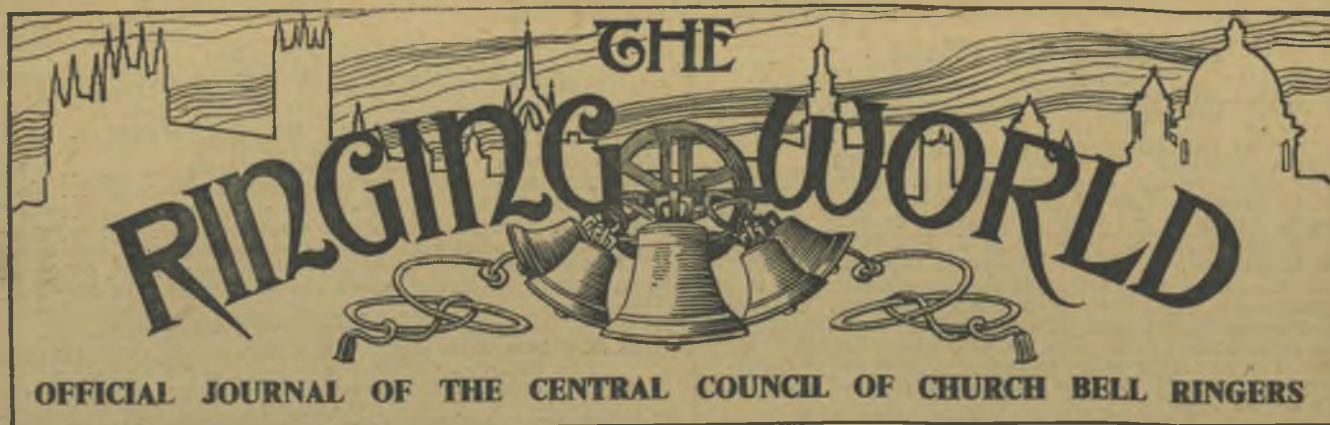




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BIRMINGHAM

THERE is no other social gathering in the ringers' calendar with the same appeal as the Henry Johnson Dinner. The annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths is, in a sense, a closed shop, and the annual meeting of the Central Council, while having certain social qualities, is preoccupied with the immediate problems of the Exercise. The 'Henry Johnson' has its own peculiar magic spell and calls both young and old. Alas, seating accommodation restricts numbers, and while a company of 195 sat down to dinner this year, it was the regretted duty of the hon. secretary, Mr. George E. Fearn, to send back some 70 remittances.

That the second city of the country, Birmingham, should have as its Lord Mayor a practical ringer, who since his youth has been closely associated with our art, is a compliment to the Exercise. In a personal letter to the Editor, one of our readers complained that ringers never made their mark in other walks of life or occupied eminent positions. Apparently he had not heard of Ald. A. Paddon Smith, who through his own personal initiative and business acumen rose to be the head of one of Birmingham's great industries and also made his mark in municipal work. For 20 years he was secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, and it was a real joy to see him in the Master's chair, displaying that wide knowledge of ringing and its personalities, coupled with a worldly commonsense. One of the greatest assets of a ringer is his style of handling, and one of the speakers recalled some 40 years ago how pretty it was to watch the Lord Mayor as a dapper young man turning in the eleventh of St. Martin's. These memories, we would remind the young generation, last. To youth and maid we would say that the old 'uns judge you more by your style and striking than by the methods you ring.

St. Martin's Guild is proud of its front-rank ringers; their reputation in the realm of achievement is undisputed, and for years the 12-bell ringing of Birmingham has been held in high esteem. It is gratifying, however, to find that the facility with which leading members call Stedman Cinques is equalled by their rhetoric in after-dinner speeches. Perhaps it is the inspiration of Henry Johnson and the commemoration dinners. The two schoolmasters, Mr. Frank E. Haynes and Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, drew from their store of quotations to find apposite pointers

to their speeches—the former from the Archbishop of York and the poet Shelley, and the latter from the Book of Ecclesiastes. That great and beloved personality among Birmingham ringers, Mr. Albert Walker, was not to be outdone, but had a line of Tennyson available, appropriate for introducing 'The Visitors' toast—'Old faces press round us, and warm hearts close with warm hearts.' The old and the young replied—Mr. Cecil J. Matthews, of the other St. Martin's (in-the-Fields), which church was visited by Birmingham worthies last year, and Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, of 'Belfrymanship' fame. Temporarily resident in Birmingham, Mr. Meadows has still the influence of Oxford and the University Society. He gave classical tone to his speech by references to Scylla and Charybdis, and, still with thoughts of lurking dangers, produced the gem of the evening from Dante's Inferno. The two brothers will not be permitted to forget the reference. To future speakers at the Henry Johnson dinner we would issue this caveat: come prepared with something choice, for amid the smoke of Birmingham there is an expectancy of scholarship, wit and brevity.

A special welcome was accorded Mr. J. Frank Smallwood—not that he is in need of a welcome to a city that for years nurtured him and taught him the art of ringing. It was because of the exalted position he holds this year as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He came not empty handed: his gift was costly and precious, a new peal book for the St. Martin's Guild. Peals worth ringing are worth recording properly. The peal books of this Guild are written and illuminated with loving care worthy of the performance. And the illuminator has no light task with the frequency with which peals are rung by the Guild. In two years' time another book will be needed and, shall we hopefully add, another benefactor required!

To the Editor the occasion was particularly memorable in meeting in the flesh correspondents who had written many a cheery letter or sent a greeting. While there are critics of every journal and an Editor is apt to be regarded as the whipping boy when things go awry, there are real friends in the Exercise—cordial, sincere and helpful. To those who feel disgruntled and unhappy about the future of ringing and its fellowship we would say: 'Go to Birmingham and capture the spirit of Henry Johnson.' There was, however, one disappointment for the Editor. The gracious lady who had promised her impressions of the Henry Johnson dinner has so far not bestowed her favours on the readers of this journal.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

FREDK. G. LEAKER Treble	*IVOR H. TRUEMAN 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	THOMAS W. KIMBER 8
SIDNEY G. RICHES 3	*ALAN A. HILLIAR 9
ALBERT M. TYLER 4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK 10
JACK R. WORRALL 5	NORMAN H. COOMBS 11
*JEAN McDOWALL 6	LEONARD DERRICK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.
 * First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells. Rung for the 50th anniversary of Mr. F. G. Leaker's first peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

*JOHN BRAMLEY Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 2	†BRIAN G. WARWICK 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	ERNEST MORRIS 9
†JILL POOLE 4	ALFRED BALLARD 10
ALAN CATTELL 5	TERENCE A. THORNER 11
†SHIRLEY BURTON 6	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Conducted by TERENCE A. THORNER.
 * First peal of Surprise Maximus. † 75th peal together. † 75th peal. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

MRS. THOMAS H. FRANCIS Treble	THOMAS G. FOX 7
MRS. CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. 2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS 9
JOYCE ENGLAND 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 10
DANIEL T. MATKIN 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS 11
HOWARD HOWELL 6	JOHN E. CHILCOTT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEAL

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JILL POOLE Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	JOHN HILL 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	JOHN R. SMITH 8
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE 9
*ELIZABETH FAULKNALL .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
 * First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby on the birth of a daughter.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GRAHAM MARSH Treble	G. A. MOORE 5
ROBERT S. ANDERSON 2	GEOFFREY C. BEECH 6
*ARTHUR GAUNT 3	ANDREW THOMSON 7
*HAROLD BULLOUGH 4	JOHN BEARDMORE Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by G. A. MOORE.
 * First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor on eight bells. A first birthday compliment to the son of the 2nd ringer and the daughter of the 3rd.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

NOLAN GOLDING Treble	RALPH SITCH 5
*SYDNEY A. BOAR 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN 6
WILLIAM LOVE 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
 * First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to Mr. Sydney A. Boar, formerly of Ipswich, whose last peal was rung on May 20th, 1910.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND

ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON Treble	*MICHAEL P. MORETON 5
JOHN A. BROWN 2	*ARNOLD BRUNTON 6
*W. NORMAN PARK 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
*ERNEST WALLACE 4	*ROLAND PARK Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
 * First peal in the method. In memoriam Janet Appleton, M.B.E., Durham Diocesan President of the G.F.S. and wife of Canon C. R. Appleton, Rector and Rural Dean of Chester-le-Street, who died February 20th, 1951.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD Treble	FREDK. H. BIRKS 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	*†BRIAN HARRIS 6
JOHN W. BEST 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
 * 25th peal together. † First peal of Cambridge. Rung to celebrate the 100th birthday of Canon Thomas Houghton on February 23rd.

LIVERSIDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt in F.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON Treble	ERNEST BETTS 5
*NORAH BICKERDIKE 2	GORDON BENFIELD 6
FRED HODGSON 3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GORDON BENFIELD.
 * First peal in the method.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN Treble	J. NORMAN HADLEY 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT 3	HOWARD HOWELL 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER Tenor

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
 * First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 500th peal.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Peter's Society.)

On Tues., Feb. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

FREDA D. MURKITT Treble	JEAN M. BROOMFIELD 5
MARY R. JAYCOCK 2	GORDON W. LIMMER 6
JOYCE HEARN 3	CYRIL A. BURGESS 7
MARY PEMBERTON 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
 Arranged and rung by the local band as a farewell to Jean's single blessedness, the wedding taking place on March 10th at 2 p.m. at Burnham.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Mar. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,

A PEAL OF 5152 VAUXHALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

JOHN N. LINDON Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
HENRY H. FEARN 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal in the method.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Holt's Original.		
MARGARET TOMLIN Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE 5	
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 6	
PETER CARTER 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 7	
FREDK. S. MACEY 4	FREDK. W. MITCHELL .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 100th peal together. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to Mr. Charles H. Sone (father of the conductor).

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDK. J. CULLUM Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
RALPH BIRD 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
ALFRED G. HILL 3	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

* 150th peal.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	JOHN WORTH 7
WALTER ALLMAN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the county. Rung in memory of W. H. Shuker, who learned to handle a bell at this church.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Fri., Mar. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 in F sharp.

JOHN N. LINDON Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
MRS. CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. 2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. 6
MARGARET FIDELL 3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	JOHN O. WELLER 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
MAURICE HODGSON 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

The conductor's 100th peal on the bells.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM G. GIGG Treble	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	THOMAS J. SETTER 6
CLAUDE W. TARR 3	WALTER H. POOLE 7
GORDON WALFORD 4	GODFREY H. PIKE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging. Birthday compliments to T. J. Setter and W. H. Poole.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Variation of Carter's Twelve-part (5th observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

NORMA HOWES Treble	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 5
JEAN D. DUNN 2	DENNIS SCOTT 6
*WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 7
EDWIN HOPKINSON .. 4	NORMAN HOTCHIN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

* First peal of Triples. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Mary Jane Gregory, whose family have been connected with this belfry for upwards of 60 years. The ringers of the 6th and 7th are members of the family.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5072 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

ALBERT G. HARRISON .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	W. ARCHIE LOCK 7
ERIC G. BENNETT 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung as a compliment to John David Lock on the eve of his christening.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*DIANA M. PANTING .. Treble	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW .. 5
†W. GWYN THOMAS 2	EWART H. EDGE 6
‡JOHN B. GUY 3	§PETER BORDER 7
N. GERARD MCCRUM .. 4	†FRANK P. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Cambridge Major. ‡ First peal of Surprise. § First peal of Surprise Major.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	*H. GEORGE HART 5
*ELSIE K. FULTON 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 6
CECIL C. MAYNE 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
FRANK C. PRICE 4	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal in the method.



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THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

DENNIS R. CARLISLE .. Treble	*JOHN F. WILKINSON .. 5
*ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 2	*†PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 6
*HAROLD TAYLOR .. 3	*†MARK J. BARKER .. 7
*FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor in the method. First peal of Yorkshire for the Association.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY Treble	*ERIC EDMONDSON 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	ROY V. WEBB 6
*RODERICK J. LEES 3	NOEL J. DISERENS 7
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN FREEMAN.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Holt's Original.	
*RONALD BAGNALL .. Treble	*CYRIL BYARD 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	*ALFRED LOMAX 6
*HARRY SMETHILLS .. 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY 7
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 4	*ROBERT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	*ERIC J. GILBERT 5
JULIA M. PRESTON .. 2	*†WILLIAM E. COURT .. 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 3	JOHN E. SPICE 7
WILLIAM H. DEACON .. 4	*FRANK VARTY Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

VINCENT A. HEMMING .. Treble	REGINALD C. CHAPMAN .. 5
CLIFFORD J. DARKE .. 2	FRED LYNE 6
FREDERICK G. KINCHIN .. 3	HAROLD HUXLEY 7
*GEORGE E. INGRAM .. 4	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,280 each of London, Superlative and Cambridge and 1,312 of Bristol, with 112 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

JAMES THORLEY .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	GIBSON JACKSON 7
*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells. In this composition all the bells do all the work of all the methods.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure and one each of Capel, Kingston and Oxford.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*M. JILIAN BRIERLEY .. Treble	*IVOR R. NICHOL 4
*JEAN C. BROWN 2	*RONALD BARLOW 5
*JUNE M. HENSHAW 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in these methods. First peal in these methods as conductor.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

JOHN BEARDMORE .. Treble	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 4
COLIN B. GOLDING .. 2	CHARLES H. PAGE 5
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 3	*WILLIAM H. WATKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

* First peal. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band. Tenor 9 cwt.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

JOHN E. BIBBY .. Treble	HENRY O. BAKER 4
J. WILLIAM CLARKE .. 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 5
*IVOR G. NICHOLS .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Clarke.

BLADON, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. in A.

*DIANA PANTING .. Treble	PETER BORDER 4
*†DONALD NIBLETT .. 2	*†ALISTAIR ELLIOT .. 5
FRANK WRIGHT .. 3	*JOHN GUY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GUY.

* First peal on six tower bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal on six bells and in the method. First peal as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOY WHITEHEAD (aged 8) Treble	ALAN CATTELL 4
E. WHITEHEAD 2	C. A. KIRK 5
M. WHITEHEAD 3	*†A. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by C. A. KIRK.

* First peal on the treble. † First peal.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE .. Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 4
FREDERICK A. SALTER .. 2	WALTER NICHOLS .. 5
JOHN WISEMAN .. 3	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

The first peal of Minor in the method by all and for the Guild.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JOHN WARDLE .. Treble	*†J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4
*GIBSON JACKSON .. 2	*FRANK REED 5
*†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3	*J. EDWARD CAWSE .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven Surprise methods. ‡ First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising twenty 120's of Grandsire and twenty-two 120's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt in G.

*ROBIN THOMPSON Treble	A. J. H. SCOTT 3
*HARRY ROWLANDS 2	†JOHN AMER 4
A. LENNARD SHEPHERD .. Tenor	
Conducted by A. J. H. SCOTT.	

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method and away from the treble. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect in the passing of the Rev. F. H. Cooke, M.A., Vicar of Hooton.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,200 April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob, 1,200 Canterbury and 1,440 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. WARD .. Treble	*ALBERT E. PARKER 3
*JAMES WEBB 2	THOMAS EDWARD COOPER .. 4
HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. Tenor	
Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.	

* First peal. † Rung for the wedding of Miss Jean Mary Goodacre. Both she and her father, Mr. Wilfred L. Goodacre, are ringers at St. Swithun's.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Wilfrid and Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal, and one each of Capel, Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ERNEST PIMLOTT .. Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
*MRS. D. KIDD 2	*SYDNEY SAGE 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor
Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.	

* First peal in these methods. The first peal on the bells for 40 years.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROY STEVENS .. Treble	†NORMAN KING 4
HARRY KING 2	†SAMUEL BLATCH 5
†SIDNEY STEVENS 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK .. Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.	

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor by the local band. Rung as a farewell peal to Rev. V. E. L. Peacocke, M.A.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Greater,

A PEAL OF 5160 MINOR

Being seven 720's and 120 as follows: (1) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) Double Court; (5) Single Court; (6) Single Oxford; (7) Plain Bob and 120 Bastow Little Court. Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD E. MANTON .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
*SAMUEL W. CHAPMAN .. 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY 5
†C. WILLIAM HALL 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor
Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.	

* First peal in 12 methods on 'inside' bell. † 50th peal.

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	WALTER H. POOLE 4
STANLEY A. GUPPY 2	ALBERT S. ATYEO 5
*EDMUND C. ATYEO 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.	

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 26 extents of Grandsire (eight callings) and 16 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES T. PAYNE Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE .. 4
WILLIAM WENBAN 2	FRANCIS KIRK 5
SAMUEL FARMER 3	*DEREK A. WALSH .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles in more than one method by all except the conductor.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Rossendale, York, London, Norwich, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY C. JONES Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 4
PAMELA A. MARTIN 2	AUGUSTINE V. GOOD .. 5
WALTER AYRE 3	WALTER LEE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in seven methods.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of April Day, 12 of Plain Bob and 24 of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JEAN A. BROOKS Treble	ERNEST F. PAYNE 4
MARY A. CARPENTER 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5
MARY C. PAYNE 3	FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

A 16th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, C.C.C. 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69. Tenor 9 cwt.

LEONARD STILLWELL .. Treble	†ERNEST TREAGUS .. 4
*ENID LONNEN 2	CECIL R. LONGHURST .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. Rung in memory of William Denman.

DUNCHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*ROY C. SPRING Treble	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 4
A. JAMES STUART 2	*LESLIE G. TOWNSEND .. 5
RONALD W. GIBBONS .. 3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells for more than 50 years.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 34 extents of Grandsire, four of Plain Bob, three of April Day and one of Stedman. Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD F. DAVIES .. Treble	PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW .. 4
ERIC O. DAVIES 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD .. 5
ERNEST FOX 3	ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

First peal in more than one method by all the band and on the bells. Last peal on the bells as a 'six.' Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the wedding of Miss Ruby J. Lloyd to Dr. Bruce Laing.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*J. MARTIN PAGE Treble	†WILLIAM WENBAN .. 4
*D. KAY ADKINS 2	HARRY TIMMS 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

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

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5080 SPLICED MAJOR

Comprising 3,144 Little Bob and 1,936 Plain Bob, with 215 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

JAMES E. DANIELS 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

Rung as a compliment to Francis S. Wilson on his 76th birthday. Mr. Wilson has rung in a handbell peal for the last seven years on his birthday, but was unable to do so this year as he is still indisposed.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

In St. NICHOLAS' BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris' Variation. Tenor size 11 in G.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3-4	†HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 7-8

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

* 75th peal. † 100th peal.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours,

In Room 35, THE UNIVERSITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MARY I. KENNELLY 1-2	JACK R. WORRALL 3-4
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 5-6	

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal on handbells. A farewell to B. Enid Lloyd Roberts.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3-4
JACK BRAY 5-6	

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1951, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

In St. NICHOLAS' BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being forty-two extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER 1-2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
WALTER R. BEEBE 5-6	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A thanksgiving peal for Mr. F. G. Ashmore, churchwarden, who has recently successfully undergone two serious operations.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

In the NAVE of the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

RONALD BARLOW 1-2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3-4	CHARLES H. PAGE 7-8

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 40. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8

MICHAEL J. E. BEST 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to the witness, Arthur G. Janes, on his 75th birthday.

EWELME

Dear Sir,—This delightful spot nestling in the valley of the Chilterns about 16 miles south of Oxford, is famed for its watercrress during the season. But this is nothing compared with the historical Church of St. Mary. Here the grand chestnut-panelled ceiling in the Lady Chapel dates from 1400 and it is deemed a spider never crossed it.

Oh, for the vanished hand of Bill Fussell or even Freddie Grisewood to tell of this village! Surely many a ringer heard Mr. Grisewood announce the 1949 harvest festival from his old home. Yet all we know is that the bells, that grand five by Rudhall, after being silent for 20 years, have been rehung and a treble added. On January 6th a peal was rung here with not even the weight of the tenor recorded or the fragrant perfume from that flower of five- and six-bell peals, 'The Pink.' We read that the Thame Branch held a meeting here on January 26th but not even the 'Thame Badger' stirred. —Yours, etc.,

O. W. PORTER.

Plowden Arms,
Shiplake, Oxon.

P.S.—Re Bill Fussell's visit to Shiplake. On the inside of the seventh bell was chalked 'W. Fussell, 1881.' and tenor bell, 'H. Egby.'—O.W.P.

A FALSE SPLICED SURPRISE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I regret to inform you, and the ringers concerned, that the peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Willesden on December 11th, 1948, is false.

The defect was due to the incorrect insertion by me of Rutland and Yorkshire in a composition intended for Bristol, London, Cambridge and Superlative only.

MAURICE HODGSON.

Kenton, Harrow.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHURCH FESTIVALS AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Arno's letter in 'The Ringing World' of February 23rd deals very fully with the subject of Church Festivals and Peals, so that I hesitate to add anything more.

I suggest, however, that the 'Note Book and Diary' might well provide more information regarding Saints' Days. In this year's edition all the 'Red-Letter' Saints' Days of the Prayer Book Kalender are noted (except that St. Mark's Day is April 25th and not 24th, as printed); but there is only mention of five 'lesser' Saints' Days, and of these there are three Patron Saints (SS. George, Patrick and David) while SS. Valentine and Swithun are more usually connected with occasions other than ringing. By contrast there is no mention of such names as SS. Lawrence or Nicholas, to whom Church dedications are very frequent. Perhaps, therefore, the editors of the 'Notebook and Diary' would fill in the gaps in the 1952 edition.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. MOZLEY.

Haslemere, Surrey.

OLD BOYS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—Bournemouth Boys' Grammar School celebrates its Jubilee during the first week in April. A peal will be attempted at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, to mark the occasion. Are there any Old Bournemouthians who would like to take a rope? So far I have six who are known Old Bournemouthian ringers. The date of the attempt is April 7th, at 2.30 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

16, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

EVEN BELL MUSIC

Dear Sir,—I would not, and in fact did not, presume to dictate to Mr. F. R. Butler what his tastes, if any, in ringing, should be. I merely advanced what I considered were reasons for my preference of even bell-ringing. It was not my intention to evoke personalities but since this has happened I must reply.

I lay no claim to be a 'musical expert'—not even a 'budding' one—but I cannot agree that my supposed inability to whistle a six-score of Grandsire Doubles is in any way a disqualification from expressing my considered opinion, which was founded on observation.

Mr. Butler will notice that I made no mention of my ability to conduct touches or peals by ear alone and I would assure him that I would not attempt to do so. I don't suppose many people would, as there are far more precise methods available.

As for my 'inexperience regarding the sound of bells,' of the few that I have heard, those that sounded well in Triples could have been made to sound better to Double Norwich, etc.; in fact the latter method necessitates good striking if it is to be rung at all.

I am, therefore, still of the opinion that where one finds Major one usually finds enthusiasm, progress and good striking. The letter on this subject by Mr. B. D. Price says in a lucid way much of what I tried to say.

Finally, let it be understood that I do not 'despise' odd-bell ringing; in fact I enjoy ringing Stedman Triples.—Yours faithfully,

F. J. JACKSON.

Holmrook, Cumberland.

'IN WHICH CENTURY?'

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Oxenham's letter a recent 'Ringing World,' I consider 1900 was the last year of the 19th century and the five peals mentioned, therefore, would have been rung during that period.

Ipswich.

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The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. It
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should not overlook the date.

Because of Good Friday,
postal subscribers will
receive their 'Ringing
World' next week on Thursday. For this issue
notices cannot be inserted under any circum-
stances unless they arrive by first post Monday.

Mr. W. C. Ward, who at the age of 65 has
scored his first peal at Great Dalby, Leics, has
been ringing since the age of 15.

There is every likelihood that the Jasper
Snowdon dinner will be revived this year. The
tentative date is September 29th, at York.

The bells of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row,
Westminster, will be heard on Easter Sunday in
the 'Bells Round Britain' broadcast, 9.15 a.m.
approximately, Home Service.

The name of Mr. George Tembey, whose
death was reported on page 155 of the issue
of March 9th, was spelt wrongly. The error
is regretted.

By ringing his 100th peal on Crayford bells,
Mr. F. J. Cullum has joined the late Messrs. E.
Barnett, sen., J. H. Cheesman and H. E. Audsley,
in having completed a century both at Crayford
and St. John's, Erith.

Miss Jean Broomfield ('Triplex Jean') was
married at Burnham, Bucks, last Saturday. She
is the first of the band, recruited 12 years ago,
to get married. A farewell peal to her single
state appears in our columns.

In the letter 'Bells as Time Signals' from Mr.
Donald G. Clift, a regretted error appeared
in our March 2nd issue. The line should have
read 'There are many more majestic rings of
bells such as Exeter, Wells, Buckfast, Bristol.'

The original ten bells of All Hallows', Lom-
bard Street, have been installed at All Hallows'
Church, Twickenham. The rededication ser-
vice took place on March 11th, the Bishop of
Kensington officiating. The Vicar (the Rev. J.
H. A. Charles) has already recruited a number
of ringers.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The 50th anniversary of
the first peal of Mr. F. G.
Leaker, chairman of the
Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol
Diocesan Association, was commemorated by a
peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Redcliffe. The
peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. A.
Tyler, and enabled Messrs. A. E. Reeves, S. G.
Riches, A. M. Tyler, J. R. Worrall, Alan A.
Hillier and Leonard Derrick to complete Grand-
sire from Doubles to Cinques.

In the Round Britain Quiz on Sunday, Denis
Brogan was stumped by a question, 'What
comes after the treble?'

Radstock, Somerset, has lost, by death, Mr.
T. M. Griffin, who has given over 50 years'
service to the tower. On February 22nd the
bells were rung half-muffled to 1,260 Doubles
(Plain Bob and Grandsire) as a last token of
respect by F. Carter 1, J. Holbrook 2, H. Haw-
kins 3, D. Hoare (conductor) 4, G. Pomeroy 5,
E. Connock 6.

The local band of St. Helen's, Stapleford,
Notts, wish to thank Miss Winifred M.
Burton and Mr. Colin Kirk, of Leicester, for
standing in the peal on March 3rd at very short
notice. They took the places of Messrs. William
Thornley sen. and William Houlth, who were
indisposed. With this peal Mr. William Thorn-
ley, jun., has circled the tower in six peals spread
over 18 years.

The memorial tablet to the late Mr. Cyril
F. Johnston was unveiled by Mr. E. H. Lewis,
president of the Central Council, and dedicated
by the Ven. C. F. Tonks, Archdeacon of Croy-
don, at Croydon Parish Church last Saturday.
The service was attended by the Mayor and
Mayoress of Croydon and Sir Herbert and
Lady Williams. A report will appear in our
next issue.

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Not a Peal-Ringing Organisation

A new Guild came into being on February 19th as the outcome of a meeting held in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell. Twenty-five ringers from Prittlewell, Thorpe Bay, Rayleigh, Leigh, Downham and Great Wakering attended and Mr. F. B. Lufkin was voted to the chair.

This action was prompted by a feeling that ringers in the Southend area felt rather remote and isolated from their fellow-members of the Essex South Western District, whose meetings may be held anything up to 50 miles away—too far to be of any help to the considerable number of young people who were taking up the art in and around Southend. The Guild is not antagonistic to the Essex Association and it is its desire, so the new secretary assures us, to help the Association in any way it can.

The chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to form a new Guild of Ringers in Southend and district and said it was hoped that the young people of the district would, to a large extent, take over the government of the Guild.

He then read out the objects of the Guild, as set out in the list of proposed rules, and, as the feeling of the meeting was favourable, it was agreed that the formation of the Guild be proceeded with. Subject to certain minor modifications, the rules were adopted in toto.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. F. B. Lufkin; Master, Mr. P. A. Sadler; Deputy Master, Mr. G. Blower; secretary, Mr. D. Coombes; assistant secretary, Mr. V. W. Grimwade; ladies' secretary, Miss A. Christmas; treasurer, Mr. B. Sadler.

Mr. H. J. Oliver (Downham) and Mrs. C. G. Woodgate (Wakering) were also elected as representatives of their towers, to serve on the committee and the secretary was instructed to write to the Rector of Leigh (St. Clement's) and Mr. Mabson, at South Benfleet, asking them to support the Guild by electing a representative from their local bands to serve as committee members.

The question of the election of vice-presidents was left over for further discussion at the next general meeting. On a question by Mrs. Woodgate it was pointed out that anybody would be welcomed at the Guild's meetings, whether members or not.

The chairman explained that it was not the intention of the Guild to undertake peal-ringing as all peals rung by members would be for the Essex Association. He also mentioned certain plans which members had in mind for a Festival of Britain Peals Week-end and a summer ringing tour of the West Midlands being organised by the secretary.

It was left to the committee to fix dates of ringing meetings and other suitable functions.

RUSSIAN BELLS AT PINNER

In response to a reader's query concerning the five Russian bells at Pinner, Mr. Ernest Morris supplies us with the following details:—

'It is not generally known that there is a chime of Russian bells in England. This is at Pinner Hill House, Middlesex, and an inscription plate records: "These five bells of the respective weights of 281½, 159, 66½, 37 and 17 lbs., were made by Demetrius Samgin, bell-founder, Moscow, and purchased at the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park by a Mr. A. Tooke, who placed them here a.d. MDCCCLXIX."

'These bells, which are very melodious, are attached to the clock and chime the hour and quarters.

'There is also a Russian bell in the Round Tower of Windsor Castle which was brought from Sebastopol as a war trophy after the Crimean War and presented to Queen Victoria. It was tolled at her funeral and those of King Edward VII. and King George V.'

CANON COLERIDGE MEMORIAL

At a general meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held at Reading on March 10th, it was decided that a memorial fund be opened forthwith for the purpose of erecting a tablet in the cloisters and one in the belfry at Christ Church, Oxford, to recast the two trebles and other work as proposed by the committee and to form a permanent memorial fund for the general furtherance of the work of the Guild.

The Guild treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, will be glad to receive donations.

C. ELLIOT WIGG, Master.

APPLETON RINGERS' DAY

March 4th is just as important to Appleton, with its great traditions of ringing, as the Johnson Dinner is to Birmingham or the Snowdon Dinner to Yorkshire, and once more a very happy day was had by a goodly company of ringers.

Amongst the company was the Master of the Oxford Guild, Walter Judge, and that grand old veteran from Swindon, Charlie Gardiner, and visitors from Swindon, Abingdon, Oxford, Hagbourne and Reading, and ringers from miles around the district.

Ringing during the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal until 4.30 p.m. Then came tea in the Thatched Tavern (known to hundreds of ringers who have visited the village). Tunes on the handbells were played by the talented White family, ably, thank God, under the fatherly eye of old Dick White, and followed by songs of ringing prowess as sung by Appleton ringers long since departed but remembered by some of the old 'uns with affection.

One prominent local, George Holifield, was, unfortunately, absent, but the atmosphere of March 4th was kept alive by Mr. Fred Sharpe who is as great an authority on old songs as he is on old bells, and rendered one or two most delightfully.

Thank goodness young Frank White is following in his father's footsteps and as long as he has health and strength the writer is certain that March 4th will be a great day for Appleton and ringers generally for many years to come.

W. H.

THE PEAL HAS BEEN RUNG

Here is the story of the peal that would never come.

Miss Ruby J. Lloyd, daughter of Mr. W. H. Lloyd, Master of the Ludlow District of the Hereford Guild and captain at Berrington, stood in an attempted farewell peal previous to her marriage to Dr. Bruce Laing. The attempt failed.

The Shropshire Association failed in a peal at Cound for her wedding and the Berrington band lost a peal on the night she was leaving the country through a rope breaking. Another attempt on February 24th of this year followed the same path before success was reached with the peal on February 28th.

Dr. and Mrs. Laing flew from Prestwick to Newfoundland on March 8th, 1950, where Dr. Laing took up a hospital appointment.

The two new trebles, for which Mrs. Bruce Laing worked so hard, are expected to be hung at Berrington by Easter.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR

Additions to previous lists of those who gave their lives in the 1939-45 war:—

Survey Association.

COE., F. Reigate

Oxford Diocesan Guild.

ALLEN, A. E., East Hagbourne.

THE NEEDHAMS OF BARWELL

Veteran With 65 Years' Service Honoured

Since 1793 the Needhams have been vergers of Barwell Parish Church. The present verger, Mr. Joseph Needham, succeeded his grandfather 42 years ago.

It was the present Mr. Needham's grandfather's grandfather, Thomas Needham, who began this remarkable family record of church service—probably the longest unbroken family association of its kind in the country. The name of Needham was first mentioned in Barwell's church registers at the turn of the 17th century.

On March 3rd, a dinner, arranged by the Barwell ringers, was given in recognition of Mr. Joseph Needham's outstanding service, not only as verger but as bellringer, for he has rung the bells of the 13th century church for 65 years.

During the afternoon the bells of the Parish Church were rung to various methods and then followed the dinner at which Mr. T. C. Belton welcomed the visitors to an event which was historical.

Mr. Ernest Morris, himself a verger, on presenting Mr. Needham with a cheque, said how honoured he felt at being invited to attend such a memorable gathering and spoke of the strong ties which bound his own church with Barwell. Mr. Needham, he said, was an example to this generation and he hoped that his life would be blessed with many more happy hours in the service of the Church.

Mr. Needham, replying, said that the presentation came as a complete surprise to him and he accepted the gift with deep gratitude. He remembered the days when there were more bells than ringers in Barwell but now the situation was reversed and no one appreciated more than he did the tremendous improvements in the belfry.

Mr. Morris amused the gathering with some well-chosen anecdotes of his life as a verger.

Replying to the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. George Newton said he could never feel a visitor at Barwell, because of the pioneer work the late Mr. Charles Belton had done in his own tower at Earl Shilton.

Mr. Dakin, of Tamworth, also expressed thanks for the opportunity of being able to be present at such a homely gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Margaret supplied musical items on handbells in addition to taking part in a course of Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob 'in hand.'

In addition to the 14 ringers from Barwell the company included Messrs. G. Peers jun., G. Dakin (Tamworth), G. Newton, H. Wright (Earl Shilton), N. Statham (Kirkby Mallory), M. Brown (Sapcote), H. Knights (Hinckley), E. Morris (Leicester) and Mr. and Mrs. A. Beamish and Miss M. Beamish (Chilvers Coton).

TOWER-SNATCHING BY TAXI

On February 17th, two of the young enthusiasts from Winchester College, together with three members of the St. Maurice's, Winchester, band, spent an enjoyable afternoon visiting three five-bell towers in the area.

Due to restriction of available time, the party chartered a taxi, which set off at 2 p.m. The tiny wooden tower at All Saints' Dummer was the first call (tenor 9 cwt.). These bells are, unfortunately, rarely rung but 'go' quite well. Then on to Ellisfield, where we were met by the Vicar and the local captain. Ringing on the five (tenor 8 cwt.) was much enjoyed although the pleasure of the visit was marred by the breaking of the fourth rope in the last touch!

The final tower was St. Mary's, Preston Candover, where the five bells are tuned to rather peculiar but quaint melodic interval. The treble hangs some ten feet above the back four and can hardly be heard while the five (tenor 6 cwt.) are going! The District Chairman, the Rev. Brinkworth, who is Vicar of Preston, joined in ringing Grandsire Doubles.

STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—12

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

'SOME BOB CALLER'

In July, 1884, at St. Mary's, Lambeth, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples but lost after an hour owing to a 'shift.' Mr. Fussell says: 'It was my first time of ringing her. Meadows was calling the bobs so loud that a policeman heard him in the roadway and the charwoman asked Stoneman, the steeple-keeper, who he was calling for. Hopkins said he would set his bell if Meadows didn't call properly.'

OF INTEREST TO LEICESTER

While playing the Crystal Palace chime and while going from place to place in London, he met many well-known personalities in the ringing world. One of particular interest to the present-day writer and to Leicester is when Mr. Fussell says: 'I went to St. Paul's Cathedral and saw the band ring a touch of Stedman Cinques. Mr. Pettitt absent, he being unwell. After leaving the tower, walked to St. James' Church with Mr. French, Mr. Cleal (who was a visitor from Worcester), Dan Newton, Rowbottom, J. Hayes and Laughlin. . . . Mr. Cleal, from Worcester, who is endeavouring to get work in London, is certainly a good ringer both in the tower and on handbells.' Mr. George Cleal later came to Leicester and, with his friend Samuel Cotton, helped to form a band at St. Martin's (now the Cathedral) which was—and still is—second to none in England. Their early exploits on handbells makes ringing history, and the silent peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques were masterpieces in the art. Before the 1914-18 war Messrs. Cleal and Cotton taught me a great deal until I had to leave for the Army.'

On another occasion Mr. Fussell records going to Beaconsfield for a peal, in his own style, thus: 'Alf, Woodley and I went to the station and met Basden and Harvey Reeves with Darvill's wagonette in attendance, and rode to Farnham where J. Parker and C. Chapman joined us and we proceeded to Beaconsfield one short for a peal, so not in good spirits! However, the Rev. G. Coleridge met us in place of Egby, of Reading, and after refreshments we started for Holt's 10 part.' They did not succeed as, after two hours five minutes, a shift occurred. After giving further details including '4 blisters on my hands,' Mr. Fussell says: 'The Rev. Coleridge is a good ringer and a very sociable man in ringers' company,' a sentiment everyone who knew him will agree with.

THE AWKWARD ROPE

Mr. Fussell met Mr. N. J. Pitstow at Southgate where they had difficulty in getting tea, but finally the wife of a milk vendor made them some. They then went and pulled the bells up 'to ring a good peal, but after 32 minutes of some splendid Treble Bob, a strand of the tenor rope came undone and flopped about so much we were compelled to stop. We mended it and started again but it came undone a second time and stopped us.' Mr. Pitstow was calling it and Newson ringing the tenor (24 cwt.).

After this Mr. Fussell rushed away to a meeting of St. James' Society, arriving just as the business finished. He says: 'Mr. Pettitt and other College Youths were present, I being the only Cumberland. Heard some tales during the evening, old Mr. Grice being well up at any time for talking. He mentioned G. Austin steeplekeeper of Bermondsey, having written out all the changes of a 6,000 Treble Bob he composed. Bermondsey bells never went so well after Austin ceased to attend to them.'

A WINDSOR PEAL

Finding the train from Waterloo in time only stopped at Putney and Twickenham, for Windsor, Mr. Fussell set off for Putney Station 24 miles distant, and only 15 minutes to spare. 'By a long "dog trot" and several hard sprints (he says) I managed to get to the station just as the train was in, doing the distance in 13 minutes. I got a carriage to myself, took off my coat, waistcoat, hat and boots, and laid full length on the seat. Got to Windsor 5.55 and managed to get to the church at 6 p.m. Began the peal and got it! The two clergymen rang well, so did Mr. Perryman. Wilder stayed in the tower all the time. Someone tried to



THE LATE MR. HENRY DAINS

get in while we were ringing and I thought we were going to be stopped. Found out there was someone ill over the road. A whole swarm of local ringers came up as we stopped to congratulate us.'

Returning to the City after, he says: 'After a lot of delay and shunting, got to town after midnight and we were unable to get to the City, so started to walk to Finsbury Square but later got a cab and rode home singing, etc. At F.S. Gardom couldn't get a bed at his hotel so I made him walk to Whitechapel where we arrived—tired out—at 1 a.m.'

A VISIT TO MARGATE

Later in the year Mr. Fussell was sent by the founders to Margate (St. John's) to inspect and report on the bells. On the way the train stopped at Ashford for 50 minutes so he went to the church and says: 'Made a sketch, and in the belfry 11 peal boards—a good little belfry and nicely arranged for comfort.' At Margate he reports: 'Found a stone—very small—tablet, up to the ceiling almost, bedded into the wall. It reads "In the year 1787 Matthias Mummery, Sexton, raised this Tenor bell in 12 pulls when he was 67 years of age." Also a tablet dated 1824 recording a peal of Grandsire Triples called by Wm. Shipway,' which he quotes in full. Mr. Fussell reports raking up a band to ring the bells. He stayed the night and returned to Whitechapel next day.

RINGERS' WIVES

In the evening he went to Southgate for a peal of Treble Bob and to make sure of a band, 11 turned up! They got the peal and, among other things, he says: 'G. Grice, 69, an old College Youth for over 30 years, rang well as he had not touched a rope for five years. G. Harvey is an old Cumberland. When he first married, he met the Company regularly and rang several good peals. He married a second time, his wife this time "wearing the trousers" as the saying goes, and preventing him coming to ring. He has lost his second wife five weeks now, so I suppose we shall see more of him. After the peal at the "Cherry Tree" many tales were told after a glass of ale or two. . . . When Zachariah Slater, of Glemsford, got married, he—at the very church door—made his wife promise never to object to his going ringing, threatening to go back if she didn't, and, to use Slater's own words, "She never 'ave."'

Later he records: 'Perkins. Newson, Randall, Gillett and others were out Ringwood way and were running to catch a train—after going for a peal—with a set of handbells in a sack, most of them stayed to have a glass at a house near the station. A robbery of plate that same night caused the police to be on the alert and, seeing men running with a sack and hearing the bells clink, they were almost taken up and would have been had not the inspector known Perkins.'

During this time (1884) Mr. Fussell reports on several visits to inspect bells and an interesting note reads: 'Took a set of rough drawings of five old bells from Staplehurst, one dated 1594 by "Mot." Mr. Hughes (the foundry manager) spoke to me about learning to ring.' At the end of the year he writes: 'Thus ends another year after many changes and diversions: but, thank God, no illness. Frequently I think of my time in the architects' offices at Windsor and Reading and how I ought rightly to follow that profession after so many years at it, and four years under indentures, only I think this foundry will suit me better having a good master, Mr. A. S. Lawson, the owner of the foundry. My time with him has been already nine months, short though it seems to look back. W. Haley, our bell-tuner, was married at Hackney on Sunday week last, and A. Fells, blacksmith, was married on Christmas morning—both came to work no better in appearance, or stronger, on Monday. The girl who works in our offices, named Carry, is sister to Harry Binham, of Shoreditch, her mother being a native of Reading.' This year he rang 19 peals, mostly Grandsire and Stedman and Treble Bob and 48 different 720's of Minor.

(To be continued.)

MR. RODENHURST'S 500 PEALS

Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, of Whitchurch, Salop, who rang his first peal on December 14th, 1913, has rung peals in 134 towers in 20 counties and for 17 associations.

The following is his list:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, in two to six methods 17 (conducted 11).

Minor.—In one to eleven methods 60 (3).

Triples.—Grandsire 67 (23), Stedman 50, Plain Bob 1, Oxford Bob 1, Union 1, Erin 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 45 (3), Little Bob 1, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Kent Treble Bob *68 (2), Oxford Treble Bob 16, Kent and Oxford 2, Double Norwich 58, Double Oxford 1, Cambridge Surprise 21, New Cambridge 3, Superlative 3, Bristol (on treble) 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 20 (5), Stedman 18.

Royal.—Plain Bob 8, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 15, Oxford Treble Bob 3, Kent and Oxford 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 10.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Handbells.—Grandsire Doubles 1, Grandsire Triples 1.

Total.—500

* Includes 7.488, 9.344, 10.400 (longest peal in Wales) and 17.280 (Kent record).

OBITUARIES OF THE WEEK

MR. JAMES GEORGE

We regret to announce that Mr. James George passed peacefully away on March 10th at St. Mary's Hospital, Poole. Mr. George was 97 years of age and he celebrated his 95th birthday by ringing a handbell peal.

Mr. George rang 1,281 peals. He rang his last tower-bell peal at the age of 85 years and 9 months on August 24th, 1939, at Enderby, Leics.

Details of his ringing career will appear in our next issue.

CANON W. A. CHALLACOMBE

The Exercise has lost a firm friend and staunch supporter by the death, at Farnborough, Hants, of Canon William Allen Challacombe, aged 89 years, Rector of the Parish Church for 28 years. He retired two years ago.

The Farnborough ringers used to receive frequent invitations to visit the Canon after their practices on Mondays and many enjoyable evenings were spent in his company.

He was not a ringer and would never attempt to pull a rope, but even so he loved to hear the bells and ringers were his friends.

For many years a quarter-peal had been rung at Farnborough on the anniversary of his birthday and the Canon was always delighted to share his birthday cake with the ringers.

The funeral service was held at Farnborough and the interment at Dover.

As a last tribute the Farnborough band rang a fully-muffled quarter-peal on Sunday evening, February 18th.

MR T. W. UPSHALL

Farnham (Surrey) ringers have lost a member of their tower for 51 years by the death of Mr. Thomas William Upshall on February 28th. He was 73 years of age.

On Christmas Day, 1949, the Rector of Farnham (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes) presented him with an inscribed silver-mounted walking stick in recognition of his 50 years' service as ringer at the Parish church. Mr. Upshall was born at Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset, and learnt to ring in 1899 with his brother, the late Mr. George Upshall. He had many peals to his credit and had taught many recruits to ring. His keenness and reliability were an inspiration to his fellows. He leaves in bereavement a widow and son.

The funeral service was at Farnham on March 5th followed by interment in Farnham Cemetery. Mr. A. H. Pulling represented the Guildford Guild, Mr. A. C. Hazelden the Guildford District, Mr. G. S. Joyce the Farnham District and Mr. H. J. Chaffey, Chertsey District. Other ringers present were:—Mr. C. W. Denyer, Farnham District Ringing Master; Miss M. Mackman (Q.I.D.N.S.) and Messrs. C. Wells, S. Meadows, R. Hasted, F. Gardner and R. Collins (Farnham), J. W. Carter (Seale), W. Dimes and H. Harris (Crandall), E. Sherwood (Ash), W. Denyer, E. J. Bragg and W. Viggers (Aldershot), E. Payne (Rogate) and the Misses A. Butler (Frensham) and R. Raggett (Bentley). Among the many floral tributes were those from the Farnham tower, the Guildford Guild, Farnham District and the Bentley ringers.

As the cortege left the church, the bells were rung half-muffled and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by A. Hazelden 1-2, C. W. Denyer 3-4, A. H. Pulling 5-6, W. H. Viggers 7-8. In the evening 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, were rung by Miss M. Mackman 1, J. Wells (conductor) 2, J. Read 3, E. Gardner 4, S. Meadows 5, E. J. Heath (first quarter of Triples) 6, R. Collins 7, C. Wells 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Jones 1, Miss A. Castle 2, J. Tomsett 3, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 4, H. Allen 5, S. Ball 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. Alfred Miller.

MR. H. G. BEAMS

Mr. Harry George Beams, a member of a ringing family with over 100 years' continuous connection with St. Mary's Church, Ewell, Surrey, died peacefully at his home at West Ewell on February 7th, aged 88.

With his two younger brothers, Jesse and John, he learnt to handle a bell-rope at an early age, his father being the parish beadle and a member of the call-change band of those times.

Mr. Harry Beams was not only an enthusiastic service ringer for about 50 years but he had also rung many peals, mostly in the locality, and he had 'circled' the Ewell tower. He took part in the first peal to be rung in the church, in 1892, and the first by a local band a year later. He also rang in the deeply-muffled peal on the funeral day of Queen Victoria. All were of Grandsire Triples. His health had not permitted him doing any ringing since before the war, but mentally he remained alert and intensely interested in ringing news.

A course of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the interment in Ewell Churchyard by F. Oakshott, E. Coward and J. Hoyle, the last-named having rung peals with him 50 years ago.

Later a half-muffled quarter-peal of 1,259 Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells as a last tribute by:—J. Whitehorn 1, E. J. Lindley (conductor) 2, J. Hoyle 3, Margaret Howard 4, M. Layton 5, H. E. Good 6, F. Oakshott 7, E. Coward 8.

MR. GEORGE FISHER

On February 23rd, at the age of 81, Mr. George Fisher passed away at his home in Warren Avenue, Stapleford, Notts.

A member of St. Helen's Church all his life, he had held every lay office in the church except that of warden. When he retired, some four years ago, he had been a bellringer and steeple-keeper for 60 years.

Up to 1932 he had charge of the three old bells and often chimed all three himself for service. When they were augmented to six he could only manage to cover Doubles and rang his first and only peal covering Grandsire and Bob Doubles; that was at the age of 65.

As a tribute of esteem and respect, a half-muffled peal of Minor was rung at Stapleford on March 3rd.

CRANBORNE, DORSET

Old Bell Retained in New Ring

To-morrow (March 17th) is an important day for this little Dorset village with only 550 inhabitants. The eight bells, which have been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., with metal added to the tenor to make it 17 cwt., are being rededicated.

The ancient fifth bell, cast at a mediæval foundry at Salisbury and placed in the tower in 1550, is being replaced by a new bell from Loughborough. The ancient bell has been hung by itself and is to be used for service chiming.

The contract price is about £1,500 and towards this the villagers have strained their resources to raise £1,000. Mr. W. Day (churchwarden), of Castle Street, Cranborne, near Wimborne, appeals for contributions.

Cranborne Church was once a Benedictine Monastery, then a Priory and finally the Parish Church. Its fine tower, completed in 1440, is the third largest in Dorset. There were four bells in the tower in 1550; later a tenor weighing one ton was added. Four of the five bells were recast by Thomas Mears in 1841 into five bells, leaving the old fourth bell as tenor. These six were augmented by two more trebles, cast by John Warner, in 1890. The bells are hung in a fine oak frame which is as good to-day as it was 60 years ago.

Cranborne Church well repays a visit and Mr. Day, in making his appeal, extends a cordial invitation to ringers during their summer outings.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS

£2,000 For Recasting Bells

One of the principal rings in the Oxford Diocesan Guild is now sadly in need of restoration. It is imperative that something be done unless Hughenden bells are to become silent.

The ring of eight is not a musical one; the tenor bell was cast about 1420, the seventh (the worst bell in the tower) was cast in 1490 and the rest added at different times. The octave was completed in 1881 by a gift of two trebles as a memorial to the Earl of Beaconsfield.

Since that time nearly 300 peals have been rung on the bells, including the first peal of London Surprise Major for the Oxford Guild and first of Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich in the county. Hughenden was a favourite tower of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and the peal book contains the names of a number of other notable ringers.

The old tenor is to be hung separately from the new ring and used as a service bell and a new tenor will be necessary. The rest need recasting and hanging in a new frame, all on one level. The cost is estimated to be nearly £2,000 and although the local ringers themselves are contributing weekly sums, it is certain that money must be forthcoming from other sources. Visitors have always been made welcome on Sundays and practice nights and undoubtedly numerous young ringers owe much to the efforts of this enthusiastic band.

If any ringing friends would like to make a contribution to this worthy object, the same will be gratefully acknowledged by Mr. Roland Biggs, tower captain, or Mr. Percy Newton, hon. secretary. Please forward all donations to the Rev. S. A. C. Dickens (Bell Restoration Fund), Hughenden Vicarage, High Wycombe, Bucks.

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT

The smooth-running ring of eight at Lindley was kept going from 2.30 to 7 p.m. in simple methods of Triples and Major at an open meeting on March 3rd; the striking on the whole was fairly good.

About 20 members from 11 towers then adjourned to the choir vestry to decide whether the Society should be re-formed after a lapse of several years. The proposal was strongly supported and officers were elected comprising president, secretary-treasurer, auditor, Ringing Master and three committee members.

The subscription was fixed at 1s. per year, this, paid on the spot by members present, plus a little cash brought forward and a small profit from tea and sandwiches, makes a reasonable working balance. A maximum of six meetings per year was considered to be the best number for smooth working, these to be held on the first Saturday of the particular month, the secretary to advertise same in 'The Ringing World'.

A vote of thanks to the local company for arranging the meeting closed the proceedings. A. W. B.

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD

A successful meeting was held at Baglan on March 3rd, about 35 members representing nine towers being present. It was a pleasure to see so many young ringers there. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. Llewellyn Jones.

Tea was served in the New Church Hall. At the business meeting, with the Vicar presiding, the statement of accounts was discussed. The credit balance showed an increase, but there was room for improvement regarding membership. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Gorseinon and failing this at Duffryn, Neath. Mr. D. Williams thanked the Vicar and also the officers for the work they had done.

At the conclusion, a committee of four was elected to arrange a day's ringing tour in June. The district secretary will be pleased to hear from all those interested in the proposal.

J. A. H.

THEY RANG PEALS IN THE LAST CENTURY

STILL RINGING AT 85

We publish this week the fifth instalment of those who rang their first peal in the last century.

Mr. Harry E. Hammond, of Braintree, rang his first peal on May 19th, 1883. It was seven Minor methods at Braintree and was the first peal of Minor for the Essex Association.

Mr. Hammond is now in his 86th year and is still capable of ringing Surprise Major methods. He also rang in the first 720 of London Surprise Minor for his Association. He is the only survivor of the band who rang his first peal.

Mr. A. W. Brighton, of Forest Gate, formerly of Norwich, rang his first peal at Norwich (Bob Minor on handbells) on February 23rd, 1892, and his first tower bell peal at Nethersett (Bob Minor) on February 29th, 1892. He rang 89 peals to December 2nd, 1899, and these included peals from Doubles to Maximus.

Mr. E. E. Pratchett, of Hendon, Middlesex, rang his first peal (Bob Major, 5.056 changes), at the residence of Mr. C. H. Martin, on handbells, on December 6th, 1894. The band was Henry J. Martin 1-2, W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor) 3-4, Charles H. Martin 5-6, E. E. Pratchett 7-8. Umpire, Mr. Frank Turvey.

His first peal on tower bells (six bells) was the treble to seven different methods at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, on December 8th, 1894, conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

On the 15th of the same month he rang his first peal of Major on tower bells—the treble to a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London (conducted by G. Newson).

FIRST AT CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY

Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Dorset, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Christchurch Priory, on June 1st, 1895. Of the band only Mr. George Preston, of Christchurch, and Mr. Martin Stewart survive. The peal was for the wedding of Mr. E. Hinton, who is still alive, but, being the bridegroom, was unable to participate in the ringing.

Mr. John Hilling is the only surviving member of the band that rang the first three peals on Bunwell, Norwich, bells. His first was Minor (three methods) on April 30th 1892. Bunwell bells were rehung in 1884 and still go very well although they have had no repairs since that date.

Mr. George Henry Myers, of Plymouth, rang his first peal, Plain Bob Major, at Charles' Church, Plymouth, on April 15th, 1896. Later in the same year he took part in the first peal on the restored and augmented bells at Cardynham, Cornwall, conducted by Mr. T. Blackburn, who had carried out the job.

Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on December 10th, 1900, at Smethwick Old Church. It was also the first peal for Joseph Piggott, and was conducted by Samuel Reeves. Mr. Hughes concludes: I rang my 262nd peal in January, 1936, and have only been able to ring one (Grandsire Caters) since. But I still have hopes if health permits.

Mr. Walter Gorton, of the Saviour's, Bolton, Lancs, rang eight peals before 1900; the first, a peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1883. He rang a peal in the same method on December 19th, 1945, at the age of 85 years, both on the Saviour's bells. He says if he could ring from the ground level he would still be a service ringer. He hopes to hear a peal rung to celebrate his 90th birthday on June 24th next.

A FARNHAM WORTHY

Mr. R. Hasted, of Farnham, who is 79, rang at the age of 18 a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's 10 part) on November 26th, 1889, at Privett, Hampshire. He rang the sixth and it is believed to be the first peal rung by an entirely local company for the Winchester Guild. On November 30th, 1895, he rang at Winchester Cathedral a peal of Grandsire Caters—the first peal of Caters in Hampshire.

Mr. A. D. Cullum, of Reading, rang his first peal, Stedman Triples, at Caversham, on April 25th, 1896.

Mr. William G. Whitehead rang his first peal at St. James', Bushey, Herts, on November 7th, 1896. The method was Grandsire Triples.

'IN WHICH CENTURY?'

Dear Sir,—I venture to say Mr. Oxenham rang his peals in question in the last century. It is more than half a century since I left school, but I remember being taught a century was 100 years, not 99. The 20th century started on January 1st, 1901.

Radford, Coventry.

C. H. WEBB.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.

East Norfolk Branch Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at Gorleston-on-Sea on February 24th, attended by 39 members. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Corbell (Vicar). Tea was provided at Matthes' Assembly Rooms and the business meeting followed. Mr. G. Fletcher inviting the Vicar to preside.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate (Mr. G. Fletcher resigning the office as he thought it was time that someone else held the position); Mr. J. Harwood, secretary; Messrs. G. Bussey, P. G. W. Newstead, G. Walpole, P. Kindred (branch committee); Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mr. P. Walpole (standing committee); Mr. G. Walpole, branch Ringing Master.

Loddon was selected for the next meeting on April 21st.

Mr. H. Tooke, secretary of North Norfolk, suggested a joint meeting of the East and North Norfolk Branches during the summer. This is to be decided at the next meeting.

Mr. G. Fletcher proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and service and also to the Rev. Robinson, who gave the address.

Ringing was resumed till 8.30, methods being selected to oblige everyone, with rounds for learners.

Ringers were present from Acle, Beccles, Caister-on-Sea, Fornett, Gorleston, Haddiscoe, Lowestoft, Loddon, Norton, Southwold, South Walsham, Pakefield, Winterton, Wymondham and Great Yarmouth.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

On February 10th the Society met on the eastern boundary of the District and enjoyed a good ring on the light ring of eight in St. Patrick's, Patrington.

Ringing in this miniature cathedral is always an enjoyable event as there is a lot for the ringer with archaeological interests to see, in between ringing touches, including the number and novel ways of entry into the ringing chamber.

The Rev. R. A. E. Jones conducted the service and gave an interesting sermon on the meaning of ringing customs and the calling of the people to service by bells.

Standard methods were rung in the afternoon and evening with touches of Double Norwich and Cambridge Minor. A pleasing feature was the way several learners handled these light bells and took part in touches.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division

The divisional annual meeting was held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 24th, 48 members being present, representing 15 affiliated towers. Some very good ringing preceded the service in which the Rev. R. Hare, curate and ringer, gave a very thoughtful address. An excellent tea was provided by local ringers and ladies in the Old Parsonage, after which the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Master of the Association, Mr. George Cecil.

In a report, concern was expressed at a marked decline in attendance at all meetings during the year, and the secretary remarked that one cause for this might well be the high cost of travel to individual members. It was felt that the Division should be in a position to pay full travelling expenses to all members, at least to quarterly meetings. Resolutions of future financial policy were on the table for discussion by the general committee.

The divisional officers were re-elected and Mr. F. H. Dallaway was again nominated divisional representative on the Central Council. New members, numbering 23, were elected from Burwash, Eastbourne, Hellingly, Rye, Rotherfield and Wadhurst.

It was announced that the ringers of Southover tower, now in the Southern Division, were desirous of transferring to the Eastern Division. The meeting agreed that the Eastern Division would welcome this if agreement was reached at the annual general meeting of the Association.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the chairman, and the local ringers and ladies for the tea. The meeting closed and members returned to the tower where ringing continued until 9 o'clock.

P. H. R.

Southern Division

At the annual meeting of the Southern Division held at Southover, Lewes, on February 10th, 48 members were present.

The ten bells were made good use of from 3 p.m. onwards, methods rung during the afternoon and evening being Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

After a very satisfying tea, the business meeting was held with the Master of the Association, Mr. G. W. Cecil, presiding. The general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, was also present.

At the commencement of the meeting members stood in silence in respect of Messrs. Gander, Payne, Davy, Stenning and Tyler, who had passed away during the year.

The secretary's report for 1950 showed that enthusiasm had been maintained at the meetings and for Sunday service ringing. The condition of bells in the Division is satisfactory, but three ringers, Ringmer, Shoreham and Hurstpierpoint, are out of action. Ten new members were elected from the affiliated towers of The Good Shepherd, St. Peter and St. Nicholas, Brighton, Keymer and Shoreham.

Officers were re-elected and Mr. W. C. Hart was elected to fill a vacancy on the committee. For the next three meetings it was agreed that Uckfield, Twineham and Barcombe should be visited.

B. W. W.

Mr. Thomas Butler, sen., of Ellesmere, Shropshire, who is seriously ill with heart trouble, in Bl Ward, The Wrekin Hospital, Wellington, would welcome visitors at any time, especially ringing friends from the Wellington and Coalbrookdale corner of Salop.

OLD BELLS IN PRESENT-DAY RINGS

CUMBERLAND BELLS

Dear Sir,—The following is an extract from an article which appeared in 'The West Cumberland Times,' dated March 7th, 1951. It is a report on a talk by Miss M. C. Fair, the Cumberland secretary of The Society of Antiquaries of London. The talk was entitled 'Medieval Bells in Cumberland.'

She (Miss Fair) stressed the difficulty of examining most of the bells owing to their inaccessibility, but said Egremont is fortunate in having an exceptionally fine bell hanging in front of the organ in Egremont Church, where its inscription can be read.

The date of the Egremont bell can be surmised as between 1390 and 1404 and was made by the same bell-founder as another bell at Edenhall.

The pre-Reformation bell at Lamplugh, recently available for inspection, from similarity in the letters of the inscription and other details may also be by this founder, though somewhat later in date. It commemorates Thomas Lamplugh, Knight, who was High Sheriff of Cumberland and died in 1471.

Perhaps the most notable bell in the West Cumberland district is one of the two hanging in the tower of Disington Church, which bears a dedication to St. Christopher, believed to be the only bell in Great Britain so dedicated. The other bell here, dedicated to St. Cuthbert, bears the initials V.C., standing for William Curwen, who was patron of the benefice and who died of the plague in 1403.

Other bells described were two at Waberthwaite, a pair at Whicham, another pair at St. Bridget's Beckermeth, St. Catherine's bell at Eskdale, Enerdale's bell dedicated to St. Bega, and the bell now at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick. The last-named was in use at Loweswater until the restoration of the church there in 1886 when the bell was acquired by Keswick. Formerly hanging in the Parish Room, it has been removed to a window-sill in the church, where it can be examined. It is of late 14th or early 15th century type, probably acquired by Loweswater when parochial status was granted in 1404.

I found it most encouraging that a county like Cumberland, which is not rich in ringers, is so rich in bells of historical interest. There are other bells of similar interest in Cumberland at Greystoke, Carlisle and many other places.

Keswick, Cumberland. H. S. GRISDALE.

URCHFONT, WILTS

Dear Sir,—There is a 14th century bell in the ring of eight at Urchfont, Wilts, viz, the treble. Walters says: 'The antiquity of the treble and tenor at Urchfont suggests that this, like Bishops Cannings, is a very early ring of eight, although they are all now of different dates.' Incidentally, Yatton's bell is surely dated 1451.

Clevedon, Somerset. E. G. C.

CHALK, KENT

Dear Sir,—The second of the three bells at Chalk, Kent, bears the words XPE : PIE : FLOS : MARIE and the mark of Thomas de Weston. It is ascribed by 'Church Bells of Kent' to 1348. If this is correct, its first job was tolling for the Black Death in 1349. The other two bells are dated 1625 and one bears its maker's name—JOHN WILNAR.

F. A. CLUETT.

BUCKERELL, DEVON

Mr. F. H. Parr, of Bucknell, near Honiton, Devon, writes that in his district there are a number of pre-Reformation bells in rings of bells restored and rehung in recent years.

At SS. Mary and Giles', Buckerell, there are two pre-Reformation bells, the fifth and tenor. These bells are believed to have been cast by Roger (or Robert) Norton, of Exeter, who was a travelling founder. They are recorded in a document in the Public Records Office 7th, Edward VI., 1553, which gives the number of bells in every parish in Devon. The fifth weighs 6 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. and not, as stated in 'Church Bells of Britain,' 7 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS

Dear Sir,—At Little Missenden, Bucks, the third bell's approximate date is 1340 and the fourth's 1445. Both are still in good order and rung every week in this ring of six bells. My only information is that they were quarter-turned and rehung in a new frame together with the fifth, dated 1603, and tenor, dated 1663, in 1881 when a new treble was added. Another treble was added in 1948.—Yours faithfully,

S. J. ORCHARD.

Amersham, Bucks.

BEARSTED, KENT

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. A. Price, of Yatton, may be interested to learn that the second bell in the ring of six at Holy Cross, Bearsted, is considerably older than the seventh at Yatton. Investigation shows it to have been cast by Henry Jordan between 1442 and 1468, the exact year not being known. It bears the inscription 'Vox Augustine Sonet in Aure Dei,' weighs 5 cwt., is 30½ inches in diameter and the note is D.

Another old bell in the ring is the fourth, which was cast by Robert Mot in 1590.—Yours faithfully,

Maidstone, Kent. GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

HAWKLEY

Dear Sir,—At Hawkley we can claim two bells still in use nearly a hundred years older than the seventh mentioned at Yatton. We have a ring of eight here now, the old six being retuned and turned and two new trebles added, the whole ring being hung in a new steel frame and ball-bearings in 1949 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

At the time of the restoration of the bells, the history of the old bells was enquired into, and Mr. F. Sharpe, of Oxford, was sent for. He discovered two bells were cast in the year 1450, by Rogan Sanden. One of them is the fifth, which has no wording on it but four founder's stamps engraved on it; one of these stamps is a fleur-de-lis. The other bell is the sixth, which has the words Ave Maria engraved on it. Our seventh is also fairly ancient, being cast in the year 1624 by Brian Eldredge.

It may be interesting to state that the two very old bells blend very nicely in tone with the rest of the ring, making quite a nice octave.

I wonder how many towers can beat this for age—and still going strong.—Yours faithfully,

Hawley, near Liss. CHARLES POUND.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. H. Taffender 1, E. D. Smith 2, Miss J. Freer 3, C. A. Hughes 4, T. W. Taffender (cond.) 5, J. Bennett 6, C. W. Otley 7, J. Bullock 8.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Llewellyn Jones 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Ruth Paton 3, Hilary Eason 4, Janet Eason (first quarter as cond.) 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. Rung for the conductor's 16th birthday.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY South and West District

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held on February 17th at St. Mary's, Acton, an excellent attendance being recorded.

The bells of St. Mary's, Ealing, were also available and some good ringing was enjoyed at both towers.

The well-attended service was conducted by Canon A. Rogers, Vicar of St. Mary's, Twickenham, who is an hon. life member of the Association, and was very much enjoyed. Mr. F. C. Price, of Feltham, was the organist, with the District secretary, Mr. F. A. Finch, reading the lesson. The business meeting held in the vestry was presided over by the president, the Rev. P. Gough, Rector of Acton, and the interest taken was a good sign for the future.

The secretary, in presenting his report, spoke of another successful year in every aspect. Peals had dropped slightly but service ringing had improved and membership was on the increase, particularly with young ringers, which was largely due to the efforts of Mr. T. Price. District Ringing Master. At the election of officers, Mr. F. A. Finch, district secretary, announced he would not be seeking re-election due to increased business obligations. A warm vote of thanks for his past services was recorded.

Officers elected were:—District secretary, Mr. G. Dodds; assistant district secretary, Mr. T. H. Blunt; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Price; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; Central Committee, Messrs. F. A. Finch, G. M. Kilby and W. W. Webb; auditor, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Six new members were elected and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to those who had worked to make the meeting such a success.

YOUNG LEICESTER RINGER COMPLETES CENTURY

At the age of 17 years and 8 months Terence A. Thorner, of Leicester, has recorded what must be regarded as a very fine century of peals.

He is a member of the service band at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, and gained his early ringing knowledge there and at other Leicester and district towers on the various practice nights. Since it has not been possible to ring St. John's bells, he has attached himself temporarily to the Leicester Cathedral Company and rings regularly for Sunday services.

TOWER BELLS

Doubles:—Grandsire 2.

Minor:—Plain Bob 1. Three Methods 1, Four Methods 1, Five Methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Triples:—Grandsire 1, Stedman 2.

Major:—Plain Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 7, Yorkshire 7 (1). Superlative 1, Bristol 2, London 1, Dublin 1, Lincolnshire 2, Wigston 1, Premier 1, Treble to Spliced Surprise in four methods 2.

Caters:—Grandsire 1, Stedman 5.

Royal:—Cambridge Surprise 5, Yorkshire 3, Rutland 1, New Cambridge 1, Belgrave 1, Aldenham 2.

Cinques:—Grandsire 1, Stedman 1.

Maximus:—Cambridge Surprise 2, Yorkshire 2, Superlative 1, Rutland 1, Aldenham 1, Spliced Belgrave, Cambridge and Yorkshire 1, Spliced Belgrave, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire 1.

HANDBELLS

Doubles:—Grandsire 3.

Triples:—Stedman 2.

Major:—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 3, Cambridge Surprise 3, Yorkshire 1.

Caters:—Stedman 1.

Royal:—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 4, Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1.

Cinques:—Stedman 4.

Maximus:—Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 1, Spliced Plain, Little, Reverse and Double Bob 1. Tower bells 67 (conducted 2); Handbells 37.

ARDLEIGH AND DEDHAM, ESSEX

Dear Sir,—The tenor of St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh, Essex, to a ring of eight, was cast by Robert Burford, circa 1415. The sixth at St. Mary the Virgin, Dedham, Essex, is approximately of the same year and was cast by Robert Burford.—Yours truly,

Colchester. PETER G. BARNES.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 each of Reverse

Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 of Grand-sire): E. A. J. Gillam (first quarter) 1, W. G. Trevett 2, I. T. Read (15) 3, H. J. Ford 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, J. H. Hayne 6. First in three methods for 2, 4 and 6. A compliment to the Rev. C. C. Cox, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, on his appointment as a non-residential Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hicks 1, E. Lucas 2, Miss D. Hicks (age 13, first quarter) 3, G. Bowen 4, A. W. Glazzard (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss B. Payne 1, Miss K. Beasley 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, J. T. Symonds 4, C. Smart 5, A. Harman 6, G. A. Cook (first quarter as cond.) 7, G. Marriner 8. First quarter by 1, 2 and 4.

BARNET, HERTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Marshall 1, F. A. Barker 2, B. Willis 3, D. Searcy (first quarter) 4, C. W. Ward (cond.) 5, C. King 6, J. Bonney 7, W. Langley 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the Rector's wife, whose funeral took place that day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 25th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Marion A. Udall (first of Major) 1, Betty Stephenson 2, A. W. Bond 3, R. Beale 4, J. V. Lonsbrough 5, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 6, H. W. Woolven 7, W. H. Hargreaves 8.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. A. P. Bertie 1, F. Sheraton 2, W. Nicholson 3, C. Mordue 4, S. C. Walker 5, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Janet Appleton, M.B.E., wife of Canon Appleton.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Kent (age 11) 1, I. Ireland 2, T. Moggs 3, Miss M. Parfitt 4, W. Kent (cond.) 5, B. Cox 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

COSSINGTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Mary A. Carpenter 1, E. F. Payne 2, F. K. Thompson 3, G. Lowe 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5. Witnessed by Norman Rowlett.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. T. Clark 1, M. Bushell (first 'inside', age 18) 2, J. Hadley (first quarter, age 17) 3, J. Windram (first quarter, age 16) 4, E. Nobles (cond.) 5, C. Bushell 6. Believed to be the first quarter rung by a resident band.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's on Feb. 25th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: W. Shaw 1, J. Bailey (cond.) 2, W. Bond 3, J. W. Grew 4, A. Mould 5, W. Steen 6, W. Lancaster 7, B. Barker 8. Birthday compliment for 'Little Bob', Bailey, son of the conductor.

DULVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. S. Churchill 1, F. Norrish 2, L. May 3, W. Cockram 4, S. H. Green 5, J. Upton 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, W. H. Ware 8.

EALING, LONDON.—On Feb. 24th, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Bob Major: Miss D. Luke 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Squire Croft 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey (cond.) 5, W. T. Cook 6, D. J. Charnley 7, H. W. Rogers 8. A farewell compliment to Mr. Terence Bentley, secretary of the Parochial Church Council, who is leaving for Jamaica.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harling 1, L. Knowles 3, J. Michelson 4, E. Butler 5, J. Hessey (cond.) 6, M. Harbot 7, W. Peck 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On February 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Peter Rablah 1, G. W. Ashdown 2, F. J. Hurrell 3, Miss M. Ashdown 4, R. Laming 5, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 6, T. Easterby 7, P. Sherman 8. Rung on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the Horn Park Settlement.

ENFORD, WILTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Giddings 1, G. Deer 2, G. W. Ashdown (cond.) 3, G. Vince 4, G. Buckland 5, C. Drewitt 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 360 Bob Doubles and 960 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Mills 1, R. E. Woods 2, A. G. Gasson (cond.) 3, G. S. Joyce 4, C. Turner 5, Pte. J. H. Davey 6. Rung fully muffled in memorial Canon W. A. Challacombe.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: J. Whitney (first quarter Major) 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, J. R. G. Spicer (first quarter Major 'inside') 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, R. H. Brooker 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John's on Jan. 21st, 1,356 Bob Major: H. W. Impey 1, T. G. Bannister 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, A. R. Turley 4, C. H. Chapman 5, W. H. Coles 6, A. R. G. Twinn (first quarter of Major as cond.) 7, W. N. Genna 8. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. G. Bannister (cond.) 1, E. Thurlow (first quarter of Caters) 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley 4, F. Blondell 5, A. R. Turley 6, H. Impey 7, W. N. Genna 8, F. W. Goodfellow 9, W. H. Coles 10.

QUARTER PEALS

H. Impey 2, A. R. Turley (first in the method) 3, F. Corke 4, T. G. Bannister 5, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 6, W. H. Coles 7, S. Humphreys 8.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Trevor 1, T. Sowman 2, A. Jordan 3, E. Vallance 4, G. Charleston 5, A. Ballard 6, W. H. Duncombe (cond.) 7, F. Mellor 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial to Mrs. Bertie Ridgeway, wife of Bertie Ridgeway, captain of the St. Mary's ringers, who died on Feb. 10th.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Chidgey 1, W. H. Tarr 2, G. Walford 3, C. Williams 4, G. Coles 5, A. H. Reed 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, H. Churchill 8.

LAMBOURN, BERKS.—On Feb. 24th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Richards 1, A. M. Tyler 2, A. R. Peake 3, B. Bladon 4, W. H. Truman 5, R. W. Rex 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: W. D. Prockson 1, L. F. Last 2, F. W. Housden 3, C. Wilmington 4, E. D. Smith 5, J. F. Grove 6, C. Dawson 7, J. H. Crampton (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 2.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: A. King 1, J. Wing 2, H. Burton 3, A. Smith 4, J. Rushton (first quarter on ten) 5, R. Kendall 6, L. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, C. Mann 10.

MIDDLEZEY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 360 Bob Doubles, 420 Grandsire Doubles): E. Bawden 1, R. Short 2, C. Clark 3, C. Davis 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, W. Keirl 6. First in four methods for 1, 4 and 6, also first in four methods on the bells. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Pearce on the tenth anniversary of their wedding.

PENDLEBURY, LANCs.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bagnall 1, J. Thornley 2, H. Smethills (cond.) 3, C. Byard 4, N. Tompkins 5, A. Lomas 6, C. Cooper 7, R. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial to Mrs. A. Tompkins, mother of the 5th ringer, and Mr. C. Turner, former warden at this church.

PEWSEY, WILTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Giddings 1, G. Deer 2, G. W. Ashdown (cond.) 3, G. Vince 4, G. Buckland 5, C. Drewitt 6.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Giles 1, M. Hooten 2, M. Underwood 3, W. Pether 4, G. Guess (cond.) 5, H. Eaton 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. K. Deacon (first quarter) 1, H. Kilby 2, F. E. Wilson 3, S. Cox 4, G. H. Bray 5, A. Bodycote 6, J. J. Morris (cond.) 7, G. Deacon 8. In memorial Mrs. D. Riddington.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Minor (1,080 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): J. Myhill 1, Miss M. Shadrack 2, W. Glover 3, W. Barrett 4, E. J. Runter 5, R. Thrift (first as cond.) 6. To commemorate the enthronement of the Right Rev. S. F. Allison as Bishop of Chelmsford.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Addis 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, Walter Reynolds 3, S. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, Wilfred Reynolds 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. R. F. Pryce-Jenkins.

SWINTON, LANCs.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Powell (first quarter) 1, R. Bagnall 2, H. Smethills 3, N. Tompkins (cond.) 4, A. Lomas 5, W. Thompson 6, J. Thornley 7, F. Jones 8. Rung for the christening of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 1,248 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, H. J. Maynard 2, F. C. Maynard 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, C. Finch (cond.) 6, E. E. Holman 7, F. C. Taylor 8. Rung in thanksgiving for the safe arrival of a daughter for the Rev. J. H. Rumens, son of the ringer of 1.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Dyke (cond.) 1, J. Metcalfe 2, D. Burt 3, E. Knapton 4, F. Withey 5, A. Kingston 6, E. Nash 7, T. Smith 8. Rung on the 32nd anniversary of the death of the composer, A. P. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent.

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MEETINGS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Joint meeting with North Bucks Branch at Olney postponed.—E. Nobles. Hon. Sec., Northampton Branch. 8534
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Earls Colne, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Ridgwell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, near Colchester. 8491

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, March 17th at 3 p.m. Ringing at St. George's, Southwark, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck. Hon. Sec. 8526

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, March 17th, 5.30 p.m. till 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce. Hon. Dis. Sec. 8497

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint meeting. Benenden, March 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 8515

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Dedication of Cranborne bells by the Archdeacon of Dorset, the Ven. L. F. Addison Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m. Ring of eight recast by J. Taylor and Co., tenor 17 cwt. All welcome. Tea 4 p.m. Good bus service. Ringing for all after tea. A Grand Church, a Grand Tower and now a Grand Ring. 8510

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Henley, March 17th. Bells 3. Tea provided 5. 8482

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, March 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. 8506

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Conisborough, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) 3.30. 8527

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—A special evening practice will be held at St. John's on Saturday, March 17th, from 6 to 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Tower Sec. 8558

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District (Doncaster District Society).—Joint meeting, Conisborough, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) 3.30. Names for tea, by March 15th, to Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough. 8537

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—Ringers will be welcome at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, March 18th, when the recast bell will be dedicated and the bells re-opened by the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Ringing after the service. 8509

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.—The two new trebles added to the ring of six at All Saints', Berrington, Shropshire, will be dedicated by Bishop Sara on Tuesday, March 20th, at 7.30 p.m. 8556

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The dedication of two new trebles to make a ring of eight at Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, will take place on Saturday, March 24th, at 6 p.m. Bells installed by John Taylor and Co. All visitors welcome. 8551

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Woburn on Easter Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) at 3.30. Tea at 5. Evensong at 6 (collection).—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 8559

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, March 26th, at Norwich. Lunch, Mancroft Youth Centre, 1 p.m. Admission only by ticket, which must be ordered, enclosing remittance, 4s. each, before Saturday, March 17th. Business meeting after lunch. Bells available:—Mancroft (12) and St. Giles' (8), 10 to 11.45 and 2.30 onwards; St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Miles' (8) and St. George's, Colegate (6), 2.30 onwards. Service Mancroft, 12; preacher Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president. Remittance for lunch to Gen. Sec., Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, before March 17th. 8489

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Stroud, Easter Monday, March 26th. Painswick (12) available 10 till 12 noon only; Stroud (10) available 11 till 12.15 and in evening. Lunch (4/6) 12.30. Tea 1/6. Meeting 1.30 sharp. Divine service 4.30. Will those who require lunch and/or tea please let me know (with remittance) not later than Monday, March 19th.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol. 5. 8502

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual Festival, Newton Abbot, Easter Monday, March 26th. Service, St. Leonard's Church, 12.15 p.m. Luncheon, Wolborough Parish Hall, 1 p.m. Towers open:—Wolborough (8), Highweek (8), 3.30—4.30 p.m.; and Kingskerswell (6). Admission to luncheon, by prepaid ticket only, 4s. each from the Gen. Sec., E. J. Taylor, Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton, before March 17th. 8502

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—District meeting at Kingston-on-Thames, Easter Monday, March 26th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Walton bells 11.30—12.30. Names for tea essential by March 22nd, to F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. Subscriptions, 2/6, now due for 1951.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 8517

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, March 26th, at Worcester. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall at 12 noon prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 p.m. Bring own lunch sandwiches. Tea (2/6 per head) arranged at 4.45 p.m. for those only who notify

me before Wednesday, March 21st. Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10.30 a.m. and in afternoon; Claines (10), St. John's (8), Kempsey (6) all 2.30—4.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) provisionally 5.45 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 8516

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Cardiff. St. John's bells available 2 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea, at St. James' Hall, and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32 Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 8519

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Wrington on Easter Monday. Bells at 10.30. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for lunch and tea essential as admission will be by ticket. Bells available, besides Wrington, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Yatton, Backwell, Long Ashton. Congressbury also open if scaffolding is removed in time. If car hire needed from Yatton, or bus routes, ring Wrington 297.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 8530

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Bedford, Easter Monday, March 26th. St. Paul's (10) 10.30—12.30 and 3.30—8; St. Peter's (8) 11—12.15 and 3.30—8; Biddenham (6) 10.30—11.30; Elstow (6) 4—6. Service in St. Paul's 12.45 p.m. Lunch in St. John's Hall 1.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for lunch, by 21st, to Mr. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 8540

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Bees on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available 1.30. Meeting 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Lunch and/or tea for those who notify only, by March 19th, Mr. J. A. Haile, 1, Main Street, St. Bees.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8545

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, March 26th, South Normanton (6) bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, Derbyshire. 8558

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Cambridge, Easter Monday, March 26th. St. Benedict's (6) 11 a.m.—1 p.m. and 2—3 p.m. R. C. (8) 11 a.m.—1 p.m. St. Andrew the Great (8) 1—2 p.m. St. Mary the Great (12) 2—3.10 p.m. and after tea; Old Chesterton (6) after tea. Business meeting at St. Mary's 3.15 p.m., followed by service 4.20 and tea, Dorothy Cafe, 5.15 p.m.—W. W. Cousins Gen. Sec. 8542

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Tonbridge, Easter Monday. Particulars as last week's 'Ringing World.' Get your lunch tickets now. Morning ringing at Shipbourne, Penshurst, Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's). After meeting, ringing at Leigh, Shipbourne, Penshurst, Spalding, Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's) Edenbridge, Sevenoaks and Hadlow. Times later K.C.A. badges will be on sale at this meeting.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 8552

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting at Ipswich, Easter Monday. Six towers. Committee meeting 11 a.m. Service 12 noon at St. Lawrence. Lunch 12.45 (4s. each) at Nightingale's (50 only). Notification essential.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 8535

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Thornhill, Saturday, March 31st. For teas notify, by March 24th. C. Hodge, 68, Thorn Avenue, Thornhill, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester and Merston Branch.—Meeting, Haselbury Plucknett, March 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by March 27th.—F. Farrant, Martock. 8550

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, March 31st. Ringing, St. Andrew's, 11—12.30, Cathedral and St. Peter's afternoon and evening. St. Peter's, committee 3.30. Tea 5.30. Service, Cathedral, 4.45. Names for tea by 28th to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden. 8549

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, March 31st. Service in the Abbey 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in The Water End Barn, St. Peter's St., 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by the morning of Monday, 26th, at the very latest to W. J. Arnold, 17, Watson's Avenue, St. Albans. Ringing arrangements:—Hatfield (10) 11 a.m.—12 noon; St. Peter's (10) in the afternoon; St. Stephen's (6) 2—3.45 p.m.; The Abbey (12) after the meeting; St. Michael's (6) in the evening.—W. Ayre, Hon. Sec. 8554

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Christ Church, Armley, Leeds, March 31st. Names for tea to Mr. H. Loft-house, 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds, 12. Please make a special effort to attend.—E. D. Kelly. 8557

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln, on Saturday, March 31st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by March 27th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 8553

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bury on Saturday, March 31st. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. If sufficient names are received, we are trying to arrange tea at the Co-op, so names, before the previous Wednesday, to Rev. B. D. Till, 35, Knowsley Street, Bury. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter. 8555

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly, Somerton (6), March 31st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 8547

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Willenhall, March 31st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, not later than March 27th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 8546

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting East Retford, Saturday, March 31st. Bells of St. Swithun (10) and Ordsall (6) available 2.30. Service. Business meeting. Cards for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Kenneth Beardsall, 48, Trent Street, Retford.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 8533

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Underwood Road, Paisley, on Saturday, April 7th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea by April 4th, to Mrs. Caldwell, 37, Main Road, Castlehead, Paisley.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 8548

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bickleigh, April 7th.—Names for tea, by April 2nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8536

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wapenhams on April 7th. Names for tea, by the 3rd, to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, near Buckingham. 8532

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katharine Burchall 1, Beryl White 2, Grace Burchall 3, F. Hooper (cond.) 4, C. Briggs 5, F. Vernon 6, A. Chilton 7, W. Midwinter 8. First in the method by 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. A. Midwinter, churchwarden.

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