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THE COMING COUNCIL MEETING.

The agenda for the Central Council meeting on Whitsun Tuesday promises to provide the members with a fairly full day's work, if one may judge by the time which has been occupied over the business in former years. The meeting in the Metropolis is the first of the triennial period, and there is consequently some additional business to be transacted in the shape of the election of officers, committees, etc., which does not occur in the two succeeding years. The rest of the general business follows the customary lines, but it is to the new motions to be proposed that the outside ringer will turn with most interest.

Precedence is taken this year by the subject of the nomenclature of methods, and no fewer than three separate notices upon this matter have been sent in, but doubtless some arrangement will be come to whereby the question can be disposed of under one motion. Without question it is the desire of a large number of ringers, as indicated by the resolutions passed recently at several association annual meetings, that there shall be a revision of the present ill-fitting names applied to many methods, and the majority of the Council will doubtless be prepared to see that some amendment is made. What remains, then, will be to find the best method of acting upon the expressed desire of the Exercise, and from the three resolutions it ought to be possible to find an acceptable scheme, concerning which it may be noted that two of the motions specifically set out to legislate for the future as well as remedy the mistakes of the past.

Of the other resolutions to be proposed, that requiring a qualified umpire for all handbell peals recognised by the Council, may well find general acceptance, but whether it will please all those who ring handbell peals is another matter. An umpire is already usual, but there is a growing tendency to ring peals 'in hand' without such an official if one is not available. It might create some feeling of hardship if a band is to be prevented from ringing an 'officially recognised' peal because a qualified umpire is not present, and a difficulty likely to arise will be found in deciding whether the 'umpire' is qualified or not according to the proposed rule. It is quite certain that the Analysis Committee, acting merely on the published report, could not adjudicate in every case upon the umpire's qualifications, and if his (or her) ability is challenged, who is going to decide? The proposal is just one of those which, in theory, commend themselves to ringers generally, but which, in practice, are by no means certain to be effective. It opens the door to quibbles and dissensions, and yet, on the face of it, there is nothing in the resolution to which any handbell peal ringer could take exception.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 6
WILLIAM STOWELL 2	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 7
ALBERT STOWELL 3	JAMES RICHMOND 8
FREDK. W. WADE 4	ISAAC LONG 9
WILLIAM WHITE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY.

Conducted by F. G. MAY.

The peal was specially arranged to enable the old members of the St. Nicholas' Guild to ring another peal together. The best thanks of the band are tendered to Mr. Richmond for obtaining the use of the bells for the peal.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	ALFRED LEA, SEN. 6
*JOHN HAYES 2	SAMUEL MEADOWS 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	THOMAS CATHERALL 8
WILLIAM JONES 4	JAMES SWINDLEY 9
GEORGE R. JONES 5	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal on ten bells.

ROCHESTER.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Empire Day, Saturday, May 24th, 1924, in Three Hours & 25 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES WINNER Treble	FRANK BELSEY 6
THOMAS BEAUMONT 2	EDWARD A. ALLEN 7
FREDERICK RICHARDSON 3	WILLIAM HAIGH 8
RICKS PAINE 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER 9
*CHARLES NORRIS 5	†ALFRED HAYLOR Tenor

Composed by G. DALTRY.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. * First peal of Stedman Caters inside. † First peal on ten bells. The above are all Sunday ringers, and members of the Rochester Cathedral Society.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ALREWS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES PAGET Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
THOMAS MEREDITH 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	RICHARD W. DRAGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	*CLAUDE ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal. A birthday peal for the tenor man. The ringer of the second was proposed a member before starting.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12 cwt	
JESSE SCREEN Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 6
A. EDWARD REEVES 3	CYRIL WINWOOD 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 4	WILLIAM GREEN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Edith M. Gough.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE CLARK Treble	† EDWARD G. CAWSE 5
† GIBSON JACKSON 2	FREDERICK CLARK 6
† MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON ... 3	† HAROLD WALKER 7
REV. A. RHYS JAMES 4	* ROLAND HENSON Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. A. Rhys James, who is leaving Arksey for Drayton, Somerset.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON Treble	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5
JAMES E. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6
GEORGE R. HOLMES 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
RICHARD A. GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

POOLSTOCK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

ALFRED BLOGG Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER 5
HERBERT LUCAS 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 6
FRED. RIGBY 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 7
HARRY FRANCE 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (279). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

* LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	* W. SYDNEY SHELTON 5
ROWLAND BARROW 2	* WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
† WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	FRED. COITON 7
† EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Composed by T. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Major, and first in the method. † First in the method, and 50th peal. ‡ 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. S. Shelton and A. Cattell.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
HERBERT SPENCER 3	OLIVER G. NORMAN 7
JOHN NEAL 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. E. NORMAN.

Rung in honour of the visit to Birmingham of H.R.H. Prince Henry. Also as a birthday compliment to Councillor Gelling, the donor of the bells at Bishop Ryder's Church.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM JUDGE Treble	EDGAR BENNETT 5
FRANK R. COOMBS 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
FREDERICK WEBB 3	JACK JUDGE 7
JOHN MONK 4	WILLIAM H. THORNE Tenor

Conducted by JACK JUDGE.

Rung on the occasion of the above branch meeting, held at Woodstock on that day.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN, PRESTON & FYLDE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	JAMES HARRISON 5
MISS M. CLAYTON 2	JOHN BROWN 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	JOHN WATSON 7
CHARLES SHARPLES 4	WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

50th peal by L. J. Williams.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL 5
FRANK TURNER 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 6
WILLIAM J. POULSON 3	FREDK. A. POULSON 7
LAWRENCE POULSON 4	THEODORE E. SLATER Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

The 5th ringer hails from Cavendish; the tenor ringer from Glemsford; the rest are local men.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF A. P. HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART NO. 3. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	ALBERT H. WARD 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 3	RICHARD W. DRAGE 7
GEORGE FREEBRY 4	ARTHUR BRAINES Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

The ringers wish to thank the Rector for his hospitality after the peal. The above was a birthday peal for Mrs. Ward, the wife of the ringer, of the sixth.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE FARNISH ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	JAMES BETTS 6
ERNEST E. LANHAM 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
GEORGE PRYKE 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 18, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES PARKER Treble	GEORGE PRYKE 5
ALBERT FLEMING 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
JAMES DURRANT 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Nancy Last, daughter of the conductor.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 18, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN MARTIN Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
PETER ETHERIDGE 2	GEORGE ILLMAN 6
*FRANK SADLER 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
HUGH R. THORPE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and the ringers of the 5th.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of Immanuel,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JAS. HOULDSWORTH Treble	RUSHTON GRIMSHAW 5
JONATHAN WHEWELL 2	*WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
JAMES SHAW 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
FRANK SHAW 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 2	HERBERT E. AODSLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This was E. Barnett, senr.'s 600th peal.

FULBOURNE, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

†EDMUND WEBB Treble	*CHARLES E. PATTEN 5
A. MARK STACEY 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 6
ARTHUR KING 3	†GEORGE D. BRIDGE 7
JOHN T. NEWINGTON 4	FRED. W. GOODFELLOW Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

First peal in the method on the bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

* First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. The composition, a one-part, has the 6th the extent in sixth's and eighteen courses in 5th's. Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and tenor, who were on a cycling tour from Ealing, Middlesex.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE. — On Saturday May 10th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Thompson 1, E. Mallendare 2, W. Allin 3, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 4, F. W. Knowles 5, W. Swain 6. First 720 for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th, and first 720 on the bells.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK J. JUDGE Treble	FREDERICK G. BURDEN 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	HARRY BAKER 7
CHARLES TRIBE 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. PITMAN, Mus.Bac. Oxon, F.R.C.O.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal of Superlative on the bells.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER Treble	JOHN R. HAYMAN 5
EDWIN SHEPHERD 2	REV. E. V. COX 6
WILLIAM J. MANLEY 3	JOHN M. SKINNER 7
WILLIAM H. HOWE 4	*JOHN WEST Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYMAN.

Ringers of 2nd and 4th from Exeter; 6th and tenor from Littleham: the rest are local men. * First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS K. DEACON Treble	CHARLES H. BELTON 5
CHARLES H. WEBB 2	FRED COTTON 6
ARTHUR WATERS 3	FREDERICK E. WILSON 7
HENRY WRIGHT 4	†GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. Also as a birthday compliment to the wife of the steeplekeeper, Mr. H. Wright. * First peal. † First peal of Triples.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Almund,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
HARRY OVERTON 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. First peal of Major on the bells. The arrangements were made by the ringers of the 6th, who was born here. Mr. John Gibson was in the bellry during the peal. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	* DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6
JAMES F. CLARKE ... 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal of London on the bells. Rung to celebrate Empire Day; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harold J. Wittchell, son of the treble ringer. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wittchell for their kind hospitality on this and previous occasions. * First peal of London.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5
CANON G. F. COLBRIDGE ... 2	* Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
GEORGE W. STREER ... 3	JOHN H. WHITE ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	ALFRED H. FOLLING ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. * First peal in the method away from Treble. It is over 12 years since Canon Coleridge rang a peal of Superlative.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

* JOHN A. COLE ... Treble	GEORGE TOMSETT ... 5
MRS. HAZELDEN ... 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 6
WILLIAM LOADER ... 3	GEORGE PETTER ... 7
GEORGE J. NICHOLS ... 4	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by C. HAZELDEN.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. * First peal of Major. † First peal of Major away from the Treble.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLY'S TEN-PART (Reversed). Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

EDWARD TALBOT ... Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 5
STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... 2	JAMES E. COOPER ... 6
DANIEL COOPER ... 3	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 7
ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... 4	THOMAS BOHANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY.

First peal as conductor.

MIRFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

FRED HODGSON ... Treble	FRANK HALMSHAW ... 5
ALBERT MARSHALL ... 2	HERBERT KERSHAW ... 6
ALBERT NORTH ... 3	FRED BROUGHTON ... 7
ERNEST BETTS ... 4	ALLEN ROBINSON ... Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by ALBERT NORTH.

Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th belong to Liversidge; 6th to Lightcliffe; and the rest Mirfield.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT J. SKELT ... Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
MRS. A. CLARK ... 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 7
JAMES E. DAVIS ... 4	GEORGE F. HOAD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

Thanks are due to the Rev. — Hook for permission to ring at short notice. Caters was intended at St. Martin's Church, but serious illness prevented the attempt.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY HOLDEN ... Treble	WILLIAM POTTER ... 5
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4	WALTER MASTERS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as an Empire Day celebration; also as a wedding peal to Mr. John Lloyd (of the local band) and Miss White, a previous attempt on the day of the wedding having failed in the 10th part.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TREVOR PRICHARD ... Treble	THOMAS WILTS ... 4
GEORGE ORCHARD ... 2	LESLIE BARRY ... 5
BASIL LATHAM ... 3	HUBERT SCRIVENS, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

First peal by a local band since 1842. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Hatch, who is leaving the parish for London.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, May 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Court, two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* REV. F. R. BONSEY ... Treble	JOHN SPENCER ... 4
JOHN LARTER ... 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	FREDERICK WADE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Naunton; also to celebrate the 57th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Naunton's wedding day, these events occurring on the 14th and 16th, respectively.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

* JOSEPH L. STANIER ... Treble	ALBERT WOODVINE ... 4
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 2	WILLIAM A. FLETCHER ... 5
* JAMES L. HAYWARD ... 3	LEONARD G. HEWITT ... Tenor

Conducted by L. G. HEWITT.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Saunders. The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. E. Parry for the use of the bells. Also Mrs. Parry for entertaining the band to tea at the Vicarage.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

SIDNEY EDWARDS Treble	ALFRED A. RACKHAM 4
GEORGE POPNELL 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
ALEC A. RACKHAM 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

First peal of Minor for the ringer of the treble.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. AMIS Treble	C. POOLEY 4
E. KIMM 2	W. C. MEDLER 5
E. WILSON 3	E. V. BLAKE Tenor

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

This is the first peal by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

MISS P. HARE Treble	MISS K. JUTSON 4
MISS K. MOORE 2	R. RICHARDSON 5
W. WALDRON 3	H. HOARE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by H. HOARE.

First peal in five methods as conductor.

BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Each 720 called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

OSBERT THOMAS Treble	ALFRED MOULD 4
WILLIAM H. T. KING 2	JACK BAILEY 5
CHARLES GEARY 3	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

First peal and first attempt by the ringers of 1st, 4th & 5th.

HALESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, May 18, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD COMPTON Treble	BERT JONES 4
SAMUEL LYES 2	LOUIS MERRETT 5
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	WILLIAM MAYO Treble

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

First peal by all except conductor.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GERALD F. GRIFFIN Treble	RONALD BECK 4
† ALEC MUNDAY 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
* REGINALD BECK 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. † First peal of Minor inside.
* First peal of Minor.

WOLLASTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 30 six-scores of Grandsire with ten callings, and 12 of Plain Bob with four callings, Tenor 19 cwt.

REGINALD BAILEY Treble	PERCY GOODCHILD 4
ALFRED BROWN 2	AMOS SMART 5
ALBERT MINNEY 3	EDWARD LETTIS Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

First peal of Doubles by all except the ringer of the 3rd, and rung at the first attempt. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal ever rung by all Wollaston ringers, and the above are all Sunday Service ringers.

CROMER, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently called 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

R. AMIS Treble	C. POOLEY 4
E. KIMM 2	W. C. MEDLER 5
E. WILSON 3	W. TENNANT Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

First peal on the bells.

SIDCUP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 4
ISAAC EMERY 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd. The ringers of 5 & 6 have now rung peals of Cambridge on all numbers from 6 to 12, which Mr. I. G. Shade had previously accomplished.

PITSFORD, NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores with ten callings.

RAYMOND MALTBY Treble	* CYRIL MALTBY 3
JOHN A. TOWNSEND 2	ISAAC BENNETT 4
TOM TEBBUTT Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN A. TOWNSEND.

* First peal, and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

(ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1040 CHANGES,

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor size 16 in B.

ERNEST J. KING 1-2	* ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3-4	* JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 7-8

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Umpire: WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells.

Other Peal reports are unavoidably held over.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Southern District was held at Godstone on Saturday, May 3rd, when the following towers were represented: Bletchingley, Croydon, Horley, Limpsfield, Chart, Merstham, Nutfield, Reigate, Streatham, and the local band. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and the Rector (the Rev. G. E. G. Hoare) unveiled a beautiful peal board recording the first peal rung on the bells. This board is the gift of Mr. W. Beeson, senr., and he was congratulated and thanked by all present on the excellent workmanship he put into the board. Afterwards a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by Mr. W. Beeson, senr.

A short service, with address, was held in the church, and tea was then partaken of at Broad's Tea Rooms.—The Rector (the Rev. G. E. G. Hoare) presided at the meeting, at which it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Limpsfield Parish Church. It was also decided that the quarterly peal be attempted at Godstone.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, his address at the service, also for unveiling the peal board and presiding at the meeting.—In reply, the Rector said he hoped he would have the pleasure of seeing them all again at Godstone at an early date.—The meeting then terminated, and members adjourned to the tower for further ringing, the methods being Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

A district meeting was held at Shere on Saturday, May 10th. The attendance was not so good as it usually is at Shere, owing, no doubt, to the weather, which prevented many from cycling. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Sir Paget Bowman, Bart.), who also gave an address. Tea was provided at the White Horse Hotel, the Rector presiding.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, Mr. A. C. Hazelden occupying the chair, in the absence of the Rector, who had another engagement.—The Ringing Master gave a summary of the ringing done in the district during the quarter, and the usual vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the church and bells, also to Miss Craddock for presiding at the organ.

CARTER MAJOR.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The method published on page 285 of 'The Ringing World' of May 2nd, 1924, under the name of 'Carter Major' was composed and published by James Pagett in September, 1896, under the name of Kidderminster 'Premier' Major, and afterwards reintroduced by the same gentleman in the 'Bell News,' July 16th, 1898, under the more suitable name of 'Kidderminster Major.'

The only difference I find is that a 'bob' in Kidderminster Major is made on the three back bells, and in Carter Major it is made on the three front bells, but the method is not new.—Yours truly,
78, Church Street, Lavenham. STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

HISTORICAL.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Having occasion to enquire into the history of the Surprise methods, so far as it is known, I am reading some articles by the late Mr. William Snowdon, published in the 'Bell News' in the end of 1912 and during part of 1913, and am at a loss to discover the interpretation of the initials, 'J. D.: C. M.'—See 'Bell News' issue of December, 1912, p. 512. They evidently apply to the 'London Scholars Campanologia,' of which I possess no copy, and not being much of an historian myself, I cannot remember, if I ever knew it, to what they refer. If any reader of the 'Ringing World' can kindly supply the interpretation I shall be very grateful.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

MR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS' 100 PEALS.

Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Maximus, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 3; Grandsire Caters (all Williams), 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 6; Bob Major, 10; Stedman Triples, 16 (conducted 4); Grandsire Triples, 41 (conducted 21); on handbells, 9 (conducted 7); Minor in three methods, 2 (conducted 1); Doubles in four methods, 1; Doubles in two methods, 1 (conducted 1); Grandsire Doubles, 2 (conducted 2); on handbells, 2 (conducted 1, non-conducted 1); totals: On tower bells, 89 (conducted 29); on handbells, 11 (conducted 8).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new ring of bells at Bridport, Dorset, which were dedicated last evening, and are open for ringing to-day, have been cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The tenor is 21 cwt. in E flat, and the bells are hung in two tiers.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the only peal ever rung on the sea, and of the first Surprise peal in Wales. Both were rung on May 29th, 1901, the former while crossing from Dublin to Holyhead, and the latter at Bangor.

A peal of 10,075 Grandsire Cinques was rung at Aslinton-under-Lyne on May 29th, 1896. The time was 6 hours 55 mins.

A peal of 5,000 Union Bob Royal was rung by the College Youths at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, on May 30th, 1741. Only one previous peal of Treble Ten had been rung, as far as is known, and this was by the Eastern Scholars on the same bells, in the preceding month. Some doubt was cast upon the first of the two performances by the following lines appended to the peal board of the second.

'When merit's justly due, a little praise then serveth;

A good peal needs no frame, it had one none deserveth.'

The first peal of new Cumberland Surprise was rung at Burton-on-Trent on May 31st, 1886.

June 1st is the anniversary of the 14,031 Stedman Caters rung on handbells at Guildford in 1912.

The first twelve bell peal in Birmingham—Grandsire Cinques—was rung on June 3rd, 1773.

One hundred and ten years ago next Wednesday the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, were opened, the same day being the anniversary of the opening of 'the new peal of ten bells,' at Bow, Cheapside.

BROADCASTING STEDMAN CINQUES.

SUCCESS OF BIRMINGHAM EXPERIMENT.

The experiment of broadcasting the ringing of church bells on Sunday evening at Birmingham was in every way a success. It was distinctly heard in all parts of the country, and would probably have had a much larger audience had the announcement of the ringing, as well as of the service which followed it, been made in the usual way through the broadcasting programme.

The ringing, which consisted of two courses of Stedman Cinques, was done by St. Martin's Sunday Service band, and reports from various parts of the country, where ringers were listening in, show that the ringing was perfect.

The ringers have received congratulations from many quarters, and one who heard it at Bristol picked out the first course end. Ringers at Derby, Burton, Coventry, Macclesfield, Coggleshall (Essex), Ellesmere (Salop), Sittingbourne (Kent), and other places have written to say how much they enjoyed the experience. The following were the two musical courses (250 changes) that were rung, the time occupied being exactly a quarter of an hour.

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The band was T. Russam 1, A. Walker 2, T. H. Reeves 3, A. E. Norman 4, J. E. Groves 5, M. J. Morris 6, W. Kent 7, A. P. Smith 8, E. Mansell 9, G. F. Vendall 10, J. Neal 11, W. T. Froggatt 12.

Mr. T. R. Butler, of Ellesmere, writes: 'Several of us ringers here have just had an opportunity of listening to the two courses of Stedman Cinques rung at Birmingham, and are very satisfied and pleased with the result. It would be splendid if it could be arranged for ringing to be transmitted by wireless fairly often in the future, thus affording an opportunity for ringers in such country places as these (many of whom have never heard 12 bells) of hearing some first-class ringing occasionally.'

From Macclesfield, Mr. Walmsley writes: 'The broadcasted Stedman Cinques was a decided success. Every bell heard distinctly, and I compliment the St. Martin's band on their striking. It was simply lovely—magnificent.'

Mr. J. W. Unwin, of Canterbury Cathedral company, living at Tunstall, Sittingbourne, says: 'It might interest some of your readers to know that the Stedman Cinques broadcasted from St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday evening, was distinctly heard at Tunstall, Sittingbourne, on a 4-valve set belonging to Mr. Harry Harding, of Tunstall. I was "listening in," and thoroughly enjoyed it. The striking was perfect throughout the touch. Afterwards the whole service was heard quite clearly.'

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Weybridge on Saturday, when the following towers were represented: Bagshot, Crawley, Chertsey, Egham, Ockham, Old Windsor, Walton-on-Thames, Worplesdon, Weybridge and Yorktown. The methods rung before and after the meeting ranged from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich. The Rector (the Rev. E. Tritton) conducted the Guild's service, and gave a short address. The Rev. G. R. M. Ellwood, of Chertsey, presided over the business meeting.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Twelfth Council (32nd annual meeting) will be held in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, 10th June, 1924, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

The entrance will be from Dean's Yard.

AGENDA, 1924.

GENERAL.

1. Election of President, of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and of Hon. Librarian.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
6. Introduction of new Members to the President.
7. Election of Standing Committee.
8. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees; and to re-appoint or alter the constitution of the Committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a.) Peal Collection.
 - (b.) Literature and Press.
 - (c.) Methods.
 - (d.) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e.) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f.) Records.
 - (g.) Science Museum Exhibit.
9. Hon. Secretary to report as to Card of Instructions (abstract of).

MOTIONS.

10. To call attention to the Nomenclature of Legitimate Minor Methods employed by the Council, and to move a resolution.
11. To call attention to the Nomenclature of Methods and to move the appointment of a Nomenclature Committee: (1) To review existing Method-nomenclature; (2) to prepare suitable topographical names; and (3) to formulate a plan for the application of such names.
12. That only topographical names be employed in the nomenclature of new Methods, and that the Council should control and revise the names.
13. That this Council only recognise as peals upon handbells those that have been umpired, and that the qualification of an umpire shall be that of being able to ring the method and check each call as made.
14. To alter Rule of the Council, No. 6, by omitting 'but that the meeting following the Triennial Election be always in London.'
15. That the Council consider the advisability of publishing instructions showing how Bobs are made in various Minor methods, published in 'Legitimate Methods.'
16. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
17. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green,
Catford, London, S.E.6.

RINGING AND SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

At a combined committee meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Royal Society of Cumberland, the following final arrangements were made for the entertaining of ringing visitors to London in connection with the Central Council meeting at Whitsun:

Saturday, 7th June.—Social Meeting at the 'Coffee Pot' (College Youths Headquarters), Warwick Lane, E.C., 7.30.

Whit Sunday.—Service ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (12), 9.45 a.m.; St. Clement Danes (10), 10 a.m.; St. Mary Abbots, Kensington (10), 10.50 a.m. and 5.50 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row (8), 10 a.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 5.30 p.m.; Shoreditch (12), 5.30 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street (10), 5.30 p.m.

Meeting at 'King of Denmark' (Cumberland's Headquarters), Old Bailey, E.C., 7.30 p.m.

The respective societies' records and peal books will be on view at the above headquarters.

Whit Monday.—By kind permission of the incumbents, peals can be arranged for Central Council representatives at the following towers: St. Clement Danes (10); St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10); Enfield (8); Edmonton (8); and all desirous of taking part should communicate with Mr. J. Parker, Queen Ann Place, Enfield, for Enfield or

Edmonton; Mr. W. T. Cockerill for St. Dunstan's, and Mr. J. W. Cornford for St. Clement Danes.

Tuesday.—10th June.—After the meeting the bells at Westminster Abbey will be available from 5 to 6 p.m.; St. Margaret's 6.30 p.m., and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., followed by a social gathering at the 'Bedford Head Hotel,' Maiden Lane, W.C., at 7.45 p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL (hon. sec., College Youths), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

J. W. CORNFORD (hon. sec., Cumberland), 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The following report of the Literature and Press Committee will be presented to the Central Committee on Whitsun Tuesday:—

There have been various criticisms of bells and ringing in the public Press during the past year, mainly due to peal ringing. The record performance of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, called forth a torrent of verbiage from writers (who were nowhere in the vicinity) who overlooked the fact that the peal was rung on a holiday—Whit Monday—when business was suspended, and the annoyance, if any, almost nil.

The 'Evening News,' in a leaderette headed 'Too much bell,' commented as follows: 'Bells are delightful when their music reaches you faintly across the meadow on summer evenings, but the London bell ringers who rang 12,675 changes in 9 hours and 48 minutes at Southwark to make a world's record—Oh! these world's records—what are we to say about them? A reasonable amount of bell ringing is not hurtful, but nearly Ten Hours of it! And all for what? If the ringers were writing these few lines they might have much to say in their defence. On the other hand, if these few lines were being written by residents near bell ringing orgies, they would be much livelier reading.'

Your committee will not quarrel with this. There will always be a percentage of people who will criticise anything under the sun. On the other hand, the opening of the Loughborough carillon in July last year, afforded an opportunity to the Press, and the result was a booming advertisement for bells, descriptive and pictorial, such as the Exercise had not seen hitherto. Although carillon playing is outside the sphere of change ringing, the occasion linked up everything in the matter of bells to our advantage.

Again, when the Bournville carillon was reopened on May 3rd, the recitals of the Carillonneur of Bruges were broadcasted by the British Broadcasting Co., and there is little doubt that by these means, recruits to the army of bell lovers were made from the ranks of students of wireless. The 'Morning Post'—always well disposed towards us—gave half a column to a eulogy of the art.

Antipathy has been shown elsewhere. In September, an attempt was made in the 'Ludlow Advertiser' to suppress change ringing at the Parish Church. The following is an excerpt:—

'Bells are to call people to church only, and should be used solely for that purpose. The public cares not whether Cambridge Surprise or rounds are rung—and rightly, too—but bell ringing outside of worship is a nuisance anywhere . . .'

As the letters bore the signature of a B.A. of Oxford University, the local society of ringers appealed to your committee to reply on their behalf. This was done, with the result that the opposition retired discomfited. The help given in this case alone would appear to justify the existence of this committee.

A 'Ringers' Strike' in Dorset provided copy for the Press early in the year, and furnished a jest for 'Punch.' The local Press gave a fairly accurate account of the matter, and recorded in a subsequent issue the settlement of the dispute, through the timely intervention of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Signed Rev. C. E. MATTHEWS,
Rev. A. T. BEESTON,
Rev. F. LI. EDWARDS,
G. P. BURTON,
W. WILLSON.

May, 1924.

'STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read your leading article on 'Strikes' and 'Lock-outs' in your issue of May 16th, with great interest. The side of the question brought out in your able discussion of the subject is exactly what had presented itself to my mind. Any satisfactory arrangement must necessarily place restraint on arbitrary action on the part of the incumbent as well as on that of the ringers. This is a delicate point requiring very careful consideration. As there was no time left for debate at the Salisbury meeting, the only course was to postpone the matter till another year.

I think that the solution of the difficulty is to be found in the dual capacity of the Bishop as head of the clergy and patron of the Guild.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting was held at Hastings on Saturday, May 17th, the towers of Christ Church, St. Leonard's; All Saints', Hastings; and Christ Church, Blacklands, being open for ringing. A short service was held at Christ Church, Blacklands, the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Thornton) giving an excellent address, after which those present (between 50 and 60 in number) adjourned to the Schoolroom, where a splendid tea had been prepared, and at the conclusion, the Vicar announced that although the advertised price was 1/6 per head, 1/- only would be charged, and what remained over the actual cost would be given to the funds of the association. This was due to the Vicar and a few lady friends undertaking the catering and waiting themselves.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar of Christ Church, Blacklands, being voted to the chair, on the proposition of the Master (Mr. J. Thornton Rickman), who also read a letter from the Rev. Cecil H. Clarke (hon. general secretary), stating his inability to be present.—Mr. A. D. Stone (hon. secretary, Central Division) was, therefore, nominated to act as secretary to the meeting.

On the minutes being read, it was stated that nothing had been done in the matter of taking a postcard poll in reference to a proposition, 'that every member should pay 2/- per annum, irrespective of other moneys paid on their behalf.'—The meeting decided that no further action be taken in the matter.

The following new members were elected: Fred Heaton, Eastbourne; Herbert Parkin and Frank Coates, Christ Church, Blacklands; and the election of Messrs. Cecil Ebberson and John D. Matthews was confirmed. The Vicar of Christ Church, Blacklands, was made a life member.

The report and balance sheet, showing a balance of over £85, was approved and adopted; also the peals' secretary's analysis.

The vice-presidents, Master and hon. treasurer were re-elected. Mr. A. D. Stone was elected hon. general secretary, a motion being passed thanking the late hon. general secretary for his services.

Mr. F. Bennett was re-elected peals' secretary, and Messrs. W. C. Hart and W. Markwell were elected as auditors.

A motion was then carried, 'that half railway fares (maximum 1/-) be paid to resident members attending divisional meetings.'

Brighton, Chichester and Southover (Lewes), were the places suggested for the next annual general meeting, Chichester being decided upon.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. Sydney Saker, for some years hon. secretary of Eastern Division, and the secretary was directed to place on the minutes an expression of the loss the association had sustained through his death, and to send a message of condolence to the family.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for his helpful address at the service, and also to the ladies, whose kind hospitality did so much to make the meeting a success.

The following towers were represented: Battle, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Heene, Heathfield, Henfield, Lewes (Southover), and Shoreham; and there were also a number of unaffiliated members present.

The ringing ranged from Grandsire to Surprise methods.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by members of the Guild at Whitnash on Saturday, May 17th, when ringers attended from Chlvers Coton, Exhall, Leamington, Nuneaton, Solihull, Stoke, Warwick, and the local band, several ladies being among those present.—The Rector (the Rev. E. W. Bryan) gave the members a hearty welcome, and, with Mrs. Bryan, provided tea in the Vicarage Garden, which was very much enjoyed.—The Ringing Master (Mr. A. Roberts) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Bryan for the use of the bells and providing tea.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. Wilkerson), in seconding, said he was pleased to see the local company present, and hoped they would soon become members of the Guild.

Before the party left, the Rector expressed the pleasure the visit of the Guild had given him, and hoped to see them again before long.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Bob Minor.

THE LATE MR. W. J. ALLEN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me space in your valuable paper gratefully to acknowledge, on behalf of my committee, the sum of £25 9s. 9d., collected on behalf of the widow and family of the late Mr. W. J. Allen, of Northampton?

Mrs. Allen desires, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all kind friends who helped her in her sad bereavement. With best thanks to all.—Yours faithfully,

F. WILFORD,

Hon. Secretary to the Fund.

149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE MEMORIAL BELLS FUND.**

The annual meeting at Lincoln on April 26th (Fair Saturday) took place in most unfavourable circumstances. Rain storms throughout the day, and the lack of railway excursion facilities in some districts, resulted in a smaller attendance this year than is usual. The bells at the Cathedral (8), St. Peter-at-Arches (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), and St. Botolph's (6), were made good use of during the afternoon, the towers being closed in time to allow the ringers to gather at the Cathedral at 4.30 for evensong.

Tea was provided in the Co-operative Hall at 5.30, and was followed by the usual business meeting, at which Mr. F. F. Linley presided. All the officers were re-elected, namely, the Dean of Lincoln, president; the Rev. H. Law James, Master; Mr. F. F. Linley, treasurer; and Mr. F. W. Stokes, secretary.

The balance sheet and report was passed as printed.—The Chairman drew attention to the enlargement of the report by the addition of the names of the officers of each branch, and of the honorary members. He regretted that for financial reasons it was not possible to print the report as in pre-war days. Alluding to the Cathedral Bells Memorial Fund, Mr. Linley drew attention to the fact that, approximately, £115 is still required before the additional four bells can be installed in the Cathedral tower, and stated that the general view of the Northern branch is that two bells (to make a peal of ten) should be added now, leaving the other two to be put in when funds permitted.—Mr. S. Proctor, on behalf of the Southern branch, strongly supported this view, and, on a vote being taken, the meeting expressed agreement. The matter will be taken up by the Guild Committee at as early a date as practicable.

The Rev. H. Law James, the Rev. H. T. Parry, Mr. George Chester, and Mr. Rupert Richardson were elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council. In this connection the nomenclature of the Minor methods came in for a good deal of adverse criticism, and great amusement was caused by the quotation by one of the speakers of the names of various vegetables, fruits and flowers, which might possibly come into use if the present system were continued.

The following motion, proposed by Mr. C. McGuinness, and seconded by Mr. J. T. Brown, very well represents the feeling of the meeting: 'That this meeting considers that the nomenclature adopted for the various Minor methods is in many cases ridiculous, and asks the Guild representatives on the Central Council to do their best to advocate a revision.'

Reference must be made to the absence from the meeting of Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, of Lincoln, through illness. Mr. Clifton is one of the oldest members of the Guild, and has been a great worker for its good. He has been especially enthusiastic about the proposed augmentation of the Cathedral bells, and the Chairman mentioned incidentally that in this cause he had raised a larger sum of money than any other single member of the Guild.—The meeting passed a unanimous vote of sympathy with Mrs. Clifton in the illness of her husband.

The various towers were open for further ringing until nine o'clock. At the Cathedral a rather unusual incident occurred, the rope of the 2nd bell breaking in the middle of a good course of London Surprise, necessitating a short pause for repairs. It is encouraging to note year by year an increasing interest in the higher methods, both on six and eight bells. Peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise have already been rung by the Guild, and it is hoped that at no very distant date a peal of London will be accomplished by resident members.

EASTERN BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Stickney on Saturday, May 24th. Although this was only a five-bell tower, a very pleasant and successful meeting was held. Ringers were present from Boston, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Surfleet, Wrangle, and the local band, who are expert five-bell ringers. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. de Vitre). The address was given by the Vicar of Stickford (the Rev. H. F. Shenton), who took as his text, 'Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward.'

Tea was partaken of at the Rose and Crown Inn, after which the usual business meeting was held, the President (the Rev. J. R. Trotter) being in the chair. The place chosen for the summer meeting was Halton Holgate, near Spilsby. It is hoped that more members will endeavour to be present, especially as this is a district where possibly new members may be procured. The bells here were reported to be in very fair order.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for conducting the service, and for the use of the bells, and also to the Vicar of Stickford for his interesting and inspiring address.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, and various six-scores, including Stedman and Carter, were successfully brought round.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I sincerely congratulate Mr. J. W. Parker on obtaining such a remarkable peal of Spliced Surprise Major, and also the band on ringing the peal. It is only those who have gone into the proof who can realise the amount of work and care required before such a peal can be produced.

I have recently been at work on this proof, and up to the present I have the following composition, which should also be of interest, as it contains 340 7-8's, this number being much in excess of the number obtainable in a peal of 5,000 of Superlative or Cambridge Major separately.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. PITMAN.

5,056 SPLICED SUPERLATIVE & CAMBRIDGE MAJOR.

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Repeat the last four courses three times. There are two leads of Cambridge in each course, the 2nd and 6th in the long courses, and 2nd and 3rd in the courses with calls 'Before,' the other leads being Superlative. This composition must be rung in the spliced form, as shown, as it will not run true to Superlative or Cambridge only. Composed May 11th, 1924.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.**PRESENTATIONS AT BEESTON.**

There was an interesting ceremony at Beeston (Notts) Church on Monday, May 12th, when Mr. William Clifford was congratulated on attaining his golden wedding, and completing 60 years' service as a ringer at the church. The assembly in the belfry included the Vicar (the Rev. L. N. Phillips), wardens, past wardens, sidesmen, and many visitors.

The proceedings opened with the ringing of Cambridge and London Surprise, after which the eight oldest ringing members rang 60 Stedman Triples in honour of Mr. Clifford's 60 years' service: L. Price 1, W. Clifford, senr., 2, W. Clifford 3, A. Lowe 4, J. C. Dicken 5, F. S. Price (conductor) 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8.

Mr. H. A. Price (parish warden) mentioned that there were only three bells in the tower in 1860, and in an interesting speech traced the gradual augmentation to eight. He congratulated Mr. Clifford on his remarkable ringing achievements.

The Vicar, on behalf of the church officials and members of the congregation, then handed to Mr. Clifford a substantial cheque and inscribed ebony walking stick, and to Mrs. Clifford an inscribed umbrella.—The Vicar commented on the general ignorance prevailing on the subject of bell ringing, and reminded those present that Mr. Clifford must have spent an enormous amount of time attending to the bells.—After congratulatory speeches by Mr. A. Nicholson (Vicar's warden), Mr. J. Bostock and Mr. C. Mason, J.P. (ex-wardens), the company were amused by some reminiscences of Mr. Peter Burton, an old Beeston ringer, who rang in the first 120 changes on the old peal of six. He caused laughter by his description of how, when a piece dropped out of a bell during ringing, all the ringers tried to get through the door together.

Responding, Mr. Clifford thanked the company, and stated he had done his work because he loved the church, the parish in which he was born, and the bells.

Mr. F. S. Price pointed out that bell ringing consisted of something more than mere rope-pulling, and stated that considerable mental effort is required. Mr. Clifford had taken up Surprise ringing since his 60th birthday, and had rung peals of Norfolk, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, and soon hoped to score London, for which attempts had already been made. As Mr. Clifford was 75 years of age, the company would realise these were no mean feats. He concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for making the presentation, and parishioners for their attendance.—Mr. A. Lowe seconded, and the motion was carried.—The visitors' book was signed by all present before dispersing.

On Saturday, May 17th, a peal of London Surprise was attempted at the church, but, unfortunately, lost after ringing half the peal in 1 hour 30 minutes.

MR. E. BARNETT, SENR.'S, 600 PEALS.

	Rung	Conducted
Minor (4 methods)	2	1
Grandsire Triples	106	51
Stedman Triples	90	26
Erin Triples	1	1
Union Triples	19	10
Darlaston Bob Triples	3	1
Oxford Bob Triples	3	2
Plain Bob Triples	2	1
Court Bob Triples	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure Triples	1	1
Bob Major	26	10
Little Bob Major	1	1
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure Major	18 (including 10,080)	13
College Major	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	71	38
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3	2
Granta Treble Bob Major	1	1
Double Norwich Major	104 (including 13,440)	46
'Real' Double Norwich Major	3	1
Double Oxford Major	6	5
Superlative Surprise Major	24	
Cambridge Surprise Major	21	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1	
Norfolk Surprise Major	4	1
London Surprise Major	3	
Bristol Surprise Major	1	
Grandsire Caters	6	
Stedman Caters	18	1
Plain Bob Royal	2	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	11	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
Forward Royal	2	
Double Norwich Royal	1	
Duffield Royal	1	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	4	
Grandsire Cinques	2	
Stedman Cinques	30	
Plain Bob Maximus	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	
Total	600	225

AN APPRECIATION BY ONE OF HIS 'BOYS.'

Mr. Barnett's 600 peals represent 43 years of ringing, 35 of which he has spent at Crayford, at which tower and the Parish Church, Erith, it can be safely said he has called more first peals for youngsters than any other ringer living. A ringer who rang his first peal at Crayford over 30 years ago, remarking on this fact to the writer the other day, said, 'If ringing is going to have any effect on getting a man to heaven it will be old Teddy Barnett's efforts for youngsters that will get him there long before the man who has rung 1,000 peals.'

Of his 106 peals of Grandsire Triples quite 75 per cent. have some special feature, such as somebody's first peal or first as conductor, or have been rung in helping a struggling hand.

How many ringers owe their first peal of Double Norwich to him? The late Samuel Slater, in some verses published at the time he rang in the 13,440 at Romford, truly said:—

Edwin Barnett rang the second, and did his equal part,

For Double Norwich Court is rooted in his heart.

The writer can remember as a small boy many now well-known ringers coming to Crayford to learn to ring Double Norwich, among them, Mr. J. E. Davis, and his cousin, Mr. H. N. Davis, who often came from Camberwell twice on a Sunday for this purpose.

As a conductor no man ever starts for a peal with a greater knowledge of his composition than Mr. Barnett, and his knowledge of the in and out of course of course ends is to the writer almost uncanny. Of the 120 he can tell the instant he hears any one of them, whether it is in or out of course.

He also has that rare gift among ringers of being able to 'take off' anything from outside the tower. On one occasion he took off a peal of Stedman Triples which Mr. J. H. Cheesman was calling, a new composition by Mr. Lindoff, and when he had finished he gave him both the figures and the calling.

Mr. Barnett has also rung considerably over 100 peals on two different peals of bells. I do not know how many it is now, but at the time he rang his 500th peal in 1917 he had rung exactly 100 at Crayford, and 114 at the Parish Church, Erith.

TAUNTON.—On May 21st, at St. George's Church, Wilton, 720 Wells Surprise Minor: A. W. Hayward 1, A. Wyatt 2, W. Coles 3, G. Coles 4, P. Merson 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6. First in the method by all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Wyatt.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEEK, STAFFS.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evening service, 1,008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 42 mins.: Edgar Sharratt, junr., 1, Edwin Sharratt 2, F. Spilsbury 3, J. Newall 4, F. White 5, J. Rider 6, Edgar Sharratt, senr., 7, E. A. Ridgway (conductor) 8.

STANTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, an attempt was made for 720 Kent Treble Bob, which was lost in the last course; it was the longest length by four of the band, and their first attempt for 720: A. White 1, W. Clay 2, H. Clay 3, S. France 4, W. Lycett 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 360 Plain Bob, and on May 21st, 360 Kent.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—At the Priory Church, for evensong, on May 25th, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Superlative Surprise Major: Canon W. W. C. Baker 1, G. Hole 2, A. V. Good 3, C. Rollings 4, A. G. Matthews 5, F. Ramsay 6, J. B. Marks 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8.—For morning service, 224 Superlative Surprise, and a touch of Stedman Triples, with C. E. King and C. T. King, in addition to the above.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evening service and Empire Day, at the Parish Church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Thorpe (conductor) 1, A. Jackson 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley 4, J. Hall 5, R. W. Jenkinson, junr. (first quarter in the method), 6, J. Hogg 7, J. Coulton 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 18th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Topp 1, J. J. Symons 2, F. A. Burnett 3, T. R. Taylor 4, J. D. Harris (conductor) 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Sunday, May 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. Thornton 1, J. Bray (conductor) 2, W. Leaning 3, A. Tomlinson 4, G. Hobbins 5, B. Gillatt 6.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Allin, junr., 1, W. Allin, senr., 2, R. Huskinson 3, W. Jacks 4, G. Allin 5, C. J. Partidge (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of 1st and 4th, and first by an all local band at this church.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday evening, May 11th, for a memorial service to the late Rev. A. Locke, late Vicar of the Parish, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled: J. Farmer 1, J. Watts 2, J. Sully 3, W. Hoyle 4, E. Parker (first 720 of Oxford as conductor) 5, B. Stevens 6.

WHITCHURCH, Near CARDIFF.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 11th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Minor: R. Bailey (first 720) 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, J. Bailey 3, F. Bailey 4, L. Wright 5, E. Coles 6.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Sunday, May 11th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Dobbie 1, S. Taylor 2, E. H. Spice 3, T. Jull 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, W. Spice (conductor) 6. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Treble Major.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday evening, May 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, G. H. Spice 2, S. Taylor 3, E. J. Dobbie 4, E. H. Spice 5, A. Palmer 6, W. Spice, senr. (conductor), 7, W. Spice, junr., 8.

EASTWELL, KENT.—On Sunday, May 11th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: *C. Franklin 1, W. Henniker 2, *C. Head 3, A. Mills 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Skinner 6. * First quarter on a working bell.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on May 11th, 759 Stedman Caters: G. Large 1, F. Smith 2, W. Biss 3, W. Richards 4, J. Davies 5, E. Coombes 6, A. Parnell 7, E. Stitch 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

RISHTON, LANCs.—On May 4th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins., for morning service: A. Woods 1, W. Pilkington 2, L. J. Williams (conductor) 3, F. Winfield 4, B. Crabtree 5, H. Boardman 6.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Mary's Church, Walton, on Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Searle 1, A. Jackson 2, A. Jackson 2, H. Harrison 3, J. Wilkinson 4, H. Barker 5, C. J. Davies (first 720 in the method as conductor) 6.

PRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: C. Berrington (first quarter-peal) 1, L. M. Bibby 2, C. Valentine 3, J. C. Bibby 4, W. Bibby 5, B. Rutter 6, G. H. Mandles 7, F. Bibby (conductor) 8. The ringers take this opportunity of wishing the conductor 'many happy returns' of his 21st birthday.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, H. T. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Edwards 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Kynaston.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor by the Gromer band of ringers: R. Amis 1, E. Kim 2, E. Wilson 3, C. Pooley 4, F. Pearce 5, W. Tennant (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD, Southern Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 2 to 9 p.m. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and Meeting at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.15 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION, Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Alderton, by invitation of the Rector (Rev. A. D. Pennington), on Saturday, May 31st. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, May 31st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, service at 6 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Western District.—A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, May 31st. Short service 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me early. All welcome. Bells available 3 p.m.—W. Ayre, Leversstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle District Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Benefield on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6). Service 4.30. Meat tea 5.15. Meeting after tea.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Hon. Sec., Polebrooke Rectory, Oundle.

LADIES' GUILD, Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Eastern District.—The usual May meeting will be held at Bennington on May 31st, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will kindly be provided in the Parochial Hall by the Rector (Rev. W. E. Mills). Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, Wirral Branch.—The meeting at Capenhurst will be held on May 31st, not June 14th, as arranged. Ringers invited.—H. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8). Meeting at 5 o'clock. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Privett on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Schoolrooms at 5.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup (8 bells), on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscription due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield (6 bells) on Saturday, May 31st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at Cafe, Brooks Street, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting in National School, near Church, at 5.45. Special business. A good attendance is desired.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Desford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will members please note that subscriptions for current year are now due.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Short service 4.20 p.m., Parish Church. Tea at 5 p.m. A hearty welcome will be given to ringers of kindred associations.—H. Haigh and D. A. Piercy, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Cecil Wallace, Local Hon. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, May 31st, at Littleport, Ely (8 bells). Arrangements will be made for tea. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 1st, 10 a.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 9th, 7.30 p.m., 23rd, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 2nd, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.7.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on June 3rd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 5th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m.—*Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Penn, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. A tea will be provided at 10d. each for those who notify me of their intention of being present not later than June 3rd.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at North Anston on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea provided (1s. each) only to those who notify Mr. H. Stanton, South Anston, near Sheffield, not later than Wednesday, June 4th.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, June 7th. Tower open from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (8) available throughout the day. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided gratis at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall on notification to Mr. G. Thornton, Church House, Sherburn-in-Elmet, on or before Thursday, June 5th. Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting and jubilee festival at Exeter on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in Cathedral 12.15 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Coleridge, president of the C.C. Dinner and meeting at Deller's Restaurant, Bedford Street, 1.30 (2s. 6d.).—E. S. Powell, General Sec., The Vicarage, Holbeton S.O., Devon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Beaconsfield, Bucks.—On Saturday next, May 31st, a combined practice will be held at the Parish Church. Bells (8) from 6.45 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Cecil C. Mayne.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The first annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service at the Cathedral 12 noon, with address by the Bishop of Peterborough. Luncheon (2s. 6d.) and meeting at Neaverson's Cafe, 18, Long Causeway, at 1 p.m. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's, Woodstone and Whittlesea (8), (by bus 4d.), will be available. Those intending to be present at the luncheon must notify me on or before Monday, June 2nd.—David J. Nichols, General Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — A meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 4th, those requiring tea. Witley bells (8) will also be available from 12.45 to 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday. Service in Cathedral 12.15. Preacher: Rev. Prebendary S. Cornish Watkins. Dinner 1 p.m., at Booth Hall, 2s. 6d., followed by business meeting. All towers in city and country round open for ringing. Tea 6 p.m., 1s. The numbers for dinner and tea must be sent me not later than Tuesday, June 3rd.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. Sec.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Rhyl on Whit-Monday. Service at St. Thomas's Church at 2.30 p.m. Meeting after service. All ringers welcome. Those intending to be present please notify me.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley, near Chester.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at Lowestoft on Whit Monday, June 9th. The ring of eight bells of St. Margaret's will be available. Luncheon at the Crown Hotel at 1 o'clock, followed by the general business meeting at 2 o'clock in St. Margaret's Institute, Alexander Road. Members are particularly requested to notify the secretary on or before Thursday, June 5th, of their intention of being present at the luncheon. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 45th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 9th. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with address by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Chelmsford; 12.15 p.m., meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street; 1.30 p.m., lunch at Hicks's Restaurant, High Street, members 2s. each. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the honorary secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, June 3rd.—Charles H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The 26th annual meeting will be held at Middlesborough on Whit Monday, June 9th. Stockton Parish Church bells (10) available after 4 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 12 noon. Address to be given by the Rev. J. C. C. Kerwin, Vicar of Ormesby. Dinner provided in the Clifton Hotel. Members 2s., non-members 3s. Those intending to be at dinner, please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, June 4th. Tea will be provided by the president in the Trinity Church Room, Yarm Lane, Stockton, at 5.30 p.m. to those who notify the secretary by the above date.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on Whitsun Monday, June 9th. Service at 12 noon, with address by the Rev. W. E. Gilliatt, Rector of Sevenoaks. Luncheon at the Lime Tree Hotel 1.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Towers open for ringing: Sevenoaks (8), Westerham (8), Shoreham (8), Braxted (6), Seal (6), Seal Churt (6). Members intending to be present at the luncheon must apply for tickets at once.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells available from 11 a.m. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Star Inn at 4.30 p.m. (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present for tea kindly let me know not later than Thursday, June 5th? — Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Consett on June 9th. Committee meeting at 12 noon, and dinner at 1 o'clock at the Railway Hotel, Consett. Dinner, 3s. per head, to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, June 4th. The bells of Consett Parish Church (8), St. Aidan's, Blackhill (8), St. Mary's, Blackhill (6) (after 10 a.m.), and Benfieldside (6) are available. Please meet at Consett Parish Church to arrange hands for the different churches. — E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 14th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 10th.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The usual monthly meeting will not be held in June. Hoylandswaine have secured a challenge cup to be competed for annually. The first contest is to take place at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, June 14th. Draw 2 p.m. All ringers invited. Tea will be provided for those applying for tickets to Mr. Moxon, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone. A useful service of motors runs through the village.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, HALIFAX.—A ringers' reopening of the bells, after being rehung by Mears and Stainbank, will take place on Saturday, June 14th, at which all ringing friends will be welcome. The bells will be at liberty from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and tea provided at 1s. 6d. each to all who notify Mr. F. Roberts, 1, All Souls' Terrace, Halifax, by Wednesday, June 11th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Staveley, June 14th. Belfry open 2 o'clock. The committee meet in the Institute (adjoining the Rectory Barn) at 4.15. There will be a service in Church at 4.30, address by Rev. Canon Molineux. Tea in the Rectory Barn (1s. each) at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. It will greatly assist the local committee if those intending to be present at the tea will kindly advise Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, Chesterfield, by June 11th. The Rector has kindly placed the Rectory lawn at the disposal of members for bowling.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, 14th June. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

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