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## BELFRY DANGERS

Although many reforms have been introduced into the belfries of this country in the last fifty years, among them a greater cleanliness and a more fitting furnishing of the ringing chambers, there is yet one thing in very many churches that seems to have been neglected—the safety of the way to the bells. Not merely are there still in constant use narrow and dangerous stairways, potential death traps for the unwary, but perpendicular and often rickety ladders have to be climbed to reach either the ringing room or the bells above. The risks which ringers take, sometimes three or four times a week, ought not to be imposed upon them. Even in numerous cases, where reasonable access to the ringing chamber is provided, there is very often only the most primitive means of reaching the bells.

Two examples have come under our notice within the past week. In one, an old tower, the only means of reaching the bells from the ringing room is a ladder placed upon a form; in the other, a magnificent new tower, a straight iron ladder against a wall provides an unbroken climb of some twenty-five feet from the ringing floor to a trapdoor in the ceiling. In either case a slip on the part of the climber must mean, at least, serious injury. It is strange how in the first case such a clumsy method is ever permitted, and in the second, how an architect, with unlimited scope, should have left the tower without any proper stairway to the summit. It is not only the ringers who should have consideration in reaching the scenes of their activities, but church authorities should be held responsible for seeing that men do not have to risk their necks each time they have to give necessary attention to the bells themselves.

The faulty stairways so common in old towers have often been commented on and the subject was ventilated at the last meeting of the Central Council. Narrow, steep and worn steps, often in semi or total darkness, should not be tolerated by those who have to use them, without proper safeguards. The first essential is light, and the second, some kind of grip which a man may use against a slip of the foot. The least that the authorities should provide is efficient illumination and a properly adjusted rope round the newel; while, wherever it is possible, there should be a handrail. Ringers, in their own interests, should not hesitate to bring these matters before their Church Councils. We imagine that the authorities would readily recognise their responsibilities—moral if not legal—and see to it that the stairways are made as safe as circumstances allow. The Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council are to

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emphasise this important matter in the revised handbook which will be issued, but the ringers in these ill equipped towers owe it to themselves and their visitors to get an improvement effected. Indeed, associations, who are ready enough to advocate and further bell restorations, might very well give their attention to this, in many cases, pressing subject.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET ... .. Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 7
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY... .. 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 10
HARRY R. ROPPR ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 11
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 6	*FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Four Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

WILFRID WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 9
ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 2	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 3	*THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 9
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 10
DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 11
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 6	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First attempt for a twelve-bell peal.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*RONALD W. J. PANKHURST Treble	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY 6
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
HAROLD S. HODDEN ... .. 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 8
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 9
NELSON ELLIOT ... .. 5	†LOUIS W. FAULKNER... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on ten bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD  
AND OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 4½ cwt.

CHARLES COLES ... .. Treble	*EDWARD J. B. MORTON ... 5
RICHARD A. POST... .. 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 6
WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT ... 3	GEORGE AYRES ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 4	GEORGE HORWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

\* First peal.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 7
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM

This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative, with 111 changes of method. Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses. One hundredth peal as conductor.

## SANDHURST, GLOUCESTER.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MELVILLE JORDAN ... .. Treble	HARRY DANIELS ... .. 5
THOMAS WORRALL ... .. 2	ERNEST MATTHEWS ... .. 6
WILLIAM HARRIS ... .. 3	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 7
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 4	*CHARLES HODGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Triples.

## GRESTFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 3	*HARRY PYE ... .. 7
FRED HARTMAN ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal in the method. Especially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Fletcher, of Chester (mother of the ringer of the treble).

## GLODWINCK, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt.

OGDEN MOORES ... .. Treble	ERNEST MOORES ... .. 5
*JAMES ALBISON ... .. 2	VERNON SYKES ... .. 6
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR ... .. 3	IVAN KAY ... .. 7
JOHN MEADOWCROFT, JUN. ... .. 4	JOSEPH WARBURTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on the bells since their restoration in 1937.

## CLAYBROOK PARVA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY WAIN ... .. Treble	SIDNEY CHENEY ... .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 6
†FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary for Confirmation service on July 3rd, 1,088 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Parfremment 1, F. A. Salter 2, A. Hutchinson 3, T. Clarke 4, F. Bradley 5, G. W. Greasey 6, R. Narborough 7, R. St. J. Smith (conductor) 8. Longest length of Cambridge Major on the bells. The tenor is 37 cwt.

## SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 6
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

A 21st birthday compliment to Doris G. Dobbie, and an 80th birthday and diamond wedding compliment to Mr. S. Hazelden, formerly secretary of Maidstone District.

## STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT TAYLOR ... .. Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 5
JOSEPH GRAY ... .. 2	ALFRED MORGAN ... .. 6
THOMAS GROUNDS ... .. 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 7
*THOMAS MELLING ... .. 4	ERNEST BIRCHALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by E. BIRCHALL.

\* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. W. S. Mellor, M.A.).

## WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

KENNETH HILL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 5
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 6
FREDERICK PRICE ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 7
WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of John Ravenscroft, a ringer at this church for 50 years. First peal in the method on the bells.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 5
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 2	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 6
HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 7
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN

## BEXLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Treble	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 7
EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

First peal on the bells since rehanging and the addition of two trebles by Mears and Stainbank.

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(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 5
*MISS ELSIE LAKEN ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 6
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 3	JOHN W. CARTER ... .. 7
*NEVILLE HOLLINGWORTH ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON  
\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

ABERDARE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELVAN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb.	
JOHN EMM ... .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 5
JOHN DARCH ... .. 2	ALFRED SCRIBBINS ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	GEORGE KERLEY ... .. 7
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 4	BERT SHELLEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.	
CECIL RADDON ... .. Treble	STANLEY HARRISON ... .. 5
FREDERICK HANCOCK ... .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL ... .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 7
REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 4	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. PARKER.  
Rung as a compliment to Thomas W. Mather on his retirement after 46 years as the Master of the Runcorn ringers.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.	
CHARLES WHITING ... .. Treble	JACK FORD ... .. 5
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 2	ALDERMAN LING ... .. 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. BUNN ... .. 4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES M. BAILEY.  
Specially arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of the Rector of St. Margaret's (the Rev. A. H. N. Waller) and Miss K. R. Eborall at Frinton-on-Sea the same day.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

*NORMAN F. GRINHAM ... Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH ... .. 5
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 2	*HARRY WAIN ... .. 6
†HIRZEL EDWARDS ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... .. 7
PERCY GREEN ... .. 4	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.  
\* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

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**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

BURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BOTOLPH,

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

Consisting of one 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

*LEWIS J. LAST ... .. Treble	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 4
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Capt. Sutton Smith, late R.N., churchwarden, who died on June 3rd.

NAZEING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.	
S. FROST ... .. Treble	W. P. SAMS ... .. 3
G. BLAKE ... .. 2	C. W. SAMS ... .. 4
B. G. BURTON ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by W. P. SAMS.

First peal as conductor.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

*P. GEORGE GOLDER ... .. Treble	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 4
*HAROLD SMITH ... .. 2	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... .. Treble	ERNEST BROOKES ... .. 4
*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 of Double and Single Court, and 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

EDWARD BARKER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 4
ALFRED BACON ... .. 2	WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 5
JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALLACE COUSINS.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. Treble	*CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 4
*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

\* First peal of Minor.



## LONGPARISH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 extents of Grandsire, 10 callings, and 10 extents of Plain Bob, four callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE BROWN ... .. Treble	FRANK TONGE ... .. 4
*JOHN HOLLOWAY ... .. 2	†JAMES HOLLOWAY ... .. 5
LESLIE TRICKEY ... .. 3	FRANK SULLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE TRICKEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal in more than one method by all.

## IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Friday, June 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Single Court and three extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

*FREDERICK S. FOWKES ... Treble	†A. RAYMOND TONKS ... 4
†CECIL VEREY ... .. 2	†J. WILLIAM ATKINS ... 5
†WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. John William Hopkins, an old and respected member of the local company, on the occasion of his 84th birthday.

## MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: An extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 4
*JAMES W. JENNINGS ... 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 5
*SYDNEY W. ARBON ... 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

\* First peal in five methods.

## YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE ST. EDBURGH'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edburgha,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH PRENTICE ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. TAYLOR ... .. 4
†CONRAD PHILLIPS ... .. 2	JOHN LINDON ... .. 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 3	WILLIAM SCRIVENS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. H. TAYLOR.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a 51st birthday compliment to John Lindon, also to Miss Violet M. Scrivens, daughter of A. Scrivens, Ringing Master at this church.

## SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

GEORGE T. BELL ... .. Treble	EDWARD HOWES ... .. 4
*CHARLES A. FARROW ... 2	ERIC DURRANT ... .. 5
*HENRY E. WOODHOUSE ... 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

\* First peal in three methods.

## GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and two each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4
EDWARD GREENACRE ... 2	*CHARLES F. TOVELL ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. ELDRED ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in five methods. A welcome to the new Rector of Grimston, the Rev. E. C. Corke.

## UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALFRED NORMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 4
H. ERNEST COX ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 5
*CECIL R. COX ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal of Minor.

## STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN NEXLEY ... .. Treble	†HENRY WEAVER ... .. 4
*FREDERICK ALLFREY ... 2	*ERNEST TREAGUS ... 5
*HAROLD F. WOOD ... .. 3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by R. WOOD, JUN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells.

## BERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;

Being two 120's of London, four of Plain Bob, six of Canterbury Pleasure, eight of Reverse Canterbury, three 240's of Pitman's, four of Lindoff's and five of Morris' arrangements of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 3
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 4
JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells and rung for evening service.

## LEVERINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. LEONARD AND JOHN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Hereward and Double Oxford; (2) Norwich Surprise; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Double and Single Court; (5) Childwall and Thelwall; (6) Oxford Bob and St. Clement's; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	*WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
*LEWIS BUSH ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	*CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in 14 methods. First 14-method peal on the bells and by the association.

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## KEYSOE, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ALBERT STAPLETON ... .. Treble	J. HAROLD SWEPSTON ... .. 3
ERNEST ASQUE ... .. 2	GEORGE SETH ... .. 4

DONALD L. COCKINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

## UPCHURCH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MISS JOAN NAYLOR ... .. Treble	†JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 2	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

## EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*MRS. BERNARD PANKHURST Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 4
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 2	*JOHN MEDHURST ... .. 5
*BERNARD PANKHURST ... .. 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

\* First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to John Medhurst, also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Hazelden, of East Farleigh.

## BLAYDON, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert Stella,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. Treble	KENNETH CHEESEMAN ... .. 4
ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... .. 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

## TUXFORD, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOE READER ... .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. 2	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... .. 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL ... .. 3	*HERBERT T. ROOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## HARLAXTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Peter.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 extents of St. Simon's, 11 of Stedman, 11 of Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY THORPE ... .. Treble	*CYRIL B. MARTIN ... .. 3
*MISS MAUD FAULKNER ... .. 2	*W. ERIC ROYS ... .. 4
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM G. THORPE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

## GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent, and four of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

KENNETH HALL ... .. Treble	HERBERT BLACKLEDGE ... .. 4
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ... .. 2	ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKLEDGE.

Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Clarkson, of the local company.

## SWINDON, WILTS.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Rodbourne Cheney,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings) with six changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*ARTHUR C. HOLLICK ... .. Treble	HAROLD E. BROWN ... .. 4
CHARLES J. HATHAWAY ... .. 2	†WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY ... .. 5
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... .. 3	*EDWARD J. PALMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

\* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung to mark the christening of Sherard Henry, son and heir of the Rev. S. F. Allison (Vicar) and Mrs. Allison.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## BURREINGTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At Yew Tree Villa,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... .. 1-2	*RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3-4	*FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... .. 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

## BURREINGTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At Yew Tree Villa,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 1-2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3-4	*FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... .. 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

*JAMES TRAINER ... .. 1-2	ROGER ST. JOHN SMITH ... .. 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

\* First peal. The conductor's 100th peal.

## BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

At Restormel, Janes Lane.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 1-2	*JACK HOBDEN ... .. 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 3-4	*RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 7-8

Conducted by FRANK I. HAIRS.

Witness—ARTHUR BROWN.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

## PEAL NOTES.

### A DOUBLE EVENT.

Mr. S. Hazelden, of East Farleigh, formerly secretary of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association, has celebrated his 80th birthday and his diamond wedding. On June 25th a peal of Double Norwich Major in honour of the double event, and also of the 'coming of age' of Miss Doris Dobbie, was rung at Sittingbourne. The peal had a narrow escape. One of the ropes 'stranded' and unravelled up through the sally. For some time before the end it was doubtful if it would last out, but the ringer and the rope 'stuck it,' so all's well that ends well.

A similar compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden was also paid to them at East Peckham, where a peal of Bob Minor was rung on Sunday, June 26th. Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden were married on June 23rd, 1878.

The East Peckham peal was, in addition, a birthday compliment to Miss Joan Medhurst.

The band at Longparish, Hants, who began their peal ringing last year with a peal in one method (Grandsire Doubles) with two conductors, have now rung a peal in two methods (Grandsire and Plain Bob) with one conductor. The peal, rung on June 23rd, is a real achievement for this country band.

The first peal on the bells at Glodwick, Lancashire, since they were rehung in April, 1937, was rung on June 25th. Two of the ringers (Messrs. J. Allison, who rang his first peal on an 'inside' bell, and E. Moores) were elected members of the Lancashire Association before starting the peal.

'Good striking throughout' is the comment on a peal of Bob Major rung at Standish, Lancs, by the Sunday service ringers at St. Wilfrid's Church, as a welcome to their new Rector, the Rev. W. S. Mellor, after morning service on Sunday, June 26th.

Another Rector welcomed to his new parish by a peal was the Rev. E. C. Corke, of Grimston, Norfolk. He was inducted on May 25th, and a peal in five Minor methods was rung on June 25th. It was Mr. Sydney Flint's fiftieth peal.

A peal of Double Norwich Major at Gresford, Denbighshire, on June 25th, was especially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Fletcher, of Chester, mother of Mr. William E. Fletcher, who rang the treble. Mrs. Fletcher was born at Gresford on June 25th, 1866, and was baptised in the Church of All Saints, where the peal was rung. She desires to express her thanks to all who took part in the peal.

### A VETERAN RETIRES.

Mr. Thomas W. Mather has retired, after 46 years, from the Mastership of the Runcorn, Cheshire, ringers. Eight of his friends rang a peal in his honour at Runcorn Church on July 2nd.

The first peal of Bob Major on the bells of Wem, Shropshire, was rung half-muffled in memory of John Ravenscroft, who was a ringer at this church for 50 years. The peal was rung on June 26th.

The first peal in 14 methods by the Ely Diocesan Association was rung on Sunday, June 26th, at Leverington, Cambs.

Mr. Ralph Narborough, of Nottingham, rang his one hundredth peal on June 29th, when he called a peal of Bob Minor on handbells.

On the tiny little bells of St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, where the tenor is only 4½ cwt., Mr. George Harwood, one of the local band, has twice completed the circle.

The first peal of Surprise Major to be rung for over 18 years by members all belonging to the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was successfully accomplished at Boreham on July 2nd. The band hope that this is a step towards raising a higher standard of ringing in this division. It was a 22nd birthday compliment to Miss Lily Green, sister of Mr. Percy Green, the conductor.

The peal in three Minor methods at Istock on Friday, June 24th, was rung in honour of the 84th birthday of John William Hopkins, the 'G.O.M.' of the local company, who has been ringing for more than 60 years, and, who, despite his 84 years, will still stand in to make up the band when required.

All the band who took part in the peal are service ringers at the church, and this is the first time a local company has rung a peal on the bells. One first peal, three first of Minor, and one first of Minor 'inside,' shows the advance that has been made since the conductor, Mr. A. E. Rowley, came to live in the village, as, up to that time, Grandsire Doubles was the limit obtained, but willingness to learn on the part of the old hands has made this progress possible.

The peal of Doubles at Harlaxton, Lincolnshire, on July 2nd, was the first peal on the bells and was rung by five members of the band at St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham, on the invitation of the Rector of Harlaxton, the Rev. A. S. Hope, who is a ringer and wishes to encourage method ringing at his church. It also gave a start to the three first pealers, who had learned the four methods on handbells.

'The ringers have really no excuse to offer for ringing this peal,' says a note attached to the report of a peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Claybrook Parva, Leicestershire. It is just as well to admit it; no one will think the worse of them for it. They evidently appreciate the Rev. W. H. R. Trewella's 'Sermonette.'

After the peal the ringers were very kindly met by the Vicar and invited to the Vicarage to partake of refreshments. The day was hot and so were the ringers, and the Vicar's kindly thought was much appreciated. Handbells were produced and quite a pleasant time was spent.

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## HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

### JOINT PRACTICES TO BE HELD.

The monthly meeting of the Huddersfield and District Association was held at Marsden on Saturday, June 25th, when there was a moderate attendance of members from Lindley, Longwood, Almondbury, Sowerby, Heptonstall, Rippenden, Elland, Huddersfield, Lightcliffe and Marsden. This was the third invitation from Marsden. On the other occasions the first had to be transferred to Almondbury and the second had to be cancelled, owing to the death of the Bishop of the diocese.

On Saturday, however, the local ringers had ensured that everything should be done to make the meeting a huge success, and, despite the fact that the attendance was not up to the required standard, the meeting went with a swing, and the magnificent peal of bells was kept going in a variety of methods, with some remarkably good striking.

After a splendid tea, served by the ladies of the church, the ringers attended evensong, which was conducted by the Vicar, and they then returned to the belfry for the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. F. Rhodes.

Mr. W. Hargreaves, of Lindley, made a proposition that a tower should be chosen in each district for a weekly joint practice, so that the members could gather regularly and practise a method, in order that at the general monthly meeting it could be rung by all, with a greater amount of efficiency and with consequently better striking.—This proposition was seconded by Mr. H. Smith, of Sowerby, and was passed without dissent.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Heptonstall, upon the invitation of the ringers, and it is hoped that everyone will turn up to enjoy this glorious peal; indeed, an invitation is extended to everyone, who can be assured of a hearty welcome and a really good time.

The towers chosen for practice were Marsden Parish Church and All Souls' Church, Halifax. The practice nights are Wednesdays and the method Kent Treble Bob.

One new member was elected.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, the ladies who made tea and to the ringers was proposed by Mr. W. Dransfield, of Almondbury, who spoke of the very able manner in which the local ringers made the arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the members, and commented on the very high quality of the ringing throughout the day.

Mr. G. Briggs, of Sowerby, seconded, and Mr. S. Whitehead, of Marsden, replied. He said it had been a great pleasure to entertain the association, especially as it was the first meeting that had ever been held at Marsden. He hoped that it would not be the last.

The meeting closed and further good ringing was indulged in for the rest of the evening.

## HANDBELL PEALS IN SUSSEX.

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Sussex ringers have seldom been keen on handbell ringing. There have been a few peals rung in Brighton, but usually with outside help, and one recalls that excellent band built up at Henfield (40 years ago, was it?) that rang Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques—the only peal of Cinques ever rung for the Sussex Association, which has no twelve-bell tower in its area. But for the most part little handbell ringing has been done.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hairs, who used to do a great deal of handbell ringing in London, and who are now living at Burgess Hill, are making an effort to get handbell ringing going in their part of the county. The first result is a peal of Bob Major rung on July 1st.

Mr. Tom Myers, of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, a member of a well-known Devon ringing family, rang his first peal on twelve bells on Saturday, when, with other visitors, he took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Croydon. Previously he had never heard a blow struck in Maximus.

In the report of the peal of Minor at Barnby Don, rung on June 6th, only six methods were mentioned. Sandal Treble Bob was also included.

The peal in seven Minor methods rung at Tuxford, Notts, in 2 hours 42 minutes, on July 2nd, was the quickest peal on the bells.

The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus rung since March 15th, 1930, was accomplished at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on July 2nd. A recent attempt was lost after 3 hours 40 minutes' ringing.

Mr. William Clarkson, a ringer at Goosnargh, Lancashire, reached the fine old age of 86 years on Sunday, July 3rd. On the previous day a peal of Treble Bob Minor was rung in his honour.

At Erith, on June 25th, Mr. F. J. Cullum, the well-known North Kent ringer, rang his 100th peal as conductor—a peal in four Spliced Surprise Major methods. When Mr. Cullum began his ringing career it was difficult to ring even Grandsire Doubles either at Erith or Crayford.

All the peals which he has conducted have been on eight bells with the exception of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Rochester, when a band unfortunately met one short for a 'Frederick' peal of Treble Ten. Out of Mr. Cullum's 'century,' 65 peals have been called on the bells of St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, where Mr. Cullum has been a regular Sunday service ringer since 1915, with the exception of a year in H.M. Forces and 4½ years at sea.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. RECTOR ADMONISHES NON-CHURCHGOERS.

### The Rayner Tomb.

Over a hundred ringers gathered in Winchester on Saturday for the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Service took place in St. Maurice's Church, the Rector (the Rev. S. M. Watson) officiating. The Rector divided his address into three parts, the first of welcome, the second of admonition and the third of praise. If the first part was wholehearted, so was the second, for in speaking of the importance of prayer in our lives and the importance of it coming from the soul and not being a mere matter of words, he admonished very soundly the non-churchgoing ringer. He spoke, he said, as a man to men, and he left the cap to be worn by those whom it fitted. It was another of those attacks from the pulpit which ringers, who regularly attend meetings and the services held in connection with them, so frequently hear made upon them, but in this case the breezy manner of delivery relieved the tedium of repetition. The ringers were grateful for the meed of praise which came at the end.

Tea was served in St. Maurice's Hall, where the business meeting was held, over which the Master, Mr. G. Williams, presided, supported by Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary), Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester) and the Rev. F. S. Marle and Major J. Stilwell, district secretaries.

The Master extended a cordial welcome to the visitors and a vote of sympathy with Mr. H. J. Smith, of Wickham, in his illness and wishing him a speedy recovery was passed.

### INCREASING FUNDS.

In the absence of the hon. treasurer, Mr. Andrews moved the adoption of the accounts, which, he said, showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. They were gradually accumulating funds and each district also showed a perfectly sound position.

The accounts were adopted. The treasurer's balance sheet showed that £54 3s. 2d. had been received from the districts, and, after transferring £20 to the general purposes fund, £95 17s. 3d. was left in hand, compared with £103 18s. 6d. at the beginning of the year. The general purposes fund had received £1 1s. 9d. in interest, £4 4s. from life members' subscriptions and £20 from the current account. Four grants, each of five guineas, had been made to bell restorations and £10 2s. 1d. had been expended in connection with the dedication of Winchester Cathedral bells. The balance in the fund was £41 18s. 2d. The aggregate balances of the districts had been increased from £87 16s. 7d. to £98 0s. 9d.

The Central Council representatives presented their reports on the meeting at Leeds, the Master referring to the great welcome and hospitality extended by the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. G. Pullinger briefly reviewed the business transacted at the meeting, and in regard to the proposal that the associations should put up half the cost of publishing the new Surprise Major book in return for the equivalent number of copies, suggested that the Guild should subscribe £2. With regard to promoting the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Pullinger said there was considerable discussion, but no one had any very practical suggestions to make. The fact was the matter rested in the hands of the ringers themselves.

In supporting Mr. Pullinger's proposal that the Guild should contribute £2 towards the publication of the Surprise Major Methods book, Mr. Rogers said he would undertake to be responsible for a pound's worth of the books.

The suggestion was adopted, and Mr. Pullinger was thanked for his report.

### A NEW TREASURER.

Mr. George Williams was re-elected Master and Mr. F. W. Rogers hon. secretary. The Rev. Evan Jones wrote resigning the office of hon. treasurer, and Mr. W. Barton, of Ventnor, was unanimously elected to succeed him.

Mr. R. A. Reed was re-elected recorder of peals, and Mr. G. Smith hon. auditor.

On the election of Central Council representatives, Mr. Pullinger said this was an honour that ought to go round, so that others might get the experience. He fully appreciated representing the Guild, but as one of the junior members he would be prepared to stand down.

The meeting, however, decided, without putting forward any other names, to re-elect the retiring representatives: Messrs. G. Williams, H. Barton, F. W. Rogers and G. Pullinger.

Mr. G. Pullinger proposed an amendment to Rule 3, to give the Central Council representatives a seat, ex-officio, on the Executive Committee, and to provide for only one district secretary from each district having a seat on the committee. The matter had arisen, he said, through the election of an assistant secretary in one district, who attended the committee meeting in addition to the district secretary, thus giving that district more than its share of representation. He wanted to limit the number of secretaries who could represent a district on the committee.—Mr. R. Brown seconded.

Mr. Andrews deprecated altering the rule for unlikely or remote contingencies, and in this the Master said he was inclined to agree with Mr. Andrews.

After further discussion Mr. Pullinger's motion was carried by 28 votes to 19.

In deciding upon the place for the next annual meeting, it was pointed out that the Guild was founded at Basingstoke in 1879 and

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## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SATISFACTORY RECOVERY.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Saltburn on Saturday, June 25th. There was a good attendance, which represented the majority of towers in the very wide and scattered area of the organisation. Tea was held in the Parochial Hall, presided over by the president (Mr. J. C. Pollard), supported by the Vicar of Saltburn (Canon F. B. Knight).

At the business meeting which followed, the president welcomed the Vicar to the meeting and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him and to the churchwardens for the use of the bells and the Parochial Hall.

In reply, Canon Knight said it was a great pleasure to him to grant the ringers the use of the bells and to be present with them at tea. He extended a welcome to the association to what they, in Saltburn, considered to be the finest church and peal of bells in the North Riding of Yorkshire. He always had a great respect for bellringers, he said, except those who called others to worship, but never attended themselves. He hoped there was not any of that type present.

The secretary, in his report, noted an improvement during the year, but urged all members to make a greater effort still, as there was room for further improvement, especially in Sunday service ringing. He was pleased to say that almost all towers made a definite effort to get the bells rung for Sunday services, as this was the real object for which the bells were hung. He wished everyone success in their difficult task. He was very pleased to see such a good attendance at the first annual meeting to be held at Saltburn, and thanked them all for the way they had all sent notifications for tea. This was, indeed, very satisfactory, and he hoped they would keep it up.

The accounts showed a balance of £27 6s. 11d., which was £1 3s. less than a year ago, but it was, nevertheless, considered very satisfactory.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were accepted unanimously, as was also the president's report on the Central Council meeting at Leeds.

All the officers were re-elected.

In proposing a vote of thanks to them for their services, Mr. W. N. Park said that they owed a lot to their officers. The association had certainly shown good judgment in their selection. Great thanks were due, he thought, to the secretary (Mr. J. Reed) for his report and the work he had done since taking office. His report showed that he had given much thought and time to the work, and, whilst he was not too optimistic, he struck a cheerful note. That they should have such a successful meeting only two years after it was thought the Cleveland Association had passed out of existence was largely due to the efforts of their officers. The motion was carried with acclamation, and, in replying, Mr. Lancaster said as it was work in which they, as ringers, were all interested, it was a pleasure to do it.

Meetings were arranged to be held during the coming year as follows: September, Bedale; January, 1939, Middlesbrough; April, Carlton; annual meeting, 1939, Whitby.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR EX-TREASURER.

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would thus celebrate its diamond jubilee next year. Basingstoke was, therefore, proposed for the next meeting. So also were Southampton, Ryde (Isle of Wight) and Bournemouth.

The Master reminded the members of the tacit understanding that the annual meetings should be held alternately in the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, and by a considerable majority, Ryde was chosen.

On behalf of Mr. H. P. James (Isle of Wight district secretary, who had had to leave), Mr. Pullinger told the meeting that in 1925 the Guild restored the tomb of William Rayner, a famous old Isle of Wight ringer, who died in 1823 and was buried at Arreton. The tomb now required cleaning and the lettering recutting. There was a good deal of inscription on the tomb relating to other members of the family, and to recut the whole of it would cost a prohibitive sum. Mr. Pullinger suggested that the tomb should be cleaned and the recutting limited to the inscription relating to William Rayner. He proposed the appointment of a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. H. P. James, H. Barton and W. Upton, to go into the matter and report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.—Mr. Andrews seconded and this was agreed to.

The Master referred to the retirement of the Rev. Evan Jones from the treasurership, which he had occupied for the last ten years. Previous to that he was hon. secretary of the Basingstoke District. The Master said he thought, in recognition of Mr. Jones' services, they should make him an honorary life member of the Guild.

Mr. Pullinger, who seconded, said Mr. Jones had worked really hard in the interests of the Guild and they should send him their best thanks for his services.—The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Pullinger gave notice that at the next annual meeting he would move an alteration to Rule 14, to limit the 'out of pocket expenses' paid by the Guild to their representatives on the Central Council to third class 'monthly' return fare and 10s. 'subsistence' allowance.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector of St. Maurice's, the organist and choir, on the motion of the Rev. F. S. Marle. Thanks to the Master and hon. secretary and to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral were accorded, on the motion of Mr. Pullinger.

Ringing took place both in the afternoon and evening at the Cathedral and at St. Maurice's Church.



**NO HELP FOR BELL 'CANNERS'****LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY'S REFUSAL.**

The June meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at the tower of St. Matthias', Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 25th. Houses are built very close on all four sides of this church, and so the society had its first experience of bell silencers. These are a Burley patent, made by one of the local ringers, and one must admire the charming result. A wedding, however, delayed the start of ringing.

The attendance was rather below the usual standard, but the members present were able to try out various methods, which they were not used to ringing. More ringers arrived after tea, and further touches were brought round until the business meeting was held in the tower.

Owing to the president's absence, the chair was occupied by Mr. S. H. Barron (vice-president). Members were present from Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Hunslet, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Shipley, Sherburn and the local company.

The usual vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Barron and seconded by Mr. Dixon, Mr. Drake replying for the local company.

A letter from Sound Amplifiers, Ltd., with regard to making records for churches without bells, was read, and, after consideration, it was resolved to abide by the Central Council's decision, and to inform the writers that the society did not agree with this type of broadcasting.

The place of the next meeting should have been Drighlington, but as Drighlington could not accept the proposal date and the secretary had not been able to rearrange the July meeting, it was resolved to hold the meeting on July 23rd at Hunslet Parish Church, where a band of learners require all the assistance that can be given to them.

The society had been requested to change the date of the September meeting to September 17th in order to help solve a slight difficulty. This was agreed to and members are asked to bear this in mind.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****CENTRAL BRANCH'S FIRST COURSE OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.**

A pleasant and successful meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Littleport on June 20th. Between 20 and 30 members and friends attended, but most of them came after tea. For the first time since the formation of this branch, consisting mostly of six-bell ringers, a course of Stedman Triples was rung by members. Not much, perhaps, to 'brass hats,' but to those in attendance it was a course in the right direction.

The Rev. H. N. Shelton kindly gave permission for ringing, and Mr. J. Atkins and friend welcomed the ringers on behalf of the Littleport company. A very happy afternoon and evening was spent.

**HATFIELD BELLS****HERTFORDSHIRE RING OF TEN RESTORED.**

The bells of St. Ethelreda's Church, Hatfield, Herts, have recently been thoroughly overhauled, restored, tuned and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Hatfield has now one of the finest ten-bell peals in the country.

A service of rededication was held on Thursday, June 16th. The Rector, the Rev. M. P. G. Leonard (perhaps better known as 'Pat' Leonard) officiated and a large congregation attended. The lessons were read by two members of the Hatfield College Youths, Messrs. D. Ellingham and A. Lawrence.

During the singing of a hymn, a procession, consisting of the clergy, churchwardens, Mr. P. Taylor (member of bell founders' firm) and the local band of ringers, passed up the nave, through the choir vestry, climbed up the many tower steps leading to the bell chamber and finally came to a rather precarious perch on the frame where the bells hung, whilst the Rector said a few suitable prayers, which were relayed to the congregation in the church below by means of a loud speaker.

The procession then safely returned to their more comfortable seats in the church.

The Archdeacon of Bedford (the Ven. W. A. Robins) gave an interesting address. He mentioned the fact that the art of change ringing was born in England many generations since, and was still practically confined to English-speaking people. The ringers in the past, however, had sometimes acted as though their work was solely confined to the belfry, and did not feel that the tower was an integral part of the church. We now realised that music, whether in the belfry or nave, was part of the human act of worship of God, and there should always be seats for bellringers in church, just as much as for members of the choir.

After the service the bells were first rung in rounds by the junior members of the Hatfield Guild of College Youths.

A fair number of ringers (including some of the gentler sex) had gathered from various parts of the county, such as Bushey, Hertford, Leverstock Green, Little Munden, North Mymms and St. Albans, and afterwards took part in Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal.

**GIRL CONDUCTS QUARTER-PEAL.**

Miss C. Ditton, at the age of 15 years, conducted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Andrew's Church, Hertford: Mrs. G. Gray (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, J. Ladley 2, Miss C. Ditton (first as conductor) 3, R. Dore 4, G. Gray 5, C. Skidmore (first quarter-peal of Triples) 6, G. Freestone 7, G. Ditton 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild, which was to have been held at Appleby on July 23rd, has been transferred to Elsham.

Mr. Malcolm Taylor sailed from England on Tuesday on his return to Hobart, Tasmania. When he arrived here about three years ago Mr. Taylor took up ringing in earnest in the Crayford district, where he was temporarily settled, but afterwards his business took him to many parts of the country and he was unable to follow it up.

He rang one peal and the knowledge which he gained should be of considerable help to the Hobart ringers when he gets back to Tasmania.

Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, added another to his 'collection' of towers last Friday, when he was present at the opening of the new peal of eight bells at Liss, Hants. He cycled the 20 miles from Winchester, and back—and had to go home without measuring the tenor! His bag is, we believe, now somewhere in the region of 3,000 towers.

Mr. Frank E. Pervin, of Coventry, 'looked in' at Winchester on Saturday on the occasion of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's annual festival. Unfortunately, he was too late for ringing and too early for tea, as he had to leave to rejoin his works party at Southsea. But his friends were glad to see him, if only for a few minutes.

## CANON ELSEE MEMORIAL.

The following Lancashire towers have subscribed to the Canon Elsee Memorial: Blackburn Cathedral, Manchester Cathedral, Bolton Parish, Bolton Holy Trinity, Deane, Leigh, Walkden, Ambleside, Barrow, Kendal, Blackpool (St. John's), Woolton, Liverpool (St. Nicholas'), Garston, Mossley, Gorton, Worsley, Ashton Parish, Whittle-le-Woods, Hoghton, Middleton, Oldham (Parish), Todmorden (Unitarian), Helmsdale, Poolstock and Standish Churches.

The committee wish to remind the other towers they would like to close the fund on July 31st.

## THE 'FIVE MINUTE' BELL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—At our tower we have an entirely new ring of bells, the only ones in the neighbourhood, consequently there is in their use no such thing as custom or precedent. The treble is used as five-minute bell after ringing ceases. I advocate ringing her at a usual pace or lowering and chiming her; the majority of the band, however, like to hear her 'rung fast,' i.e., they lower her to where she can just be touched at the hand-stroke and keep her at that point. I find this a little irritating. It may not be an important point, but perhaps a reader would express an opinion on the matter.

R. ALSOF.

Ebbw Vale, Mon.

## LONG SERVICE AS RINGER AND VERGER.

On Thursday, June 30th, at All Saints' Church, Lindfield, Sussex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung as a compliment to Mr. Edmund Patching on his 68th birthday. He has been a ringer at Lindfield for 41 years and vergers for 39 years. All the ringers taking part are Sunday service ringers, and four of them scored their first quarter-peal. Moreover, it was their first attempt at Lindfield with all Lindfield ringers: \*C. A. Wood 1, A. Tomsett (conductor) 2, A. Drew 3, E. Patching 4, E. Baines 5, \*A. B. Drew 6, \*A. Fulluck 7, \*A. Hobden 8. \* First quarter-peal. Rung with 7.6.8 behind.

## A BACHELOR BAND.

It must be unusual to find a band of ten bachelors, all attached to one tower, capable of ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, but it is possible at Aston.

The bachelors, all of whom belong to Aston's Sunday band, rang their quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters on Sunday morning, June 26th: Leslie Pettigrew 1, Fred Price (conductor) 2, William Best 3, Ronald Shepherd 4, Alfred Allen 5, William Pettigrew 6, Geoffrey Pratt 7, Arthur Rainey 8, Percy R. Rainey 9, Albert Pettigrew 10.

A Stedman Cinques company, mostly from new material, has been raised at this tower, so that it is now possible to get Stedman Cinques for service ringing at two towers in Birmingham.

## RINGS OF TWELVE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Armiger Trollope's letter on the subject of rings of twelve bells, I agree that St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, is a musical peal, and, when heard from the Quarry or beyond the Severn in Kingsland, sound superb. The bells, however, are not so pleasant in the ringing chamber, especially when ringing has been in progress for some time.

In my opinion, the peal at St. Martin's, in the Bull Ring, Birmingham, is most pleasant to hear inside, but not so in the street, probably on account of the position of the church.

Southwark Cathedral twelve has a good claim to the premier position, I think.

A. PENDRAGON.

Small Heath.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—26.****FREDERICK W. ROGERS.**

Among the men whom sheer ability has brought to the front rank as a conductor is Mr. Frederick W. Rogers, of Portsmouth. Attached to the tower of St. Mary's, Portsea, he has been largely instrumental in building up one of the most successful Surprise ringing centres in the South of England, and he has rendered, meanwhile, yeoman service to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

He began his ringing career about the end of the Great War, and scored his first peal, which was Grandsire Triples, at St. Thomas' (now the Cathedral), Portsmouth, on June 14th, 1919, but it was nearly six years, namely, on February 28th, 1925, before he conducted a peal, calling Superlative Surprise at Soberton, Hants. It was not, however, until 1928 that he took conducting seriously, and he only called that one peal in his first hundred. Then opportunities arose, through the encouragement and facilities offered by Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, where Mr. Rogers was a frequent visitor, and he has gone on to no mean achievements since.

The total number of his peals is 443, of which he has conducted 153 on all numbers from six to twelve. They have been rung in 165 towers in 25 counties and for 22 associations. No fewer than 303 of his peals have been in Surprise methods, and of these he has conducted 112. He rang in the first peal on the old twelve bells at Winchester Cathedral, and his first peal of Maximus was Cambridge Surprise on the same bells in 1929. He conducted the first peals of Yorkshire, New Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey Surprise Major by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild; also the first of Cambridge Minor for the Guild, and the first of Cambridge Major in the Isle of Wight.

He has taken part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, and he called the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by the Ancient Society of College Youths. There are few ten-bell towers in Hampshire, and most of his conducting on ten has been done at St. Peter's, Brighton, nearly 50 miles from his home, where he has rung no fewer than 56 peals. For the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and the former Winchester Diocesan Guild he has rung 204 peals.

But he has served his parent society loyally in other ways. He was formerly Portsmouth District secretary and recorder of peals, and is now the general secretary. He has also represented the Guild on the Central Council since 1933.

**Next week: Mr. George Martin.**

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

Circumstances arose which prevented the tea and business meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association being held at Baglan on Saturday last as had been arranged. Nevertheless, the fine ring of six bells by Taylor were available during the afternoon until, at five o'clock, a case of illness close to the church prevented any further ringing. A move was then made for Aberavon, where a bountiful tea was found in readiness, kindly provided by the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers' wives.

At the business meeting which followed in the Schoolroom, presided over by the Vicar of Aberavon (the Rev. W. Herbert Jones), a cordial welcome was extended to the ringers.

Instructors' reports and the report of the representative to the Central Council meeting on Whitsun Tuesday were submitted.

Places for the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting were proposed, and by a majority it was decided to visit Merthyr. The next Monmouth quarterly meeting will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool.

A very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to all the churchworkers at Aberavon for their kindness. The eight fine bells were afterwards rung in various methods.



**MR. FREDERICK W. ROGERS.**

**A NEW PEAL FOR HAMPSHIRE.****DEDICATION OF BELLS AT LISS.**

A new peal of eight bells, with a tenor of 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp, has been placed in St. Mary's Church, Liss, Hants, where a massive tower was completed a few years ago. The Bishop of Portsmouth dedicated the bells on Friday in the presence of a congregation that more than filled the seating accommodation.

The tower was designed by Mr. E. F. Maufe, the architect of Guildford's new Cathedral, and is of stone externally and brick internally. It is 20ft. square inside, and the bells, installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, hang in an English oak frame, with plenty of room all round it. The tower is at the western end of the church, and the ringing is done from a gallery. The bell frame is so arranged that all the ropes drop plumb from the wheels in an excellent circle, without any 'drawing.' There is no middle chamber, which would have obstructed the tall west windows, and in consequence there is a rather long draught of rope.

The oak belfry floor and the ceiling below are independent of any of the bell frame timbers or beams, thus giving a free air current all round the timbers, and between them is a lining of cabot quilting. The bells hang well below the louvres and the sound both inside and out is perfectly adjusted. Indeed, the whole arrangements, with one exception—a straight iron ladder from the ringing floor to the trap door leading to the bells—are a model of what a tower should be. Even in the lighting, every thought has been given to the convenience of the ringers, and in the ringing room there is a tell-tale red lamp to indicate when the light is on aloft.

The bells are a delightful peal, with 'full blooded' trebles. They are hung on cast iron headstocks with ball bearings, and there are ball bearing pulleys, and lubricators to the clapper joints. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated upon having provided Liss with a highly satisfying peal of bells. They were the gift of an anonymous donor.

The dedication took place during evensong\* and created great interest in the village, to which ringers flocked from many neighbouring towers and from places as far away as Winchester and Swindon on the one hand to Guildford in Surrey and Crawley in Sussex on the other.

After the Bishop had dedicated the bells the Archdeacon of Manchester gave an address in which he referred to the occasion as a great and memorable event in the history of the parish. In these days, he said, there was some tendency to use the modern methods of science to imitate the ringing of bells. They were thankful that they had shared that day in the dedication of yet another peal of bells in England.

During the past three or four weeks a local band has been trained, and these young men rang rounds immediately after the dedication. After the service an opening touch of Stedman Triples was rung by a representative band of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and subsequently a variety of touches, up to Spliced Surprise Major, was rung. Some of the visitors did not find the light going, combined with the long draught, entirely to their liking.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.****LIVERSEDGE WIN SIX-BELL CONTEST.**

The annual meeting and six-bell prize contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Low Moor on Saturday, June 25th.

Four teams entered the competition, in which they had to ring 600 changes, with a plain course for practice. They rang in the following order: 1 Liversedge, 2 Meltham, 3 New Mill, 4 Friezeland. Friezeland rang Woodbine and the other teams rang Oxford.

Tea was served in the school, to which about 30 sat down. The meeting was also held in the school, the president (Mr. E. Earnshaw) being in the chair.

The usual business was disposed of, and the balance sheet, which showed a small profit for the year, was presented.

Mr. W. Idle, of Earlsheaton, who had acted as judge, gave his decision as follows:—

Liversedge: 83 faults, 0 penalties, total 83.  
Meltham: 130 faults, 0 penalties, total 130.  
New Mill: 177 faults, 10 penalties, total 183.  
Friezeland: 243 faults, 10 penalties, total 253.

Liversedge were, therefore, declared winners, and, in addition to the cup, each of the ringers was presented with an ornament of an Alsatian dog by Mrs. Boyes, who kindly presented the prizes in the absence of the Vicar, who was unable to be present.

**DEVON BAND'S ACHIEVEMENT.**

The only six-bell band in Devon that is ringing Cambridge Minor is at Brampford Speke, where the president of the Devon Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox) is Vicar. For evensong on Sunday, July 4th, in the octave of the patronal festival, they rang 720 in the method: W. H. Key 1, W. J. Andrews 2, W. J. Baker 3, H. J. Corry 4, H. J. Rowe 5, the Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 6. This is the first time the extent has been rung on the bells by an entirely local band, all of whom are regular members of the congregation.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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### THE USE OF GRAMOPHONE RECORDS.

The Rev. H. Drake had given notice of resolutions, arising out of the report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee. At the suggestion of the Standing Committee, he accepted some verbal amendments and accordingly moved that 'the Council adopt the following statement on the subject of gramophone records of bells and issue it in a suitable form to every Diocesan Bishop, Archdeacon and Chancellor':—

1. The ringing of church bells before divine service has never been considered a mere mechanical device, similar or in addition to a clock. It is an act of worship by a certain number of churchworkers, solemnly preparatory to further worship, and proportionate in value to the skill and care employed. It may be compared to the voluntary on the organ, and more than the latter requires thorough practice, at least once a week.

2. Records of change ringing are useful for instruction, or for broadcasting. But as they do not fulfil any of the conditions of personal ringing, they ought not to be used to commence a service of divine worship. Furthermore, they publish to the world a pretence that eight men or more are in that church, making an act of worship. Also they lend themselves to the production of effects, which to those who know something of ringing (and they are many) sound absurdly impossible. To prevent a church making itself ridiculous, records should only be manipulated by a person with a knowledge of change ringing, but if a man is really skilful enough to know what is possible, he will be wanting to ring a real bell elsewhere.

3. These objections do not apply to records of carillon music. Moreover, a musician sufficiently experienced to handle such records satisfactorily can often be found. Therefore, when permission is given for instruments using records to be installed, it should be stipulated that records of change ringing should never be heard from a church.

Mr. C. Mee seconded.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed the omission of paragraph 3. He said he thought it would be a great mistake to put into the heads of Chancellors or Bishops or anyone else the very thought of installing carillon music in towers (hear, hear).

### RINGING AS PART OF THE SERVICE.

The Rev. H. Drake said he thought they should draw the attention of the authorities of the Church to the position of ringing as an art which was part of the worship of the Church. Ringing of bells was considered by most clergy to be just some mechanical thing like the striking of a clock at the beginning of the service, but ringers and clergy who were ringers did not consider it in that way at all. They felt that they took an integral part in the service of the church when they rang before the service. Most people considered the organ voluntary as an integral part of the service, and ringers thought the same of ringing the bells before the service began. When they heard anyone preach to ringers, nine times out of ten they heard something about ringing the bells and going away from the service. He had thought this matter over very considerably and he could not agree with that position. When he was a boy the organist used to play for the first service, and, when that was over, close the organ and go. If there was a service after morning prayer, no one expected him to stop. If he did he would go and sit in another part of the church and be a member of the congregation. They all expected ringers to come to church, but not necessarily for the service for which they rang. It should not be a compulsory thing, whether it was convenient or not.

With regard to the third paragraph, Mr. Drake said they were told they were a Council concerned only with change ringing, and, therefore, ought not to interfere with carillon ringing or give any advice to the authorities of the Church about carillons. He was not a member of the Council at the beginning, so he had nothing to do with choosing the name of the Council. But they were not in name a Central Council of Change Ringers, but a Central Council of Church Bellringers. He had always thought they ought not to be called bellringers but change ringers, but as long as that was not in their name they could not exclude carillons from consideration. They were the only authority on carillon ringing; they might not know very much about it, but who else did? He thought they should tell the authorities of the Church about carillon music, but he was in a difficulty because since that resolution was sent in, in fact on the previous day, he was at the opening and blessing of the new Shrine in Walsingham. Many thousands of people came to the service. When they started from the old Parish Church they heard the bells ringing in the old way. When they came to the Shrine a carillon of bells was being rung and they heard the contrast. His colleague did not agree with him about the carillon business—neither did he agree with the architect and builder in regard to the tall slender campanile—but to him (the speaker) it was a thing of beauty. There being that beauty in it, they, as ringers, although they did not take any part in carillon music themselves, ought to allow carillons to be in the churches and look forward to the time when there would be a large tower with bells hung for ringing and a small slender tower with a carillon in the same church.

The President said they were a Central Council of Church Bellringers and that entirely barred out carillons, which were played or chimed, and not rung. He thought that difference was fundamental. He was not in the least against carillon music; it was very fine in its place, but he did not think the Council had anything to do with it.

Mr. T. Clark thought the Council would do better by trying to get existing bells put in order where it was necessary. If they could do that it would provide the bellfounders with enough work for years to come. The Council could not force the ecclesiastical authorities to take their views and they could assert no authority. Where there were towers which were not fit to carry or capable of carrying bells they could not get a parson to say, because he could not have real bells, he should have none of these other things.

Mr. S. H. Wood said in as far as Mr. Drake's proposal applied to churches where there was a choice between bells and a gramophone, he was entirely in agreement with him, but in other cases where there was no question of having a peal of bells and never would be, the Council would be going much too far to pass that resolution. If they did so, saying in effect that if they could not have bells, they would not have bell effects produced by gramophone records of good change ringing, it would be a mistake. There were four of these gramophones in Bristol and he had to admit that he was partly instrumental in getting one of them installed and he had no regrets about it. They were not in churches which had peals of bells. Neither of the churches had towers or any hope of having towers, and he thought it was all to the good that the inhabitants of this district should hear good Grandshire Caters before the services.

Mr. Trollope said he objected to the wording of the sentence that the ringing of church bells before divine service had never been considered a mere mechanical device. That was not true. Ringing for service was entirely a modern thing. Fifty or sixty years ago people, like Ellacombe and Wigram and the editor of 'Church Bells,' were using all their influence to stop what they considered the undesirable innovation of ringing before service. In the middle ages, before the Reformation, there was ringing before High Mass. After about 1540, until almost in the lifetime of some of those present, ringing, as they knew it, had, strictly speaking, nothing whatever to do with the services of the Church. It was used partly for social purposes and partly for parochial and national occasions. Prior to services only a single bell or two were used, to tell people exactly what service was to be held and when it was to be held. He thought they should consider their modern ringing before service in the same light as the organ voluntary. That was to be encouraged, but they should not go before the Church authorities and say that what had always been done.

### MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Canon Marshall said it seemed to him that these resolutions were far too intricate and involved to be of use, and the speeches seemed to bear that out. He felt inclined to move that the matter be referred back to the Standing Committee for further and more careful consideration. He did not feel inclined to vote for the resolutions as they were, although he was in full sympathy with what he believed was behind them.

Mr. J. Hunt seconded Canon Marshall's suggestion.

Mr. J. C. Pollard said the Council in passing these resolutions would be telling the Church authorities what to do, and most of them knew that Church authorities would resent interference. Mr. Pollard instanced a case in his own district where there was a church with a small tower and no room for a peal of bells and the parish had only a tiny population. The Vicar wanted bells. They were up against the position whether they should advise the Vicar to have no bells or a carillon. He (Mr. Pollard) advised a carillon; it had been put in and was a wonderful success.

It was suggested that the Standing Committee be given power to act, and the Rev. H. Drake thereupon withdrew his motion on the understanding that the matter was not delayed until the next meeting.

### ANCIENT PEAL BOARDS.

In their report, the Peal Boards Committee said: A great deal has been said and written about the loss sustained by the Exercise by the death on December 29th, 1937, of William Henry Hollier, and in this report we therefore mention only the work which Mr. Hollier did for our committee. He was our convener, but he was more than that. It was he who, at Shrewsbury in 1935, proposed that a record should be made of all peal records contained on tablets and boards in the church towers of the country prior to 1825 and that a committee be appointed to undertake the work.

The suggestion met with the full approval of the Council, and Mr. Hollier was placed in charge of the committee which was appointed. During the two and a half years since that date he spent much time and money in starting the collection of records. His health did not allow him to obtain details of peal boards personally, as he would have liked, but he took infinite trouble writing to members of the Exercise for details from their own towers.

We feel that we owe a duty to his memory to see that the work he initiated is continued until it is as complete as it is possible to make it.

An interval of some months elapsed before we were able to obtain all the committee papers that were in Mr. Hollier's possession, and this has somewhat delayed the progress of the work of copying and filing the records. We hope to be able to deal more fully in our report next year with the actual work done by the committee and with steps for completing that work as soon as possible. At present, however, copies of some 200 peal boards have been received and about half of them have been typewritten and filed.

We ask all members of the Exercise in general and of this Council in particular to assist us by sending us full details of all peal boards they know of which are dated not later than 1825.

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## FURTHER WORK FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

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Mr. W. G. Wilson, who moved the adoption of the report, said how deeply the committee regretted that Mr. Hollier was not there to perform the task. They missed him very much. They referred in the report to their loss and the desire that the work which Mr. Hollier started should be completed satisfactorily. But they could only do that if every member of the Exercise would help them, and in this it was up to every member of the Council to examine the remaining records and send copies to the committee.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg, who seconded, said it had been discovered that some of the records sent in had not been strictly accurate and did not contain all the particulars. He stressed that the committee wanted the precise wording on the boards. Another object of the committee was to have a record of the actual condition of each board, so that, if necessary, they could take steps to have them preserved.

The report was adopted.

## BIOGRAPHIES.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved the adoption of the following report of the Biographies Committee: The compilation of the biographies of past members is proceeding, but there are still many forms, sent out two years ago, that have not been returned. Forms have been circulated to the present members of the Council and are being slowly returned. The object of these forms is to obtain first-hand information for future use, when a representative ceases to be a member of the Council. The committee hope it will be easier to get this material before members leave the Council than it has proved to obtain particulars concerning past members. They, therefore, request that all members will complete the forms sent to them and return them without delay to the committee. It is particularly desired that photographs will be sent with the information. These, as far as they have been received, make an exceedingly interesting feature of the biographical collection.

Mr. Goldsmith emphasised the desire of the committee for photographs as well as the biographical details, and mentioned that one member, being without any photograph of himself, had sent his fingerprints, while another had sent a self-portrait, the outstanding features of which were a bald head, a large pipe and an empty tankard (laughter).

Mr. W. A. Cave seconded the report, which was adopted.

## CIRCULATION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The question of what steps could be taken to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World' had been before the Council on several occasions and the officers of the Council presented another interim report. This consisted of extracts from some 17 letters which had been received from members in response to a request for suggestions. In submitting the report, the President said the bulk of the letters went over old ground, which had been thoroughly discussed before. A number of them seemed to assume that 'The Ringing World' was in extremis. That, however, was not the case. One point that had been made in some of the earlier letters was that some people had been considering what would happen if, for any reason, Mr. Goldsmith found it necessary to give up 'The Ringing World,' and the suggestion had been made that the Central Council should take it over. He thought the members should know that if the Council were to take it over, it would be necessary to appoint an editor and to pay him, and that would probably cost not less than £150 a year. That was just by the way, to let the Council know what sort of proposition they might be up against. As far as the officers of the Council were concerned they really did not consider that there was very much that was helpful in the letters, but there was a possibility in one of them by which something useful might be done; that was a suggestion that ringers might be approached through the Church authorities, and the officers would like to have the Council's views upon it.

The suggestion made in this letter was to endeavour to reach every incumbent who has bells and ringers through a letter to each Archdeacon worded somewhat in the following manner: 'You will probably know that church bellringers to-day are a more active body of churchworkers than ever before. The Central Council, to which all diocesan guilds are affiliated, is very anxious indeed that interest in the art should be further increased. This is being achieved to a great extent by the circulation of a weekly publication called "The Ringing World," the Editor of which is a widely known ringer, but unfortunately the circulation is not large enough to keep the paper running in the way it is desired. A much larger circulation is urgently needed, and the members of the Council are much concerned as to how to effect the desired result. The matter has been under discussion at the last two meetings, but without any satisfactory solution.'

'We should like to solicit the influence of every incumbent who has bells and ringers, but this would be too big a task for us, and we are, therefore, wondering whether we should be asking too much in asking each Archdeacon to help the cause by commending it to every incumbent in his Archdeaconry when opportunity occurs. If every incumbent would interest himself by putting the matter of "The Ringing World" to his ringers, it would be the greatest possible help, and we feel that a vast benefit would be created to the ringing Exercise, as a body of active churchworkers, by the increased circulation of "The Ringing World."'

Several of the suggestions in the other letters, added the officers in their report, may be useful in the future, but for immediate needs they invite serious consideration to those shown in this letter, and

would be glad to have the Council's views as to whether action on the lines indicated should be taken.

Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded the adoption of the report, and a lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. A. D. Barker said Mr. Goldsmith was with them to-day, but he might not be with them to-morrow (laughter). All this talk got them nowhere; the Council ought to do something. They were going to appeal to the associations to take up the Surprise Methods book, what about doing the same thing for 'The Ringing World,' which was much more important to them?

Mr. J. A. Trollope said they ought to realise there was a line they ought to draw. They ought to realise that 'The Ringing World,' which was of great importance to them, was, after all, the property of an individual. He did not think they ought to have a commission to inquire into the status and running of 'The Ringing World' unless they first found out whether Mr. Goldsmith wanted anything done. They ought to encourage the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' but they ought to do it as buyers of the paper and not as owners of the paper, which they were not and probably never would be.

## A POOR REWARD.

The Hon. Secretary said the object before the Council was to work up the circulation, so that if Mr. Goldsmith had to give up, the paper would be a sufficiently good commercial proposition for someone to take over and continue it. The present circulation was a poor reward for the work that was put into 'The Ringing World,' when they remembered that there were 22,000 ringers affiliated through associations to the Council. He did not think there was any member of the Council who would honestly say the Council should take the paper over with its present circulation; it would be an enormous financial burden.

Mr. C. D. Potter said they could not expect all ringers to take the paper. Many of them in his part of the country could not even afford to pay their subscription to their associations.

Mr. J. Hunt said Mr. Goldsmith ought to be fully recompensed for the work he did, and few ringers probably realised how much work he put into it. 'The Ringing World' did not provide a fair return for that work. If the paper did not pay, the price should be raised. No doubt if this were done the circulation would drop; but better that than having no paper at all.

The Hon. Secretary said they were getting away from the subject in talking of finance and subsidies. The points in last year's interim report should be borne in mind: 'The Ringing World' is a privately owned venture and the Council has no control over it; the Editor is anxious for the continuance of the paper; at the present circulation it is improbable that anyone coming after would undertake the financial responsibility; the Editor regrets he is compelled to charge 3d. per copy, but is prepared to give the Exercise the first benefit which arises from an increased circulation, either by increasing the size of the paper or reducing the cost. The position, as far as he (the hon. secretary) saw it, was that if they could increase the circulation sufficiently they would get either a larger paper or the price would be put down to 2d.; thus by getting a larger circulation they would be helping themselves, but either course was out of the question at the present time. Mr. Goldsmith was not grumbling at what he got out of it, what was required was an effort that would secure the future of the paper after he had given up.

## RINGERS' LACK OF INTEREST.

Mr. A. H. Pulling doubted if they could tell Mr. Goldsmith anything that he did not already know about increasing the circulation, seeing that he had been in the business all his life. He wondered what some of the other people in that Council would think if a lot of amateurs attempted to teach them their business. Mr. Pulling thought the circulation was more or less as high as they could expect it to reach. The majority of ringers were just Sunday service ringers, and the doings of others outside their own tower made little appeal to them. They were not sufficiently interested to want to read about it. They had no interest in the scientific side of ringing. Peal ringing was purely a hobby and peal ringers took 'The Ringing World' for the sake of their hobby.

Mr. Harris said he was not in favour of subsidies from associations, some would perhaps willingly agree, but others had not the funds. He suggested that something might be done by taking up shares, if later on it was necessary to provide financial help. Mr. Harris urged those who bought the paper not to hand it round to others, but let them buy it themselves. They would be in a sorry position in the Exercise without 'The Ringing World' and every man should buy his own copy. In his own twelve-bell tower they took 18 copies. He did not claim that as a record, but it was an example for all, and, by gum,' concluded Mr. Harris, 'some of them want some examples' (laughter).

Mr. S. F. Palmer said it was their duty to get 'The Ringing World' into the hands of every ringer, and his suggestion, this year as last, was that the Council should take it up with the affiliated associations and guilds and ask them to circularise their towers and ascertain what guarantee would be given for increased sale if the price of the paper was reduced. Ringers admitted that the paper was helpful to the Exercise, but there were a great many of the poorer ringers who would not pay 3d. per week. He thought an appeal on the lines he suggested would do good.

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**OLD RINGERS APATHETIC.**

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Mr. L. J. Williams said in Lancashire people had a different outlook. They had done their best to improve the circulation of the paper in that county, but he was afraid there was so little interest among many of the members that even if they gave them the paper they would not trouble to read it. He had brought the matter up at meetings and discussed it; and there were the two old suggestions of increasing the size and reducing the price. People wanted their cake and their penny too. The associations would be the losers if the paper was not carried on; it was a great help to them and they should finance it. What they should do was to create a new interest and get enthusiastic young ringers and get them to take it. The old ringers were too apathetic.

**TRYING TO REACH RINGERS.**

Mr. P. J. Johnson did not think either raising or reducing the price would have much effect on the circulation, while as for the suggestion that associations should finance the paper, did they think associations were the Bank of England? As to reaching ringers through tower secretaries, he said secretaries were only too painfully aware of the difficulty of getting their own subscriptions. The suggestion in the letter before the Council had not yet been tried, and it might be tried. They certainly would not lose anything, and it might be the means of stirring up some interest. He felt the deepest sympathy with Mr. Goldsmith in these discussions. He must feel every year in the position of having an operation performed on him (laughter).

Mr. S. H. Wood said it had been rather assumed that if the price of the paper were reduced to 2d. there would be an enormous increase in the circulation. He did not believe there would be any significant increase, neither did he believe if the price were increased to 4d. there would be any big drop. There were only a certain number of people sufficiently interested to buy the paper. At the same time that was no reason why they should not take every step in their power to increase the circulation as far as they could. He proposed that the suggestion contained in the letter be put into effect.

Mr. T. Clark seconded.

Mr. J. W. Jones said in his area he had pressed the importance of increasing the sale of 'The Ringing World' at every meeting held during the last year and had appealed to members to give it their support. The result, he was sorry to say, was that they were very much in the same position and the sale had increased very little. He agreed with what Mr. Pulling said that it was only those who were absolutely interested in ringing who took the paper. He knew the secretary of an association represented there that day who had the sauce to send up pearls for publication and did not even buy a copy of the paper himself ('Shame').

The report was adopted, and the motion, proposed by Mr. Wood, was carried.

The President said when those of the members who were secretaries went to a branch meeting they might ask those who took 'The Ringing World' to put up their hands. They would find it was rather illuminating.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****HANDBELLS AT RINGERS' SERVICE.**

A most enjoyable meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Market Weighton, at the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. D. Graham-Evans) and the local ringers, on Saturday, June 25th.

Evensong, fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, who gave the address, and after the hymn, 'Ring out, wild bells,' had been sung, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. A. H. Fox, F. W. Dale, D. Meadley and J. W. Hobson.

Tea was most generously provided by the local ringers, about 40 sitting down to an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed in the Church Hall, under the chairmanship of the Vicar. The secretary spoke of the lamentable death of Mr. A. E. West, of Sutton-on-Hull, a former vice-president of the association and a member of the General Committee up to the time of his death. The company stood in silence to his memory.

Five new members were elected: Mrs. C. Hill, of Goole, Messrs. J. F. Kneeshaw and H. T. Musk, of Market Weighton, F. Wilkinson, of Nunburnholme, and E. Brittain, of Burton-on-Stather, Lincolnshire.

An invitation to hold the next meeting at Sutton-on-Hull was extended to the association by Mr. L. Rodmell, on behalf of the Vicar of Sutton, and the offer was unanimously accepted.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and choir was proposed by Mr. H. S. Morley and seconded by Mr. A. H. Fox. The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the association to Market Weighton and hoped another visit would be paid there soon.

A vote of thanks to the local company was responded to by Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw.

A collection for the fund for the restoration of Market Weighton bells realised £1 6s.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

As a last tribute to an old member, Mr. Edward Raddon, S. Nicolas' Society, Guildford, rang a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) on June 29th after the funeral: E. G. Heath 1, H. Mason 2, S. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, F. Radford 5, G. Tomsett 6, S. Breeze 7, C. Hazelden 8, S. Elton (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10.

**FOUR SOCIETIES MEET AT BARNSELEY.****YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW DIVISIONAL SECRETARY.**

By the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon W. E. Wilkinson, Rector of Barnsley, the quarterly meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held, in conjunction with the Barnsley, Sheffield and Doncaster Societies, at Barnsley on Saturday, June 18th, when members were present from Sheffield Cathedral, St. Marie's, Ranmoor, Cawthorne, Felkirk, Arksey, Wath-on-Deane, Sandal, Earlsheaton, Doncaster, Wortley, Rawmarsh and the local company.

Touches in plain and various Surprise methods were indulged in, and a short service was held, conducted by the curate of Barnsley, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector.

Tea was served in the new Rectory Room, at which Mrs. Wilkinson and other ladies kindly administered to the creature comforts of those assembled.

The business meeting of the Yorkshire Association took place in the same room immediately after tea, at which the Rector, who had by this time been able to join the assembly, presided.

Before the business actually commenced, Mr. George Lewis (vice-president) paid a tribute of respect to the memories of Mr. F. Clark, of Doncaster, late divisional secretary of the Southern Division, and Mr. Sam Hemingfield, of Ecclesfield, both of whom had passed away since the last meeting, and the members stood in silence to express their sympathy.

By the death of Mr. Clark, the Yorkshire Association had lost one of its staunchest members, whose devotion to duty, together with an earnestness of purpose in all that he did during the past 17 years as divisional secretary, earned for him the deepest respect from all the members.

Mr. Sam Hemingfield was one of the oldest members of the association, having joined in 1885. He was one of the 'old school,' in which the number of methods rung was not the principal object, but good striking was the real purpose. Unfortunately, Mr. Hemingfield had been infirm and totally blind for a number of years.

Five new members were elected, viz.: Frank Vallance, Arksey; Lewis Steel, Wath; Allan Harding, Adwick-le-Street; Benjamin Birkett, Arksey; and Thomas Cullingworth, R.A.F., Manston, Ramsgate (out county member).

Two nominations were received for the vacant office of divisional secretary, namely, Messrs. John J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, and W. E. Lloyd, of Doncaster, and on a show of hands, by consent, Mr. Gilbert was declared elected to that office.

As Mr. Gilbert already held a seat on the General Committee, Mr. Daniel Smith, of Felkirk, was duly elected to fill that vacancy.

By the kind invitation of the Rawmarsh company, the next meeting will take place there in September.

In responding to a hearty vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Lewis to the Rector for presiding, for the use of the bells and the Rectory Room, Canon Wilkinson said how pleased he was to welcome that joint meeting for the first time since he had been appointed Rector of Barnsley. He greatly appreciated all that ringers were doing for the service of the church, and expressed a wish that he would soon have the honour of a 'repeat' visit.

Further votes of thanks to the ladies for their kindness at the tea table, the curate for his excellent address, and to the local company for having everything in readiness, brought the business to a close.

Owing to the enforced absence of Mr. C. D. Potter, the 'G.O.M.' of Barnsley, who was sojourning at St. Anne's-on-Sea by order of his medical attendant to try to enable him to make good headway into his second period of 'three score years and ten,' the local arrangements were carried out with much credit by Mr. D. Smith, to whom all are indebted for the success of the meeting.

Although Mr. Potter was absent in the flesh, he was very much in evidence in the 'spirit,' and all wished him a speedy return in the best of health.

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**WELCOME TO IRELAND'S NEW PRIMATE.**

On Sunday, June 26th, at St. George's Church, Dublin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to welcome the new Primate of All Ireland, Dr. Day, who was installed on the 24th inst., and who preached for evening service: \*H. W. Jones 1, William Farrell 2, J. A. Atkinson 3, T. McMorran 4, F. E. Dukes 5, G. Lindoff (conductor) 6, \*O. H. Jones 7, \*W. Hall 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**LATE NOTICE.**

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at Denbigh Arms at a moderate charge, followed by business meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.****BISHOP'S WELCOME AT LICHFIELD.**

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield on June 25th in very favourable weather and about 80 were present. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and those at the Cathedral for one hour in the evening.

A splendid tea was served in St. Mary's Parish Hall, and while this was in progress the Lord Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. Woods) and Mrs. Woods arrived. His lordship made some encouraging remarks and said how delighted he was to hear the sound of bells. Before his departure he expressed the hope that the company would spend a happy evening.

When tea was finished, the general meeting took place, with the president, the Ven. Archdeacon Hodson, in the chair. The report and balance sheet were read and confirmed and ordered to be printed.

The committee, in their report, reviewed the meetings held during the year, and said that as a result of a practice meeting at All Saints', West Bromwich, it was hoped several new members would soon be enrolled from that tower. At the practice at Penkridge there were 16 present, but it was disappointing that none of the local band attended, especially as these meetings were primarily arranged for missionary work. During the year twelve new ringing members and five life members were elected. The number of peals rung during the year was 30—three more than last year—the conducting of which was shared by 14 members. Peals in Surprise methods were conspicuous by their absence. Regret was expressed at the loss, through death, of the following members: Mr. Fred H. Troth, of Christ Church, West Bromwich; Mr. John Evans, of Beckbury; Mr. Charles Draper, of Duffield; and Mr. G. Walker, of Birmingham.

The accounts showed a deficit of 15s. on the year's working.

The hon. clerical secretary and treasurer, the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th.; hon. lay secretary, Mr. H. Knight; Ringing Master, Mr. B. G. Key; hon. auditor, Mr. W. H. Evans; the committee (elected according to Rule 6), Messrs. W. W. Worthington and R. Pickering; and the Central Council representatives, Messrs. B. Horton and H. Knight, were all re-elected.

The places chosen for the forthcoming meetings were Shenstone, September; Bilston, January; Cannock, April; and Lichfield for the annual meeting in June.

Messrs. B. Horton and H. Knight gave a brief outline of the business transacted at the Central Council meeting at Leeds.

A design of the projected memorial to the late Mr. George Hughes was produced. It is to be in the form of a bronze tablet, with lettering in enamel, and placed in the belfry at Wednesbury, where the deceased had rung for so many years. The unveiling ceremony will take place in October, after the belfry has been redecorated. More than sufficient money has been subscribed for this purpose, and it was agreed that the balance should be put towards the cost of a peal board recording a half-muffled peal rung to his memory.

A welcome was given by the chairman to Mr. William Treadgold, one of the original members of the society, who produced a card of membership dated June 30th, 1883. Mr. Treadgold, who until recently had been out of the district for a number of years, in reply, gave some interesting details of the origin of the society and of its founders.

A vote of thanks was moved by the Archdeacon to Mrs. Cresswell for catering, to Mr. W. H. Evans for auditing the accounts, and lastly—amidst laughter—to himself for conducting the business of the meeting. This was received with a good round of applause.

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**NOTICES.**

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Stratford St. Mary on July 9th. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5.15 at 1s. each. Higham and Langham will also be open for ringing. Bells at all three towers available from 2 p.m. Please send me a postcard of numbers for tea.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions are now due.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lenham (8 bells) on July 9th. Half-travelling expenses will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmsore, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, London, on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Trains from Baker Street (Tube) to Kilburn Park.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—One hundred or more ringers required to ring at Brasted and Sundridge on Sat., July 9th. Mr. E. H. Lewis invites you to tea on that date. Please do not disappoint him. The gardens of Moorcocks will be open during the afternoon. Bells at Brasted and Sundridge will be available from 2.30 p.m. Private car service between the two towers. Service at Brasted at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. H. L. Longuet-Higgins, M.C., O.B.E.). Tea after service, followed by a short business meeting. Important.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Tea is by kind invitation. Half-fares will be paid to members attending this meeting (maximum 2s.).—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cumnor on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall. For tea, please notify E. J. Morton, 11, Watereaton Road, Summertown, Oxford.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting will be held in Sunderland on Saturday, July 9th, when the bells of St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, and St. Ignatius' will be available. Members meet at St. Michael's at 3 p.m. Tea will be served in St. Ignatius' Institute, Burlington Road, —Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.



**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Summer festival meeting at Farnham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells of Parish Church from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Darracott's Restaurant, West Street, at 5.15 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cranfield on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. First meeting held here for many years. Bells recently rehung. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Carhampton (6) on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.15. Tea at Village Hall at 5 p.m.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Misson, near Bawtry, will be revisited on July 9th. The peal of six available 2.30 to 8.30. Buses run from Bawtry. — R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**A JOINT MEETING** of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Christ Church, Port Sunlight. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at six o'clock.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas à Becket, Northaw, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea at 5.30, and the usual business meeting. The charge for tea will be rs.—G. R. Goodship, 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Cuckfield (8 bells) on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., everybody welcome, but please notify re tea. Special Notice. The Hawkhurst Guild cordially invite all East Grinstead Guild members to Brightling on Saturday, July 30th. Please see Hawkhurst Guild notice in these columns later on.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridge-wood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Macclesfield and Stockport Branches will be held at Bollington on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Jack Tipper, Hon. Sec., Macclesfield Branch.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Subscriptions are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. There will be a short service conducted by the Rector, followed by tea at the Rectory at 5 p.m., for which the usual moderate charge will be made. All welcome. Cards for tea to Mr. E. A. Hall, Peckleton, near Leicester.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Preston Candover on Saturday, July 9th. Bells from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Village Hall at 4.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland on July 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hinton Blewitt on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Odiham on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A special evening meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bristol, on Monday, July 11th. Business 7 o'clock. Ringing from 7.30. It is hoped that all members will try to attend.—N. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Practices for July—all at 7.30 p.m.:—12th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; \*19th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 21st, St. Magnus; 26th, Southwark Cathedral. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—An evening's ring at STEWKLEY (8 bells) on Thursday, July 14th, from 6.30 p.m. A special invitation to all ringers.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Leighton Buzzard.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 16th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, Bishop R. G. Shedden, D.D. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 13th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Will all members and friends note the Tideswell bells are available Saturday, July 16th, from 2.30 p.m.? Those expecting to be present, please let me have a card not later than Tuesday, July 12th.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec., 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore.

**COMBINED MEETING.**—Ladies' Guild (Southern District) annual meeting, and Guildford Diocesan Guild (Guildford District) quarterly meeting, at Pirbright on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please send names for tea to Mr. F. Cherryman, Causeway Bridge Farm, Pirbright, by July 13th.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Rd., Aldershot.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Hampton-in-Arden, near Solihull, Warwickshire, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than 12th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.



**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horsam St. Faith's on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Please Note.—Tea will be provided free to all who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 13th. No names can be entertained after this date.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Totham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 13th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Munden on July 16th. Service, tea and meeting will be as usual. Kindly send a card if you are coming as catering facilities are not easy here. All ringing friends welcomed. Buses from Hertford Car Park to Dane End 10 minutes to every hour; nine minutes later from Ware level crossing.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Ware, Herts.

**GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.**—Reopening of the bells, restored in a new frame and rehung, through the generosity of Mr. W. J. Nevard, by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, on July 16th. Dedication service at 3 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Tea will be provided free to all who send their names to Mr. W. J. Nevard, Myrtle Cottage, Great Bentley, near Colchester, not later than Tuesday, July 12th. Good train service to Bentley and back in the evening.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., N.E. Division, Essex Association.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Goathurst on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the New Inn 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, July 13th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Corby (6 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Meeting at Wilton (the Carpet Town) on Saturday, July 16th. Strange but magnificent church, with 110 ft. campanile. Ringing on 6 bells (tenor 8 cwt.) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Direct bus service every ten minutes from Salisbury Market (return fare 5d.). Visitors requiring tea, please notify Mr. F. Romaine, 41, Greencroft Street, Salisbury, before next Wednesday.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Fordham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea to Mr. J. W. Pickett, School House, Fordham, Cambs. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Birstwith, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Short service in the church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. A short business meeting will be held immediately after tea. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. Jackson Ewbank, Rose Cottage, Birstwith, not later than Wednesday, July 13th.—Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 16th, at Hough-on-the-Hill. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Usual arrangements. Tea and business meeting at the School. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. H. Squires, Gelston Grange, Hough, Grantham.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Beaminster on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8), recently rehung by Taylors, available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec., Malmaison, Bridport.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Throwley on Saturday, July 16th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea at The Windmill 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea by July 12th.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch will be held at Flixton on July 16th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Price of tea 1s. 3d. Names to be sent to Mr. H. Collier, 320, Flixton Road, Flixton, by July 14th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The contest for the Society's Silver Cup will take place at Clowne Church, Clowne, near Chesterfield, on Saturday, July 16th. Draw 2.30 p.m. Open ringing after contest. For tea please notify Mr. W. Kennan, c/o Mr. Cleavis, 13, Creswell Road, Clowne, Chesterfield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—An extra meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Branston (6 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Tea will be served at a very moderate charge to those who send names to Mr. E. Lintin, Branston, by Wednesday, July 13th.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton District at Eling on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5. Diben bells after tea. Names for tea by July 14th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Colerne on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) open from 3.15. Service 4.45. Tea and business follow. Transport from Chippenham can be arranged if notice received by July 13th.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Neots on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Condover, Saturday, July 16th. Nice ring of 8. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 13th, to W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**SPECIAL SUMMER ATTRACTION.**—The Loughborough district of the Midland Counties Association will be holding a meeting at Copt Oak on July 16th, and would welcome visitors from all parts. See the beauties of the glorious Charnwood Forest, and brush up your Minor methods at the same time. Tea on Vicarage lawn at 5 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Don't forget p.c. for tea to H. O. Over, Huglescote.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—Mid-quarterly meeting at Peatling Parva, July 16th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify me by July 14th.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Preston Capes (6 bells) on July 16th. First visit to this tower. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The monthly meeting of the district will be held at Trowell on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged close to church. Plenty of buses. Subscriptions are now overdue. Will members kindly oblige? Come and try this little peal of six where the president of the Central Council spent his early days in ringing, also the district secretary. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**EWHURST, NEAR GUILDFORD.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Sunday, July 17th, at 3.15 p.m. The former ring of six restored, augmented to eight and hung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The Bishop of Guildford will dedicate two new bells at Ewhurst (present peal of six) on July 17th at 3.15 p.m. The Rector of Ewhurst kindly invites district ringers to the ceremony and afterwards to tea at the Rectory. Those requiring tea must notify me without fail not later than July 13th. Please note change of address.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Guildford.

**KIRTLINGTON, OXON.**—At 6.30 p.m., on Thursday, July 21st, the Rev. Canon Batchelor, D.C.L., will dedicate the ring of eight bells which has been restored and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).**—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham, as early as possible.—A. H. Smith and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (N. and E. District).**—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please notify numbers for tea to B. Spencer, Churchyard Cottage, N. Mimms, Hatfield. —Harold V. Frost and Gilbert R. Goodship, Dis. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bexley, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (recently augmented to 8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, will be provided only for those notifying me not later than Tuesday, July 19th. Half-fares, maximum 2s., will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**A JOINT MEETING** of the Suffolk Guild and Norfolk Association will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Elveden. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome to this beauty spot.—R. Sharpe and A. Harrison, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Ashby on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 4.30. Permission to walk round Castle Grounds. Make up your mind and send me a card re tea. —Arthur Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock at the Rectory. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.). Will members intending to be present let me know Wednesday previous to meeting. —A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Annual Festival, July 23rd. Service 3 p.m. Address by Canon W. J. Thomas, Vicar of Gorseinon. Tea 4 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Please notify number for tea to L. T. Havard, 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Acton. Parish Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.). Ringing from 3 p.m. and after tea. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room, free, at the invitation of the Rector, but guaranteed only to those who notify the undersigned by July 21st. Reports available, subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m., and at Stonham Aspal (10 bells) after tea. Please advise numbers for tea, Parish Hall, 9d. each.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer festival at Wisbech on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. —Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**WINWICK, HUNTS.**—The dedication of the restored peal of five bells on Wednesday, July 27th, at 7.45 p.m., by the Right Rev. H. Crotty, D.D. All ringers welcome.—K. Willers, Gen. Sec., Ely Diocesan Association.

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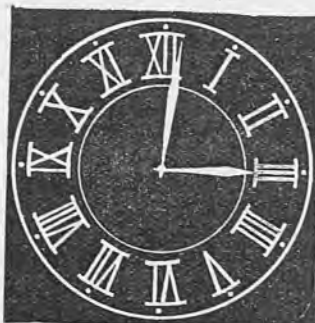
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