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## THE COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

Some of the most important achievements of the Central Council have been its publications, which now cover a fairly wide field. Through these publications a vast amount of educational work has been done and the art of ringing has benefited accordingly. We doubt, however, whether ringers as a whole really appreciate fully the service which the Council has rendered to the Exercise in this direction and the very substantial contribution that has been made to the general advance of ringing. Private enterprise could never have supplied what the Council has given in the way of publications, for the Council has been backed by men who were willing to give their time and knowledge in the production of the books, and these, in turn, have been published either at cost price or below.

And yet, valuable as these publications are, they often meet with a very tardy sale. Let us quote one example. For practical ringers, with the least bit of enterprise in their make-up, there is no more interesting book than that giving the collection of Plain Major and Cater methods. It brings great variety within the scope of the average ringer, and is sold at a price within everyone's reach; but it has taken more than ten years to run through an edition of about five hundred copies. It is true that the twopenny pamphlets of 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners' has sold to the extent of something like five thousand in five years, but that is, we believe, more particularly due to the fact that in the early days of the publication it was taken up in bulk by the associations. This pamphlet is one of the bright spots among the sales, as indeed it ought to be, for it is the cheapest issue of its kind ever put on the market and one of the most valuable. It should be placed in the hands of every beginner and studied by every ringer who attempts to teach a learner. Apart from this, one of the most 'popular' of the Council's books has been the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' the impetus to its sales being due, no doubt, to the development of method splicing to which Minor particularly lends itself. But even here it took five years to sell five hundred copies. A new and revised edition of this book will shortly be issued; and in view of the work put into it, it is to be hoped it will gain a more extensive and rapid sale than the previous copies.

One or two of the Council's smaller publications are also being re-issued, but the biggest thing of all which has been produced on behalf of the Council remains to be put into print—the 'Collection of Surprise Major Methods.' In this the Methods Committee have gone

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far beyond the scope of their other similar books. There are chapters on proof and history and such like matters which make the volume comprehensive, but which will add materially to the cost, and, thus, we think, restrict the sales. The cost is holding up production—for the Council's available funds are limited—and we wonder whether, with the comparatively small number of ringers who are interested in the development of Surprise ringing, there is ever going to be sufficient demand to justify printing a book of this size. The work has been splendidly done, the Methods Committee justifiably look upon it as the completest of their productions, but its very completeness, on account of its cost, may be a drawback to its sale, when the Council can afford to publish it.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATCHES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 2	... Treble	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 2		JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 7
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3		PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 8
ALBERT FORD ... .. 4		CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 9
BENJAMIN KNIGHTS ... .. 5		PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 152). Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

This composition now rung for the first time.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SUTTERTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALBERT FIRTH ... .. 5	... Treble	JOHN R. KEMP ... .. 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 2		ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... .. 6
WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. 3		CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 7
JOHN R. YOUNG ... .. 4		HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. BARSLEY.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Major as conductor.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 2	... Treble	*FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... .. 5
ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 2		LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 6
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 3		BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4		JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. A memorial peal for the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 6
RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
BASIL RIDGEWELL ... .. 4	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt, 3 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HOWARD S. IRELAND... Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 5
EDITH K. FLETCHER... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... .. 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal of Major.

ERITH, KENT.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	JAMES E. BAILEY... .. 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Composed by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

A birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Wheadon, also to Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, on the occasion of his 101st birthday.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 23 cwt.
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 5
*ALEC MUNDY ... .. 2	KENNETH FORD ... .. 6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
RONALD G. BECK ... .. 4	FRANK SKIDMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WARD ... .. Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY 5
GEORGE COPLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE WILLIAM STEELE... 6
FRANK RAYMENT ... .. 3	HAROLD L. JONES ... .. 7
FRANK ELLIS ... .. 4	PERCY MASSAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. SEVERN. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

Rung in honour of his jubilee as priest of the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Branscombe).

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... .. Treble	HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 2	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 6
STANLEY SLANEY... .. 3	BENJAMIN A. COOPER... .. 7
JOSEPH SAXTON ... .. 4	HAROLD KENT ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.  
Rung after the induction of the Rev. Lewis Lloyd as Vicar of Bolsover.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

*HERBERT OSBORNE ... Treble	† WILLIAM T. GARRETT ... 5
† FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT ... 2	F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... 6
*ROBERT DEAR ... .. 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. 7
CHARLES R. FORPITT ... 4	PERCY W. WITTHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. † First peal 'inside' and in the method. All are Sunday service ringers at St. Peter's. First peal on the bells since their restoration.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN S. MASON ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY ... 5
*C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Howard Stanley.

LONDON.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST J. KING ... .. Treble	E. RALPH MACKRILL ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	NORMAN H. MANNING... .. 6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 3	JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	HENRY S. T. WILLSON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

DORKING, SURREY.

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEORGE MARRINER ... Treble	*JOHN W. EUSTON ... .. 5
*ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	*WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 7
† WILLIAM J. WHITING ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal of Ashtead on the bells.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—For morning service on Whit Sunday at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,296 changes): Miss M. Barrow 1, W. Hector 2, Miss F. Hart 3, F. Wallington 4, J. C. Chester 5, W. Wallington 6, R. March 7, A. Manning (conductor) 8.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 6
*REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. The conductor's 200th peal for the Guild.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. Treble	HERBERT J. ELDERED ... .. 5
AUBREY L. BENNETT ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. 7
*CHARLES W. WARD ... .. 4	JOHN W. LANGLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

\* First peal of Grandsire.

BRECON, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Treble	EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 5
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 2	*DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 6
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 3	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung with half-muffled bells in memory of Mr. William Evans, an old conductor of St. Mary's Society, who died on May 25th.

WALESBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 2	RICHARD M. HARVEY ... .. 6
KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 3	GEORGE DOBBS ... .. 7
JACK BRAY ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild; also the first rung with 4th's place bobs.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JACK BRAY ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	HAROLD JUDD ... .. 6
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 3	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 7
FRANK LORD ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... .. Treble	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.  
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, on the occasion of his 101st birthday.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. Treble	ALLAN R. HICKTON ... .. 5
HENRY HARRISON ... .. 2	*WILLIAM DICKINSON ... .. 6
JACK BAILEY ... .. 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. T. KING ... .. 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. WILSON.

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

\* First peal on eight bells.

NORWICH.

On Thursday, June 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*MISS WINNIE DITCHAM ... .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 5
CLIFFORD BIRD ... .. 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 6
MISS DOROTHY DITCHAM ... .. 3	ROBERT W. BARBER ... .. 7
*CEDRIC CURSON ... .. 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BULWER. Conducted by BERTIE J. HOWCHIN.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect for Mr. George Jarrett, for many years connected with this church.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

NAZEING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five 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
B. G. BURTON ... .. 2	G. BLAKE ... .. 4
C. W. SAMS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by C. W. SAMS.

First peal as conductor.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Comprising seven extents: (1) Double Court, London Bob and College Single Reverse; (2) Lytham and Wavertree College; (3) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (4) Hereward and Oxford Bob; (5) Childwall and Thelwall; (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 11 lb.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	CRCIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 4
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	HERBERT C. READ ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in 15 methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the association.

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FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	GEORGE T. COUSINS ... 4
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

Arranged and rung in honour of the Feast of the Ascension.

TREVETHIN, PONTYPOOL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cadoc,

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

Being 42 six-scores with 6-4-8 covering. Tenor 12 cwt.

*L. TEMPLE ... Treble	A. G. WILLIAMS ... 5
†H. JONES ... 2	A. THOMAS ... 6
C. TEMPLE ... 3	T. LADE ... 7
*J. PHILLIPS ... 4	*W. TEMPLE ... Tenor

Conducted by T. LADE.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside'. Rung to commemorate the jubilee of the opening of the bells, which took place on Whit Monday, 1888, and as a compliment to Tom Jenkins, who has completed his 50th year as a ringer.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*RONALD BRAIN ... Treble	FRANK TUFFLEY ... 4
FREDERICK KINCHIN ... 2	†SAMUEL LOYNES ... 5
LEONARD KINCHIN ... 3	ERNEST HOLDER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. TUFFLEY.

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

WHEETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, Wavertree and Childwall, London Bob and Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Court Bob, Double and Plain Bob.

RON RUSSELL ... Treble	W. A. WOOD ... 4
J. C. GEARY ... 2	F. K. MEASURES ... 5
A. BALLARD ... 3	J. H. BLUFF ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

\* First peal in 14 methods by all the band. There were 150 changes of method.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

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

Being 720 changes each of Woodbine, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... 4
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 2	ALBERT E. LAKER ... 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cynfarch,

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

Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILFRED H. LEWIS ... Treble	*GEORGE LEWIS ... 4
EDWARD P. EVANS ... 2	WALTER PRICE ... 5
JAMPS METCALF ... 3	FRED HARTMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED HARTMAN.

\* First peal of Minor.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of Double Court and two of plain Bob.

*FREDERICK W. LAWSON ... Treble	ERIC DURRANT ... 4
EDWARD HOWES ... 2	*WILLIAM H. FRENCH ... 5
GEORGE T. BELL ... 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

\* First peal in four methods.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 29, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5328 CHANGES;**

Comprising an extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Plain Bob, and 288 of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	*ROBERT W. COOKE ... 5
GEORGE A. COOKE ... 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in five methods.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 4
ROBERT J. STEED ... 2	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 5
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

WICKHAM SKETH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being three 720's of Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY ... Treble	SIDNEY W. ARBON ... 4
LESLIE FOSTER ... 2	GEORGE BROWN ... 5
BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 3	*THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. David Mayes on attaining his golden wedding and the completion of 50 years as clerk and sexton at this church.

HOOLE, CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE LEE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 4
*E. P. EVANS ... 2	*THOMAS MATHER ... 5
*JOHN BEST ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH G. EDWARDS.

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

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

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

Being 720 each of Stedman S.C., New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Ohase, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

CECIL BROWN ... Treble	SIDNEY MUNTON ... 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... 2	LEONARD G. TOSELAND ... 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 3	... Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND  
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

*On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in One Hour and Forty-Five Minutes,*

At 9, PATRICK ROAD,

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

FREDERICK A. SALTER... 1-2 | J. FREDERICK MILNER... 3-4  
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## PEAL NOTES.

AN ORIGINAL COMPOSITION FOR ORIGINAL.

Original Major looks simple stuff, and so it is until you try to call a peal of it. The bobs come thick and fast, and may occur only two changes apart. Usually they are made in sixth's place and affect only the three back bells, but on Sunday week a peal was rung at Walesby, in Lincolnshire, in which, for the first time in a peal, 4th's place bobs were used. It was composed and conducted by Mr. George E. Feirn, and, having seen the composition, we heartily congratulate him upon the performance. It is the first composition obtained on the plan without the use of singles, and it contains 720 bobs.

A band of Lancashire College Youths rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Tarleton, Lancashire, on May 28th, and desire to record it as a memorial peal for the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill, secretary of the Ancient Society for 46 years.

Miss Hilda Snowdon rang the 14½ cwt. tenor at her home tower, Halstead, Essex, to a peal of Major on May 28th, and thus completed the circle. She has finished the job by ringing both the 7th and tenor to London Surprise.

The method on May 28th was to have been Bristol, but one of the band unfortunately met with a slight accident, and Mr. F. Ridgwell kindly deputised at the last minute.

Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, a veteran among veteran ringers in Kent, has just celebrated his 101st birthday, and a peal at St. John the Baptist's Church, Erith, on May 28th, was rung as a compliment to him, and also to Mr. W. J. Wheadon for his birthday.

The peal of London Surprise Major, rung at Bishop's Waltham, Hants, on May 28th, was only the second peal rung on the bells since they were augmented to eight by Taylor and Co. in September, 1937. It was the first Surprise peal on the bells, the previous one having been Bob Major in November last.

A peal in 15 methods in seven extents was rung at Wroxham, Norfolk, on May 28th. It was the first in this number of methods for the Norwich Diocesan Association, as well as by all the band. Is it a portent of greater things to come?

A new Vicar, the Rev. Lewis Lloyd, has been inducted at Bolsover, Derbyshire, and a peal of welcome was rung at the Parish Church after the induction service on May 28th.

A birthday peal of Bob Major was rung for Mr. C. Howard Stanley, at Edgbaston, Birmingham, on May 28th. The band included Mr. Will Viggers, who was formerly a member of the Aldershot 'circus,' an enthusiastic group of 'youth and beauty' who turned up on motor-cycles at most unexpected places when meetings were being held. Mr. Viggers recently took an appointment in Birmingham.

Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett, of Buckfast, Devon, while spending a holiday in London, took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Chip-ping Barnet, Hertfordshire, for the Middlesex Association.

Mr. John Worth rang his 200th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild on May 28th, when he called a peal of Superlative at Norbury. It was the 25th peal by the Rev. Frank Bonner, and his first peal in the method. There can be few ringers who have crowded as much method variety into their first 25 peals as Mr. Bonner.

A band, all Sunday service ringers at Mickleton, Glos., rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Cropthorne, Worcestershire, on May 28th.

There were 150 changes of method in a peal of Spliced Minor rung at Whetstone, Leicestershire, on May 28th. It was the first peal in 14 methods by all the band and Ron. Russell's one hundredth peal.

A peal in seven Minor methods was rung at North Creak, Norfolk, for evening service on Sunday, May 29th. When the seven extents had been completed, 238 of Kent Treble Bob was coupled to the end of the peal to take the ringing up to service time.

It was only the second peal on the bells, the first having been seven extents of Bob Minor, rung on May 20th, 1914, conducted by Mr. R. W. Cooke and in which Mr. C. V. Ebberson took part. Both were in the peal on May 29th.

The Vicar of Rothwell, Yorks (the Rev. Harry Stanley Branscombe), reached the golden jubilee of his priesthood on May 27th, and among the celebrations of the event in his present parish was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on May 28th.

The first peal on the bells at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, since their restoration by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to commemorate the Coronation of their Majesties, was rung by a band of the Sunday service ringers on May 28th.

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## A MONMOUTHSHIRE JUBILEE.

(Continued from previous column.)

The bells of Trevethin, Monmouthshire, were opened on Whit Monday, 1888. To commemorate the jubilee, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by a local band—they had not enough change ringers to ring Triples—on May 28th at the request of the Vicar, whose desire was that the ringing should be done by the service ringers. It was also a compliment to Mr. Tom Jenkins, of Trevethin, who has completed 50 years as a ringer. He was, unfortunately, not well enough to take part in the peal.

When the bells were opened 50 years ago it was a red letter day for Trevethin. Thousands wended their way to the village, situated high up on the hillside, to hear the bells. The actual opening ringing was done by a band from Gloucester, who rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

Some 22 months afterwards, on February 6th, 1890, a terrible calamity happened in the parish, 175 men and boys losing their lives in the Llanerch pit by an explosion. Alfred Thomas, a member of the band, was one of the victims. Some 60 of the victims were buried in Trevethin Churchyard, and as a mark of sympathy the Caerleon Society rang a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples on February 13th.

Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, took part in the ringing which followed the peal on the opening day, and also in the muffled peal. There are still three men alive who took part in the ringing on both occasions, but Mr. Jones is the only one who is still actively engaged in the art.

Mr. David Mayes has completed fifty years as clerk and sexton at Wickham Skeith, Suffolk, and recently celebrated his golden wedding. In honour of this double jubilee, a peal of Minor was rung on June 1st. Mr. Mayes still rings regularly for the Sunday services, but does not now take part in peals, although between 1896 and 1900 he rang six for the old Norwich Diocesan Association.

Mr. Charles Slingsby's 101st birthday was celebrated by a peal of Double Norwich Major at Northfleet on June 1st. Mr. Slingsby was an active ringer until he reached the age of 95.

The peal at Brecon on May 29th had been arranged as a farewell to Mr. W. Fussell, who has been judge at the ringing competitions of the Swansea and Brecon Guild since they started in 1927. He feels that he is now too old and his hearing is not so good as it used to be, and he has, therefore, decided not to act again in this capacity. So members of the Guild arranged this farewell peal at Brecon.

But the passing of Mr. W. Evans, who had been a ringer at this tower for about 40 years, resulted in the bells being half-muffled. Incidentally it gave three of the band an opportunity to ring a peal on Sunday, and Mr. Roderick has now rung a peal on each day of the week, although he only rang his first peal in February, 1937.

A cordial welcome was extended to Mr. Arthur Knights when he participated in one of his own compositions, called by Mr. Christopher Gudgeon at Worsley, Lancashire, on Saturday. Another visitor who stood in and was equally welcome was Mr. S. F. Palmer.

## CHESTER GUILD AT BOSLEY.

The Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Bosley on May 14th, which proved to be very successful. Over 20 members attended and the bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. All the ringers present had a pull, and methods from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Spliced Treble Bob and Surprise Minor were rung. Only one touch was lost, that of Spliced Surprise Minor, when no doubt the men concerned did not fully give their minds to their ringing following the repast served at the Queen's Arms Hotel.

A short business meeting was held after tea. The Vicar of Bosley (the Rev. J. W. A. Greenacre), who was in the chair, was elected an honorary member of the branch. He welcomed the ringers from Gawsorth, this being the first meeting there since the band re-entered the Guild at the beginning of this year. The Vicar also congratulated three of the members of the branch on commemorating 40 years' service ringing by standing in a peal of Minor on Easter Monday. The gentlemen concerned were Messrs. T. Taylor, J. W. L. Slack and J. Manifold.

On the suggestion of the Stockport branch secretary (Mr. K. Lewis), who was present, it was unanimously agreed that the next meeting at Bollington in July should be a joint one between the Stockport and Macclesfield branches.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for coming to the meeting and acting as chairman, concluded the business, when further use was made of the bells. Handbells were also utilised by members waiting their turn for the tower bells, whilst some showed their prowess as dart throwers in competition with the local 'champions.'

## MEMORIAL DATE TOUCH.

On Wednesday, May 18th, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, with bells half-muffled, a special date touch of 1,938 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hour 22 minutes to the respected memory of Mrs. Parsons, mother of the Rev. K. F. Parsons, Vicar of St. Margaret's, who was interred at Werrington, near Peterborough, that day: F. Mason 1, T. Bent 2, E. Morris (composer and conductor) 3, G. Humphreys 4, A. Cattell 5, G. S. Morris 6, E. Cattell 7, R. Hill 8.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****AN EXAMPLE OF CARE AND ATTENTION TO BELLS.**

The pre-Whitsun meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Darlington on Saturday, May 28th. The weather conditions were, to say the least, appalling, but it is suspected that there must have been a goodly sprinkling of gardeners in the company, because grumbling was conspicuous by its absence; everyone seemed to be pleased that the long drought had at last run its course. Despite the weather, a representative gathering assembled, and the bells of St. Cuthbert's, which were recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the peal of six at Holy Trinity were used to advantage. It is interesting to note in passing that the bells of Holy Trinity were supplied and hung by Warner in 1891, and have not since had the attention of the bellhanger. Considerable ringing has always been done on the bells. Upwards of forty peals have been rung, and in very few years has the number of changes rung for practice and service fallen below the one hundred thousand mark. This speaks volumes for the care and attention bestowed on the bells, and the example may well be copied by others.

Tea was served in Mason's Cafe, presided over by the president (Mr. Murray D. Oubridge, of Gosforth), who addressed a welcome to the Rev. W. C. Jordan (Vicar of Darlington) and the Rev. Dr. P. R. Brinton (Vicar of Holy Trinity). Both responded, Mr. Jordan saying how pleased he was to be with the ringers again. He said that he did not see a great deal of his own ringers, but nevertheless he was still appreciative of the services they rendered.

Dr. Brinton was in jocular mood and told a ringing story, or rather a story connected with bells, for the benefit of the younger ringers present.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to Dr. Brinton for permitting the use of Holy Trinity choir vestry for the committee meeting, was proposed by Mr. W. N. Park.

The Rev. W. C. Jordan apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Rev. J. G. Stephens (Vicar of St. John's), who had fully intended to be present, but who had had a busy afternoon at the cemetery, and in view of the fact that he had been wet through he thought the better course was to remain indoors.

The President referred to the death of an old member of the association, who passed away early last week. Mr. J. D. Forster, of Benfield-side, had been a member since 1885, but although he had not been able to participate in ringing of late, he had always retained an interest, as witnessed by the fact that he had remained a member of the association. A wreath was sent to the funeral and a letter of condolence to the family.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****NORTHERN BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, May 28th. Although the weather was bad, 47 members and friends attended. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Marsden), and an excellent tea was afterwards provided in the Church House. In the absence of the president (Archdeacon Parry), who is still in a nursing home, Mr. Rupert Richardson (Guild Ringing Master) took the chair at the business meeting, at which all the officers were re-elected.

After some discussion, it was resolved that no reports be issued to members in arrears with their subscriptions.

It was agreed that the half-yearly meeting be moved forward to September 24th. The continued absence of the president (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry), through illness, was much regretted, the members wishing him a speedy recovery.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting. To get into the ringing chamber at St. James' one has to pass through a very small door, and one prominent member of the Guild noted for his size failed to get through the aperture. He is evidently still increasing his girth. He was consoled with a variety of methods on handbells.

**OXFORD GUILD MEETING IN BERKS.**

A successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Sandhurst, Berks, on Saturday. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a short service was held at 5 p.m., conducted by the Master of the Guild and chairman of the branch, who attended in spite of great pressure of parochial work.

Canon Coleridge, in a few homely words, stressed the great importance of the Whitsuntide festival, and in describing how a ringer in an eight-bell tower was on the look out for each of the other seven ropes, said we should be looking, especially at this time (which reminded us of our confirmation), for the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit. The Rev. A. G. Thurlow presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the school, the meal being ably and bountifully prepared by several ladies, who were thanked by the hon. secretary, as was also Canon Coleridge, who, though unable to stay himself, had with his usual kind thought made the ringers his guests.

Branch towers represented were Binfield, Finchampstead, Hurst, Twyford, Wokingham (All Saints'), Waltham St. Lawrence, the local band and welcome visitors from Aldershot and Basingstoke. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor; also handbell ringing in the churchyard, including a course of Grandsire Cateters.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers who are looking for something new in the way of gifts to friends, or who would like to adorn their homes, will find a novelty advertised this week in our columns.

The Potters' Arts Guild, Ltd., a village industry established by the widow of the late G. F. Watts, R.A., at Compton, Surrey, are marketing fruit dishes and electric reading lamps, of which the base is a model bell surmounted by the stock. These articles are both artistic and accurate in design, and many ringers, we feel sure, will be glad to possess them.

One of the candidates to be made deacon by the Bishop of London at St. Paul's Cathedral on Trinity Sunday will be Mr. Arthur S. Roberts, of Truro. For the past three years he has been at the Bishop Wilson Theological College, Isle of Man.

Before going to college, Mr. Roberts was for many years secretary of the Truro Cathedral company, and for a while he was Master of the company. He was also the Truro Branch secretary of the Diocesan Guild for ten years.

Mr. Roberts is to work as assistant curate in the parish of St. Aldhelm, Upper Edmonton, North London.

The Halifax and District Association's six-bell contest is to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting at Low Moor on June 25th. Entries close on June 18th.

Mr. H. Rowley, leader of the ringers at St. Peter's Church, Horbury, has been elected chairman of the Urban District Council. On Civic Sunday, May 15th, when the chairman, the Council and other public bodies attended church in their official capacity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the service and in honour of Mr. Rowley's appointment: A. Fothergill 1, H. Pickles 2, G. W. Pickles 3, E. Pickles (conductor) 4, J. Milner 5, G. Goldstraw 6, R. Thickett 7, W. Hammond (Wakefield) 8. It was the first attempt by Mr. E. Pickles to conduct a quarter-peal.

Mr. Ernest Roberts, secretary and leader of the ringers at Uttoxeter, Staffs, met with an unfortunate accident the other day when ringing with visitors from Wistaston. The bell he was ringing went over and he was drawn up to a considerable height. Falling back on to the floor, he struck his head and was badly dazed, but happily soon recovered, although the fingers of one hand, which had become entangled in the rope, were lacerated. Mr. Roberts has been a ringer for 34 years.

On Thursday, June 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rann and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bacon celebrated their golden weddings. Both Mr. Rann and Mr. Bacon are ringers at Loughton, Essex. In honour of the occasion a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. John's Church in 48 minutes: A. White 1, J. Moule 2, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. W. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen. 5, C. R. Morss 6, J. Rann, jun. 7, C. Sease 8.

## PEAL BOARDS.

PROVOST OF SOUTHWELL'S REASONS FOR REFUSAL.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—An encouraging feature of to-day is the number of remarkable peals that are successfully rung. The other day a splendid team rang Cambridge in 3 hours 25 minutes in the Minster tower where I am Provost.

But now I find myself requested to allow a peal board to be placed in the ringing chamber, and I feel bound to refuse.

My first reason is a legal one. In these days a peal board could not be placed in any church without a faculty from the Archdeacon after consulting his Diocesan Advisory Council, and I feel sure that no Advisory Council would admit the clumsy and inartistic boards that are so common in our towers. Therefore, ringers should recognise that fact and approach the Archdeacon with a design smaller and more artistic. It is a break with long tradition, I know, but that thought leads to another kind of objection.

In these days of cars it is possible to get a crack team from a very wide area, and consequently the names of the ringers have little or no local interest whatever. The other day only one member of our local band took part.

It used to be very different, and when a team of local men rang a peal it was suitable to give the feat real prominence in the parish church. Also it was appropriate that the names of incumbent and churchwardens should be added. But nowadays it is probable that none of those gentlemen appreciate the music or the wonderful skill and concentration required, and they certainly ought not to be asked to pay so much a letter for their names to appear. If their names were omitted it would make the tablet, or whatever form was decided upon, smaller and neater.

Let anyone should think I am against peal ringing, may I add that though I never have been an expert, and have for some time given up ringing (except when I take the treble first thing on Christmas morning!), I was a member of the band that rang the first tower peal ever accomplished by *resident* members of the University of Cambridge. That was 44 years ago at Sawston. And though that was a ringing event of some interest, and many of that band became distinguished ringers, I am not aware that any record of it is to be seen in Sawston Church. That was probably going too far! But the old-fashioned ringing boards go too far in the other direction. The time has come when for legal and practical reasons some new method must be found.

Southwell Minster.

W. J. CONYBEARE.



**LEADING CONDUCTORS—22.****LEWIS W. WIFFEN.**

An eminent ringer who has only in recent years figured prominently as a conductor is Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, of Braintree, Essex. He was trained in an exceptionally good school—St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich—and if the peals which he has called have not been as numerous as those of some other ringers, it has only been because of the fact that he has usually been attached to some tower already led by an eminent conductor.

Mr. Wiffen was born at Colne Engaine, near Halstead, Essex, on August 26th, 1881, and began his ringing in his native village. Later he went to Ipswich, where he had the good fortune to become associated at St. Mary-le-Tower Church with such famous ringers as the brothers James and William Motts, William Catchpole and Robert Brundle. He rang his first peal on April 9th, 1901, at Southwold, for the Norwich Diocesan Association, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. His first peal as conductor was in the same method and was rung at Henley, Suffolk, on November 7th, 1908, but about three months before this he had taken part in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which was rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, where he afterwards took part in peals of Superlative, Pudsey, Yorkshire and Rochester Surprise Maximus, all without previous practice.

During a brief stay at Guildford, Mr. Wiffen rang his first handbell peals under the conductorship of Mr. A. H. Pulling. He is now attached to the tower of St. Michael the Archangel's Church, Braintree, where he is acting Master, and he is now responsible for calling many peals. Altogether he has rung 537 peals and conducted 67. They have been rung in some 15 counties.

Mr. Wiffen has filled the office of District Ringing Master of the Essex Association, and is one of its representatives on the Central Council. He has been Peals Secretary for several years.

**Next week: Mr. John Worth.**

**WILTSHIRE VILLAGE GETS NEW BELL.****CHISELDON NOW HAS RING OF SIX.**

After several years of persistent effort, the authorities of the pleasant Wiltshire village of Chiseldon have achieved their ambition and a treble has been added to the old ring of five. The new bell was dedicated by the Very Rev. J. W. Coulter, Archdeacon of Wiltshire, on May 21st, in the presence of a large congregation.

The Archdeacon, in the course of a most inspiring address, congratulated the parishioners on providing the new bell, and paid high tribute to the bellringers generally for their self-sacrificing work for the church, at the same time reminding them of the sacredness of the office they held as churchworkers.

After the service the local band rang the first 120 of Grandsire Doubles, and the tower was then open for general ringing.

About 25 members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang touches of Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. One of the ringers was Mr. A. Lawrence, of Swindon, a veteran of 83 years of age, who rang at Chiseldon Church 50 years ago for a wedding.

The general opinion expressed was that the 'splice' was admirable, the tone of the new treble blending well with the old five, whilst the 'go' of the new bell is excellent. The work has been carefully carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who are to be congratulated on a first-class job, the peal now forming a handy ring of six with tenor of 14½ cwt.

The dates and founders' names of the previous ring of five are as follows: 1, 1652, W. and T. Purdue; 2, 1610, John Wallis; 3, 1613, John Wallis; 4, undated, but believed to be pre-Reformation; 5, 1667, William Purdue.



**MR. L. W. WIFFEN.**

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.****RINGING COMPETITION AT MORRISTON.**

The fourteenth annual competition of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held on May 28th at Morriston, near Swansea. It was gratifying to all concerned with the arrangements to find that eight teams competed for the Dr. T. P. Thomas shield. The competition commenced at 11.30 a.m., the test consisting of raising the bells in peal, ringing 120 changes in any method, and falling the bells in peal. Three teams performed their tasks before lunch, and then between 50 and 60 ringers sat down to an excellent meal. The weather, which had been none too kind before the interval, cleared nicely for the afternoon session, when the remainder of the competitors got through the work by 4.30. Again tea was provided for all, and the Rev. N. L. James presided over the proceedings which followed. Mr. W. H. Fussell, Slough, for the last time, kindly consented to adjudicate and gave the result of what he had heard from a house in close proximity to the tower.

Below is a list of the points obtained by each team out of a maximum of 240:—

1. Cefn Coed	236	Stedman Doubles
2. Gorseinon	234	Stedman Doubles
3. Cadoxton	232	Kent Treble Bob
4. Llanelly (Carm.)	232	Grandsire Doubles
5. Brecon (St. Mary's)	224	Grandsire Doubles
6. Scratch Band	222	Grandsire Doubles
7. Talgarth	212	Grandsire Doubles
8. Brecon (St. David's)	(Cancelled)	

**CADOXTON'S UNFORTUNATE SLIP.**

Mr. Fussell, in speaking of the competition, referred to the unfortunate slip at the last treble lead made by Cadoxton, who up to that point had rung without fault—the one slip they made cost them eight points and the shield. He said the standard of ringing of the past three or four years had been maintained, and he gave a word of encouragement to the team which had come to grief. The bells were by no means easy to handle—new ropes, a long draught and a small belfry all combined to upset even the best.

The Vicar's wife, Mrs. James, then presented the shield to the captain of the Cefn Coed team together with a certificate. A silver medal was also presented to each member of the winning team as follows: Treble, A. Hunt (capt.); 2, V. Chappell; 3, K. Gough; 4, C. Chappell; 5, E. Woosley; tenor, W. Thomas. The captains of the teams placed second and third each received a certificate.

Mr. C. Powell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. James and his energetic band of workers for so kindly providing the meals. The arrangements throughout the day had worked smoothly and everyone had enjoyed the visit to Morriston.

In seconding the resolution, Mr. L. T. Havard coupled the name of Mr. G. M. Williams, of the local band, who had worked untriflingly throughout the day, and of Mrs. James for so graciously presenting the awards.—The vote was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. W. H. Fussell for his expert services.—Mr. S. T. Rackham seconded, and said that he hoped Mr. Fussell could be prevailed upon to act again for the Guild.—The vote was carried unanimously.

Mr. Fussell, in responding, reminded the ringers that he had been coming to Wales for 14 years to adjudicate the competitions. He was not getting any younger and felt the time had come when he must decline any further invitation.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Ranworth on Saturday, May 21st. The bells have recently been rehung and are a fine six. A short service was held, and in his address the Vicar, the Rev. Everad, gave a very interesting account of the church and bells.

Tea was followed by a short business meeting, over which the Vicar presided. Two ringing members were elected, also the Vicar as an honorary member. Happisburgh was decided upon for the next meeting, on Saturday, August 13th. Mr. J. Harwood brought to the notice of the meeting the death of Mr. Dennison Hayward, of Yarmouth, the last but one of the foundation members of the association, and the company stood in silent tribute.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Joan Greenham, one of the local band, who undertook the arrangements for tea; also to the Vicar for the kind and interesting way he received the association, this being the first time that there has been a meeting held at Ranworth.

The company of 49 present at tea included Mr. A. L. Coleman (former general secretary), Mr. F. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. H. Tooke (North Norfolk secretary) and Mr. J. Harwood (East Norfolk secretary). Mr. W. J. Lee (East Norfolk chairman) was unable to be present owing to illness.

Ringers came from Norwich, Yarmouth, Fakenham, Barham, Wymondham, Reedham, Ranworth, Acle, Happisburgh, Norton, Buxton, Saxlingham, North Walsham, South Walsham, Garveston, Halvergate, Wroxham, etc. Various Minor methods were rung to suit all comers.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. TUESDAY'S MEETING AT LEEDS.

### The Surprise Methods Book.

There was an exceedingly good attendance at the 46th annual meeting of the Central Council at Leeds on Tuesday. A great welcome had been prepared by the Yorkshire Association, and visitors, in addition to enjoying the ringing on many peals of bells, had an extensive coach tour on Monday, which took them to Fountains Abbey, Ripon Cathedral, with lunch in the city, Middleham, and Richmond, where tea was partaken of.

The meeting on Tuesday was held in the Civil Court of Leeds Town Hall, and the members were welcomed by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Mrs. L. Hammond) and by Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, on behalf of the Vicar of Leeds.

The following members signed the roll:—

Ancient Society of College Youths—Mr. A. B. Peck.  
Barnsley and District Guild—Mr. C. D. Potter.  
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association—Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. J. Hunt.  
Bedfordshire Association—Mr. A. King, Mr. A. E. Sharman.  
Chester Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. Crawley, Mr. J. W. Milner, Mr. H. Parker.  
Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association—Mr. J. C. Pollard.  
Devon Guild—Mr. T. Laver.  
Dudley and District Guild—Mr. F. Colclough.  
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association—Mr. W. H. Barber, Mr. W. J. Davidson.  
East Derbyshire and Notts Association—Mr. T. Clarke.  
Ely Diocesan Association—Mr. C. W. Cook, Mr. F. Warrington, Miss K. Willers.  
Essex Association—Mr. G. R. Pye.  
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association—Mr. J. Austin, Mr. E. Guise, Mr. W. B. Kynaston.  
Guildford Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.  
Hereford Diocesan Guild—Mr. J. P. Hyett.  
Hertford County Association—Mr. W. Ayre.  
Irish Association—Mr. G. Lindoff.  
Kent County Association—Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sone.  
Ladies' Guild—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson, Miss E. Steel.  
Lancashire Association—Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. L. J. Williams, Mr. T. B. Worsley.  
Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. R. Richardson.  
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association—Mr. J. W. Jones.  
London County Association—Mr. F. E. Dawe.  
Middlesex County Association—Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. W. G. Wilson.  
Midland Counties Association—Mr. A. J. Harris, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Mr. E. Denison Taylor.  
Norwich Diocesan Association—Mr. A. L. Coleman.  
North Staffordshire Association—Mr. A. Thompson.  
Oxford Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. D. Barker, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. E. Lock, Mr. R. A. Post.  
Oxford Society—Mr. W. G. Collett.  
Oxford University Society—The Rev. C. E. Wigg.  
Peterborough Diocesan Guild—The Rev. E. S. Powell.  
Romney Marsh and District Guild—Mr. P. Page.  
St. Martin's Guild—Mr. A. Paddon Smith.  
Salisbury Diocesan Guild—The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. S. H. Hillier, Mr. C. H. Jennings, Mr. F. W. Romaine.  
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—Mr. J. Parker.  
Stafford Archdeaconry Society—Mr. B. Horton, Mr. H. Knight.  
Suffolk Guild—The Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. Mee.  
Surrey Association—Mr. W. Claydon, Mr. D. Cooper, Mr. C. H. Kippin.  
Sussex County Association—Mr. F. H. Dallaway.  
Warwickshire Guild—Mr. D. H. Argyle, Mr. F. W. Perrens.  
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild—Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. G. Williams.  
Yorkshire Association—Mr. J. Hardcastle, Mr. P. J. Johnson, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, Mr. S. F. Palmer.  
Honorary members—Mr. W. A. Cave, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. O. S. Turner, Mr. S. H. Wood, Mr. E. Alex. Young.  
Apologies for absence were received from Mr. E. M. Atkins (Cambridge University Guild), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Devon Guild), Mr. J. W. Parker (Durham and Newcastle), Mr. E. J. Butler, Mr. E. P. Duffield, Mr. L. W. Wiffen (Essex), Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford), Mr. A. Lawrence, Mr. C. W. Woolley (Hertford County), Mr. J. H. Cheesman (Kent County), Mr. G. Chester, Ven. Archdeacon Parry (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mr. C. H. Perry (Llandaff and Monmouth), Mr. T. H. Taffender (London County), Mr. C. E. Borrett, Mr. F. Nolan Golden (Norwich Diocesan Association), Mr. K. Thacker (North Staffordshire), Mr. R. G. Black, Mr. T. Tebbutt (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. Saunders (Shropshire), Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. G. W. Steere, Mr. G. Gilbert (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. C. J. Sedgely, Mr. Stedman H. Symonds (Suffolk Guild), Mr. S. E. Armstrong, Mr. H. R. Butcher (Sussex County), Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis (Swansea and

Brecon), Mr. H. Barton (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), Mr. J. D. Johnson (Worcestershire), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Alderman J. S. Pritchett (honorary members).

### THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL.

The hon. secretary reported that there are now 51 societies, guilds and associations affiliated to the Council, an increase of one from last year. The new guild is the East Grinstead and District Guild, founded in June, 1927, with a present membership of 111. The usual undertaking to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council has been signed, and the affiliation fee paid, but no representative will be elected until next year. An additional representative has been elected by the Ladies' Guild, bringing this guild's representation up to three. Miss Steel, president of the Guild, is the new member.

Three societies have lost representatives by death, and of these two have elected members for the remainder of the triennial session, the Middlesex Association, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, and the Sussex Association, Mr. F. H. Dallaway.

In the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, Mr. T. Metcalfe, a member since 1913, has resigned, and Mr. J. C. Pollard has been elected in his stead. Mr. Pollard was a member of the Council for four years, 1932-1935.

The present representation is 23 associations entitled to four members 92, elected 90 members; 6 associations entitled to three members 18, elected 18 members; 8 associations entitled to two members 16, elected 14 members; 14 associations entitled to one member 14, elected 12 members; total 51, number of members to which entitled 140, elected 134.

The vacancies are one each in the following societies: Ancient Society of College Youths, Cambridge University, East Grinstead, North Notts, North Wales and Worcestershire.

There are 15 honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid except the following: North Wales Association, Truro Diocesan Guild. Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol) and Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham) were re-elected hon. members, and Mr. Gilbert E. Debenham (St. Albans) was elected to one of the vacancies.

Reference was made to the loss by death of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. W. H. Hollier, Mr. F. Smith, Mr. F. W. Thornton and Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who had all served on the Council, also to the deaths of Mr. J. J. Parker and of Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, and the members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting it was decided, with regret, to delete from the Analysis a peal of Minor rung for the Yorkshire Association in which a plain course was rung between the first and second 720's.

It was reported that the preparation of a pamphlet on double-handed handbell ringing had been begun by Mr. Chris. Woolley.

The report of the hon. librarian showed that sales of publications were down, partly owing to 'Minor Methods' being out of print, and the book on Major and Cater Methods being exhausted. It was hoped the former and the pamphlet relating to the law affecting church bells would be available shortly. The librarian recommended that the stock of 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners' should be replenished. The whole stock of Glossaries had been given away, about twelve associations having taken advantage of the Council's offer.

The sales during the year totalled £10 10s. 1d., and the various stocks on hand were valued at £138 15s. 7d. The balance of receipts over expenditure was £3 4s.

It was decided to sell off the remaining copies of 'Collections of Peals' at a uniform price of 9d. each, with a copy of the Corrigenda. It was also decided to revise the 'Model Rules for a Local Company' and issue a new edition, and also to revise the booklet on the 'Preservation of Bells.'

The general accounts of the Council showed that the balance in hand had been increased by £25 5s. to £130 16s. 7d.

The Carter Ringing Machine (in the Science Museum) had been taken out and tried over, and the trustees, in their report, recommended carrying out the suggestion of Mr. Sharman (one of the demonstrators) that the contact pins of the electric circuits, controlling the sounding of the bells, should be reset with stouter wire and readjusted. Mr. Sharman offered to do the work free if paid expenses.

The Peal Collection Committee reported that the compositions were now going through the final scrutiny as to truth and there would be nothing to delay handing them in at the next meeting.

### ASSOCIATIONS TO BE ASKED FOR HELP.

The Methods Committee reported that the third edition of Doubles and Minor methods would be on sale shortly. They also reminded the Council that the manuscript of the book on Surprise Major methods was ready for publication as soon as financial considerations permit.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood.

The Standing Committee asked for the views of the Council upon proceeding with the publication of the Surprise Methods, the cost of which would be at least 4s. or 5s. per copy when printed.

Mr. Walter Ayre took exception to the insertion of names to methods of which peals have not already been rung, and was supported in this by Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. F. W. Perrens.

The heavy financial responsibility involved, which it was urged would 'sequester' the Council's funds, was the ground of opposition to present publication by Mr. P. J. Johnson and others, although it was

generally agreed that the book was an excellent one which should be available to ringers.

Eventually, on the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton, a resolution was carried with two dissentients that 'with a view to publishing the book on Surprise Major Methods at an early date, this Council recommend that all affiliated societies be invited to take up one half of the issue.'

On the question of printing the names of the methods in the book, Mr. Trollope referred to the confusion which occurred when the Minor methods were printed because the names were omitted, and said that no objection had been raised to the printing of the names in the Collection of Major Methods. He urged the Council to retain the principle of printing the names.

The matter cropped up again later in the day, when it was pointed out that the book could not be published for at least a year and that the question of the names could, therefore, be discussed at the next meeting.

The report of the Peals Analysis Committee, which has already appeared in 'The Ringing World,' was adopted, with a slight correction.

It was resolved that application should be made for permission to submit to His Majesty the King a list of the 259 peals rung in celebration of the Coronation.

#### OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The report of the Towers and Belfries Committee mentioned that since the last Council meeting members of the committee had been consulted in 27 cases and had given advice, in most cases after inspection of the towers concerned. In 22 of the towers the question was one of the rehanging or the provision of additional bells. In the other five towers advice was given in the matter of sound modification.

An effort was being made to obtain information as to competent ringers, with a knowledge of bells, on Diocesan Advisory Committees. So far, said the report, replies had been received from 24 dioceses out of 47. In 16 of these there is a member who either has a good knowledge of bells or is sufficiently interested to see that expert advice is obtained. In the other eight the position is said to be unsatisfactory. The committee desire further information with a view to taking some action in the matter.

The report was adopted on the motion of the president, who, as usual, elaborated the committee's report with some interesting details of some of the cases which had come under his notice.

The Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee's report reviewed the publicity, through various outstanding events, given by the Press of the country to bellringing, and specially mentioned the publication of Mr. J. A. Trollope's work, 'The College Youths.'

On the broadcasting side, the report mentioned that during the past nine months a very fair standard of broadcasting before services had been maintained, although there was still need for much improvement. The president of the Council had had the opportunity of personal conferences with officials of the B.B.C., which should be productive of good results.

The statement prepared by the Rev. H. Drake (published in 'The Ringing World' on May 27th) on the subject of using mechanical devices in church towers, to broadcast bells, and which expressed the opinion that as records of change ringing 'do not fulfil any of the conditions of personal ringing, they ought not to be used to commence a service of divine worship,' came before the Council as an addenda to the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee's report.

After discussion, the mover withdrew the motion, it being agreed that the matter should be considered by the Standing Committee, who were given power to act.

The Peal Boards Committee had to deplore the death of their convener (Mr. W. H. Hollier). This had delayed the progress of the work, but at present copies of some two hundred peal boards, dated not later than 1825, had been received.

The report was adopted, as was also that of the Biographies Committee, who reported progress with the work, and asked members to return the forms without delay.

The officers of the Council presented a further interim report on the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' It comprised principally extracts from suggestions received from members. Several of the suggestions, said the report, might be useful in the future, but for immediate needs they invited serious consideration of a letter which suggested approaching the clergy, through the Archdeacons, to solicit the influence of every incumbent, who has bells and ringers, in putting the matter to his ringers, in the belief 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.'

There was considerable discussion, and the suggestion made in the report was adopted.

Another report by the officers of the Council was on the muffling of bells. It included the report presented at the last meeting of the Council and extracts from a number of letters from ringers in different parts of the country describing local customs.

It was decided that the report should be redrafted to incorporate certain other points, and, after approval by the Standing Committee, will be sent to the Church authorities.

#### ADDITIONS TO PEALS OF DOUBLES.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson, the following motion was agreed to: 'This Council, desiring that peals of Doubles and Minor shall be put upon a similar basis,

resolves that peals of Doubles as already defined may be lengthened at the end by one true touch of less than 120 changes.'

It was decided to send the congratulations of the Council to Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, Kent, on celebrating his 101st birthday, and a gift amounting to £2, subscribed by the members, was sent to him.

A communication was received from the Midland Counties Association suggesting that the Agenda of the Council should be published a month beforehand to enable associations to consider the contents at their annual meetings.

It was pointed out that this was already covered by the rules, and it was agreed that no action was necessary.

The hon. secretary reported that 92 members had signed the roll; 20 associations were fully represented by 47 members, 22 were partly represented by 36 members, and nine were unrepresented. Nine honorary members were also present.

The meeting terminated with an omnibus vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the arrangements of the meeting, also to the president and the hon. secretary and Mrs. Fletcher for their great services.

After the meeting the members and their friends were entertained to tea by the Yorkshire Association.

#### LATE NOTICES.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Radcliffe, on Saturday afternoon, June 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.

—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Heckington on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) open at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m., 1s. each. Will those intending to take tea please notify J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Sleaford, by Wednesday, June 15th?—H. S. Hinkins, Dis. Hon. Sec.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me how many will require tea *certain* by Thursday, June 16th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billesdon on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing (6 bells) commencing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me by the 15th inst.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. A. B. Wiffen's address is now 57, Gunnersbury Court, Acton, W.3 (near Acton Town Station).

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## NOTICES.

**CHAWLEIGH, NR. CHUMLEIGH, DEVON.**—Re-opening of the bells on Saturday, June 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Special preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Crediton. A ring of 6 rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. The presentation to the late District Master will be made at this meeting, and it is hoped as many members as possible will be present.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Stanmore, on Sat., June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major.—G. R. Goodship, Hon. Sec., 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, Middlesex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selborne on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at Queen's Hotel 5. Business meeting follows. Please make an effort to attend.—C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**ST. GILES' CHURCH, LINCOLN.**—Ringers' Day, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8, tenor 18 cwt.) retuned new fittings and rehung in new frame by John Taylor and Co. (these bells previously hung in St. Peter-at-Arches Church). Garden fete in aid of Bells Fund in Parish Hall Grounds, Wragby Road. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Names for tea to H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—A meeting will be held at Ripley, Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Own arrangements for tea.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send a card if you require tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. All welcome, but would like a card if you are coming for tea.—C. W. Cook, Newton, Cambridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Yalding (6 bells) on Saturday, June 11th. Usual arrangements. Everybody welcome. Please notify Mr. H. Mills, High Street, Yalding, so that arrangements may be made for tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting at Seale on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 in Jubilee Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Portishead on June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston, Bath.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Fairwarp on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**BELL SILENCERS.**—On June 11th the Hinckley District of the M.C.A. will hold a meeting at Sharnford (6 bells). Ringers will have the opportunity of testing the effect of a set of silencers on the sound of the bells. These silencers have been acquired for practice nights, etc. The bells will be available from 3.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30. All welcome—but don't forget that p.c.—W. A. Wood, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Langdale, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting June 11th. Ringing at Great Ness (6 bells) 3 to 5 p.m., Bicton (6 bells) 6 to 8.30 p.m. Tea and transport between towers arranged. Please notify W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Kedington to-morrow (June 11th). Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Stoke-by-Clare (6) and Clare (8), also after tea.—Herbert G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on June 11th at Halewood. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Schools. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. J. Gardner, 5, Church Road, Halewood.—H. Grundy, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for Sunday service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on June 12th, commencing at 5.30 p.m.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for June, all at 7.30 p.m.: St. Magnus, June 23rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate, June 14th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, June 16th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, June 21st; Southwark Cathedral, June 28th. \*Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.



**BISHOP HATFIELD, HERTS.**—The bells will be rededicated on Thursday, June 16th, at 7.30 p.m. Ring of ten tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Ticknall on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Methods suitable to all, but don't forget Cambridge Minor and your postcard re tea to be sent to me by Wednesday, June 15th. Special invitation to Derby District members.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield Societies and the above association will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, in the New Rectory Rooms, 1s. 3d. each, at 5 p.m. For teas please notify Mr. D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, June 15th.—S. F. Palmer, Hon. Treasurer, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Heswall (5 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. We hope to have a good attendance of members.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, with tea after. Please let me have numbers for tea by June 15th.—A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, June 18th. Towers open: Horsham, 2.30 to 5.30 and after meeting; Warnham, 2.30 to 5. Service at Horsham 5.30, with address by the Rev. R. W. D. Lee, M.A. Tea (2s. 6d., 1s. to members) at the King's Head, Carfax, 6. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members. Those wishing to be present at tea must notify me by Wednesday, June 15th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—The 127th ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Old and new friends (both sexes) welcome.—S. H. Symonds, Towerkeeper.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Atkinson, 28, Cope Bank, Bolton, by June 16th. Snap out of it and be loyal to the Ladies' Guild.—E. Dorice Kelly, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A joint meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Usual travelling allowances will be paid at this meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Stamford on Saturday, June 18th. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Akelda's, Giggleswick, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Church at 4.30, to be followed by tea, provided FREE to those only who send in names to Mr. W. M. Silverwood, 20, Marshfield Road, Settle, by Thursday, June 16th. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has kindly consented to demonstrate his very latest ringing machine at this meeting. Do not miss this opportunity. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held on June 18th at Church Lawford, near Rugby. Solihull bells not available. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at the White Lion at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next district meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth (10 bells), at 3 p.m., on Saturday, June 18th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Parish Hall at 5 p.m., and business meeting at 6 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m.—N. H. Manning, 21, Burlington Gardens, Chiswick, W.4.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The meeting of the Grimsby District, which was fixed for Bigby, will, instead, be held at Barrow-on-Humber on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head, in the Vicar's Room. Business meeting to follow. It is essential that numbers for tea reach Mr. H. E. Dannett, The Rockeries, Barrow-on-Humber, by Wednesday, June 15th. All ringers welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at All Saints', Long Ashton, on Saturday, June 18th, at 5 o'clock, instead of Clevedon, as previously proposed.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Cramlington, on Saturday, June 18th, at 3 p.m. A frequent service of buses runs from Newcastle Haymarket, and all members are urged to attend and help make a successful meeting.—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec., 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Newcastle 4.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, June 18th, commencing at 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 15th inst. if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, P.O. Grappenhall.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.15. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea please advise me by the previous Wednesday?—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bradford Peverell on Saturday, June 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (kindly provided) and short business meeting to follow. Stratton and Sydling bells available and Dorchester from 7 p.m.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Warkton (5 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday next if you require tea.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held in Bolton on Saturday, June 18th. The bells of the Parish Church will be available from 2 p.m. Holy Trinity bells from 4.15 p.m. At the Parish Church, in connection with the Ladies' Guild, there will be a service, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s.). Names to Miss Albinson, 28, Cope Bank, Bolton, by June 16th. All ringers invited.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 14th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Towcester Branch) **AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Bucks Branch). —A joint meeting of the above will be held at Cosgrove on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send to Mr. E. Lambert, Church Cottages, Cosgrove. All visitors will be welcome. —Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly send me a postcard by the 15th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18th, RICKMANSWORTH.**—Ringing from 3.30 till 8.30. Herts Association.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) will be available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.15. Tea, at 5 o'clock, will be provided free to all who notify Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton, by Thursday, June 23rd. Business meeting follows tea in Church Hall. Buses from Hull, York and Leeds every hour, and from Selby every two hours.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Elbor Street, Selby.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells: Cathedral 4.20-5 and 6.30-7.30; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Hall at 5. Fully paid up members 9d., non-members 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting and Six Bell Prize Contest will be held at Low Moor June 25th. Entrance fee, 7s. 6d., to be in my hands June 18th. Subscriptions due.—F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—First general meeting, Bottesford, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. Meat tea (2s. per head) at the Rutland Arms Hotel at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. J. W. Girton, Grantham Road, Bottesford, not later than Thursday, June 23rd. Lincoln Diocesan Guild friends will be most welcome. —Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, June 21st. All ringers very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The summer meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 2nd. Ringing arrangements:—St. Giles' (8) 3.15-4.30, St. Mary (8) 3.15-4.40, St. Laurence (12) 6.30-8.30, Caversham (8) 7-9. Service at St. Mary at 4.45. Address by the Rev. Canon A. G. Parham (Vicar, St. Mary). Tea follows service at 5.15. A cordial invitation is extended to all ringers in the Reading district to come and 'have a pull' with us at this meeting. Kindly let me have names for tea not later than June 29th.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, June 25th, instead of July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting following. Notifications for tea must reach me by Wednesday, June 22nd. It is hoped that all members will take advantage of this meeting; also all ringers and friends will be made welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival will be held at Callington on Saturday, July 2nd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Callington (6), St. Dominic (6), St. Ive (6), Pillaton (6), South Hill (5), Stoke Climsland (8). Service at Callington 4 p.m., followed by tea (free to ringers). Reply to the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Southard, Penheard, Bodmin Road, Truro, by June 20th.

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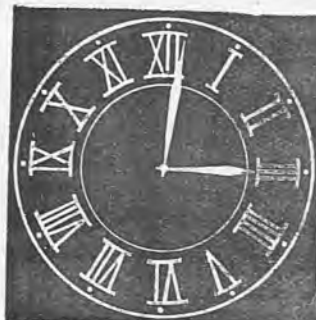
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