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## RINGERS AND DIOCESAN COMMITTEES

In presenting the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee to the Central Council, the president called attention to a subject which for some time has been giving the Council cause for concern, that of having upon the various Diocesan Advisory Boards someone with a knowledge of bells and ringing. Unfortunately, the president did not have a very happy report to make. There are still only a small proportion of these bodies upon which ringers are either directly or indirectly represented, and only a few others who even call into consultation someone with expert knowledge when faculties in connection with bells are under consideration. All the diocesan bodies were asked for information; some made no reply, others were frankly unsatisfactory. Out of forty-seven dioceses from only seventeen could it be said that a favourable reply had been received.

The attitude of some of these diocesan committees towards consulting some person with a knowledge of the subject when they are considering bell restorations, is a strange one. The committees are, in a sense, judicial bodies and should welcome all the information they can get before coming to any decision. They seem, apparently, to imagine that a bell expert is biased in his opinions, and they therefore keep him outside their counsels. They do not treat the antiquarians in the same way. They are usually well represented, and when there is no one to contest their views, assuming they are contestable, their opinions are naturally accepted. The result is often a patched-up job that ought not really to have been entertained if the real purpose of the bells was fully considered.

It is, however, not just to push the ringers' views on bell restoration that the Council is anxious that this side of the question should be heard by Advisory Committees. There are occasions when the advice of a competent bell expert, with the opportunity of arguing his case with the diocesan body, could prevent an indifferent job being done to satisfy the whim of an antiquarian, or even an architect (often the same thing), and save the local church folk from wasting money. In any case, one would think an Advisory Board would be glad to hear both sides of a question. Associations ought to take a greater interest in this subject, and in addition to approaching their Bishop to secure expert advice being available and presented to the Advisory Boards, should be ready to offer assistance wherever they hear of contemplated restoration, holding a watching brief where a satisfactory scheme is forthcoming and approaching the local Church authorities wherever their help is likely to be useful and acceptable.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

|                            |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| JOHN HOLMAN ... .. Treble  | HERBERT LOWMAN ... .. 7          |
| JOHN WALDEN ... .. 2       | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 8     |
| *RAYMOND F. SMITH ... .. 3 | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 9         |
| KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 4  | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 10      |
| JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 5      | GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. 11      |
| LEWIS SNELL ... .. 6       | FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method and first on twelve bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HORACE BELCHER ... .. Treble | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 7   |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2       | ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 8        |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3    | CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 9       |
| EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4       | F. DONALD BORRHAM ... .. 10   |
| ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 5 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. 11 |
| THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 6      | REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HENRY HODGETTS ... .. Treble     | A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... .. 7 |
| EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 2           | ERNEST BRETT ... .. 8         |
| HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH ... .. 3 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 9    |
| STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 4       | FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 10     |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5        | J. HOWARD FREEBORN ... .. 11  |
| EDWARD R. COLES ... .. 6         | ALFRED B. PECK ... .. Tenor   |

Composed and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| FRED HAYES ... .. Treble    | ARTHUR J. HOING ... .. 6     |
| F. DONALD BORRHAM ... .. 2  | WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 7  |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3 | EDWARD R. COLES ... .. 8     |
| LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 4   | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 9      |
| RALPH COLES ... .. 5        | EDWARD CROXFORD ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. D. Boreham, wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WALTER L. PROSSER ... .. Treble | ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6         |
| FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... .. 2   | ROBERT E. COLES ... .. 7       |
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3          | ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 8         |
| FRANK J. BAILEY ... .. 4        | JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 9         |
| GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 5         | SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. G. MILES.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Specially arranged and rung as a silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. W. Austin and on the eve of St. John-the-Baptist's day.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *HAROLD E. BARFOOT ... .. Treble | †A. EDWIN HOARE ... .. 5       |
| MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2     | HARRY SMALE ... .. 6           |
| WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... .. 3        | ARTHUR J. HART ... .. 7        |
| LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 4        | FREDERICK G. COLE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK G. COLE

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Treble | BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 5   |
| GEORGE W. JEFFS ... .. 2      | CYRIL WILSON ... .. 6         |
| *HARRY WOODING ... .. 3       | HARRY PETTIT ... .. 7         |
| †CHRISTOPHER G. HENDRY ... 4  | WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor |

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble | ALBERT E. LAKER ... .. 5     |
| MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... 2  | RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 6       |
| KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3 | CECIL NICE ... .. 7          |
| NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 4   | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

SELLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 11 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5     |
| *DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 2   | WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 6  |
| DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3     | STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 7 |
| GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4    | HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* 25th peal and first Surprise peal. A birthday peal for C. J. Dobbie.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| JAMES E. BAILEY ... Treble | HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5     |
| NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 2   | GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6 |
| MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY ... 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7 |
| HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 4    | HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES PARR ... Treble    | †ERIC BRUNTON ... .. 5         |
| JACK CLEGG ... .. 2      | LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... 6       |
| *ROBERT HARGREAVES ... 3 | JAMES BARNES ... .. 7          |
| HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 4  | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor |

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

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

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble | LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5 |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2      | EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 6 |
| EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 3      | WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 7  |
| WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4        | ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... Treble | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5    |
| EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2    | HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6         |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3    | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7       |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4       | *PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday peal for the conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM SEELEY ... Treble    | *FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5       |
| HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2      | *MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 3      | WALTER AYRE ... .. 7         |
| CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 4 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* 50th peal together. The first peal in the method. Mr. F. Kirk's 25th Surprise method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. H. E. Southall (a member of the local band) and Miss M. K. Phillips.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ARCHIBALD CLARKE ... Treble | *ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH ... 5 |
| HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 2      | †ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... 6  |
| GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 3   | BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 7   |
| HAROLD SMITH ... .. 4       | *THOMAS DOBEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal away from tenor 'behind.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight on completion of 30 years as secretary of the above society.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALFRED WHEELRIGHT ... Treble | VICTOR C. PREECE ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2   | *JOHN D. MORRIS ... .. 6    |
| JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 3        | WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7     |
| ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 4   | †RONALD TAYLOR ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 1 | PERCY E. CLARK ... .. 5        |
| EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. 2    | JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. 6        |
| J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... .. 3 | HARRY KILBY ... .. 7           |
| J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... .. 4  | WILFRID G. WILSON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *WALTER ELSEY ... .. Treble  | CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 5     |
| *FREDERICK C. ROPER ... .. 2 | FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. 6      |
| CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3       | *FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 7 |
| *STANLEY W. COPLING ... .. 4 | ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal of New Cambridge.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *ROBERT E. COLES ... .. Treble | HERBERT DAVIES ... .. 5       |
| †TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 2   | ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6        |
| EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 3       | GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 7        |
| *FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 4        | ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Treble Bob Major away from treble.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *EDWARD STEELE ... .. Treble | JOHN CARLIDGE ... .. 5       |
| EDWARD F. MAWBY ... .. 2     | ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 6      |
| THOMAS HURD ... .. 3         | ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 7     |
| ALAN D. STEEL ... .. 4       | CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal in the method. A compliment to Mr. Alan D. Steel, eight-bell Ringing Master of the Association, and Miss F. Coldrey upon their marriage.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

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

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| JACK BELCHAM ... .. Treble | REGINALD DARVILL ... .. 5 |
| JOHN FOWLER ... .. 2       | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 6  |
| *WILLIAM PERRY ... .. 3    | ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. 7  |
| HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 4   | GORDON BACON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Oxford 'inside.' Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of William Dudley, a local ringer for 51 years.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| DEREK M. SHARP ... .. Treble | *FREDERICK V. CROSSKEY ... .. 5 |
| HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 2   | JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 6       |
| PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 3     | GEORGE W. FODGEN ... .. 7       |
| *NORMAN T. HEXT ... .. 4     | JOHN O. WELLER ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal on eight bells.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being four 720's Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. Treble | HORACE A. WRIGHT ... .. 4     |
| RONALD G. BUGG ... .. 2       | *WALTER F. DOWNS ... .. 5     |
| *LEONARD E. SHARPE ... .. 3   | URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor |

Oxford Treble Bob Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

Plain Bob Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

\* First attempt for Oxford. Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Mary to Thorpe Hall.

BICKER, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

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

Being an extent each of Plain Bob, Double and Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *ALBERT FIRTH ... .. Treble | ALBERT FLATTERS ... .. 4   |
| WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. 2  | †CYRIL WANDER ... .. 5     |
| ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 3       | JOHN R. YOUNG ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society, Ipswich.)

On Monday, June 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble | MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 4 |
| JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. 2      | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 5     |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3      | URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor     |

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

A birthday peal for C. A. Catchpole and rung on the 40th anniversary of his wedding day. Also a wedding peal for J. Bennett, jun., of Helmingham.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

|                               |                                   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| RONALD STOCKALL ... .. Treble | BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 4          |
| *ARTHUR J. ALLEN ... .. 2     | HARRY V. PARROW ... .. 5          |
| HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 3        | JOHN H. D. RADCLIFFE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Comprising an extent each of Beverley, Carlisle, York, Durham, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

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| *LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Treble | DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... .. 4 |
| *RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 2    | GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3     | FRANK VARTY ... .. Tenor      |

Conducted by F. VARTY.

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

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Sunday, April 3rd, at St. Stephen's Church for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. G. Jenkins 1, Mrs. M. E. Spice 2, F. G. Brett 3, E. E. Trendell 4, B. J. Luck 5, R. J. Port (first quarter-peal 'inside') 6, J. W. Unwin (conductor) 7, A. W. Elphick (first quarter-peal) 8.



LLANTHANGEL, RHYDITHON, RADNORSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

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| WALTER EVANS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 4 |
| TREVOR JONES ... .. 2      | *JACK BUTLER ... .. 5     |
| HAROLD CARTWRIGHT ... .. 3 | JOHN THOMAS ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

\* First peal.

BABCARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

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

Ten variations of calling and one 240 of Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *LESLIE STOKES ... .. Treble | *ARTHUR C. FRY ... .. 4      |
| MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... .. 2  | GILBERT W. RENDELL ... .. 5  |
| WILLIAM HODGES ... .. 2      | *REGINALD W. CROOM ... Tenor |

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

\* First peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. C. A. B. Carter to Babcary.

HARSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

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| *JACK GREEN ... .. Treble   | RONALD H. LAWRENCE ... .. 4  |
| MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2 | CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 5     |
| †JAMES H. G. HUME ... .. 3  | HARRY L. MARTIN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. COOK.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung on the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Monday, June 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble | SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4  |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 2   | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5 |
| JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. 3   | URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

A welcome to the new curate, the Rev. John H. H. Griffin.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

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

Forty-two extents, with ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

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| ALFRED JOHN ... .. Treble   | CHARLES M. DAVIES ... .. 4   |
| *VICTOR SMITH ... .. 2      | ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5       |
| TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 3 | ALBERT E. BACON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal.

RUSHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

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| *JOHN E. PLANE ... .. Treble | †CHRISTOPHER G. HENDRY ... 4    |
| †GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... .. 2 | †LEWIS W. KILBORN ... .. 5      |
| †ARTHUR H. IDLE ... .. 3     | BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by BERNARD J. SADDINGTON.

\* First peal in two methods. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

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

On Tuesday, June 14, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At 9, PATRICK ROAD,

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

Seven 720's.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 1-2 | GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 3-4 |
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RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH,

Umpire—J. Alfred Barratt.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

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

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| MISS L. KATHLEEN BOWLING 1-2 | WILLIAM BARTON ... 5-6 |
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| PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4 | JOHN AMBLER ... 7-8 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

A NEW MASTER.

The annual general meeting of Oxford University Society was held in Keble College on Tuesday evening, June 14th. The business, which was mainly of a routine nature, included a motion by the secretary, the Rev. W. C. Barratt (Jesus) to change the time of the annual meeting to the beginning of the Easter term, instead of holding it at the end as at present. The motion was passed by the meeting, and will come up for confirmation at the next general meeting.

At the election of officers, the Master, Mr. J. E. Taylor (Keble) expressed a wish to retire, as he was expecting to take up residence in St. Stephen's House Theological College next year, and did not think he would be able to carry out the duties of Master. Mr. Taylor said that the committee had discussed the matter, and recommended that Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith (Jesus) be invited to succeed him, and he, therefore, made that proposal.—This was seconded by the president, the Rev. O. Elliot Wigg (Keble), and carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith, in a brief speech, explained that since he was not only a member of Jesus College, but also of Ripon Hall, it was possible that the calls of a Theological College might interfere to some extent with the carrying out of his duties; but he said that if it was the wish of the society that he should become its Master, he would do his best to fulfil that office in a manner worthy of the society.

The other officers were re-elected, the president again being elected to represent the society on the Central Council. A vacant place on the committee was filled by the election of Mr. Bryan (St. Peter's Hall).

The date of the next general meeting was fixed for October 11th. At the close of the business the new Master proposed that the society place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Taylor during his period of office as Master.—This was seconded by the president and carried with acclamation.

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## LADIES' GUILD.

## NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at the Parish Church, Bolton, Lancs, on Saturday, June 18th. Twenty ladies attended, and thanks must be accorded to Mrs. Cotterell and Miss Bowling for bringing other members along in their cars—distance being the biggest problem of the district.

Yorkshire was outnumbered by Lancashire, and odd bell methods predominated in the ringing. While the ladies were thus engaged, members of the Lancashire Association held their committee meeting in the Church Room.

A corporate service was then conducted by the lecturer, Mr. C. A. Chamberlain.

A very dainty tea was afterwards served, there being two sittings. Mr. C. A. Chamberlain was thanked for the use of the bells, and Mr. P. Crook and the Lancashire Association for their support. Another very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies who arranged the tea.

Regret was expressed the absence of the Rev. A. Scott (president of the Lancashire Association), who was very disappointed at being unable to be present.

A 'long and energetic' meeting then took place. Two new members were elected. The financial statement showed an income of 14s. 10d. over expenditure for the year.

The vice-president (Miss L. K. Bowling), joint secretaries (Mrs. H. Kelly, Sheffield, and Miss I. B. Thompson, Nottingham) and members of the Central Committee (Miss M. Benton and Miss B. Varley) were re-elected.

Three changes were made on the District Committee, Mrs. Cotterell, Mrs. Fearnley and Miss E. Poulk being elected and Mrs. Wolstencroft re-elected.

Leeds was chosen for the next annual meeting. This being the end of the business (apart from the collection of 18s. in subscriptions), members returned to the belfry. Trinity Church bells were also rung during the evening.

The secretaries would like to take this opportunity of thanking those men of the Lancashire, Nottingham and Yorkshire Associations who have done so much in the interests of the Guild.

## LAVENHAM'S RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

The 127th ringing anniversary of Lavenham Society was held on Saturday, June 18th, when some 40 ringers attended, the following places being represented: Sudbury, Grundisburgh, Ipswich, Groton, Little Waldingfield, Newton (Suffolk), Braintree, Colchester, Coggeshall, Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Little Waltham, Saffron Walden, Springfield, Broomfield, West Bergholt (Essex), Newmarket (Cams), Shipley (Yorks) and Fakenham (Norfolk), as well as, of course, Lavenham itself. Methods rung during the day were Plain, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, Superlative and London.

## NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Rhyl on Whit Monday, June 6th. Members attended from Llandudno, Mold, Wrexham, Llangollen and the local band, also several visitors, including Mr. R. Sperring and Mr. P. Swindley (Chester), Mr. E. Bennett (Norbury), Mr. W. Dean (Norton, Stoke-on-Trent), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (Chester), Mr. H. Miles (Oxford), Mr. A. Newell (Chester), Mr. H. Martin (Birkenhead), Mr. E. Davies (Droitwich), Mr. H. E. Wills (Croydon), etc. A service was conducted by the Rev. Brynmor Davies.

At the business meeting which followed, the president (the Rev. R. C. Jones) referred to the loss the association had sustained by the death of two of its oldest members, Mr. W. T. Pegler and Mr. J. H. Midwinter, of Bangor, and as a mark of respect the members stood in silence. Two new officers were elected, the Rev. R. H. Roberts, Rhyl, a vice-president, and Mr. F. Hartman, Mold, instructor for the Wrexham District, vice Mr. F. R. Evans.

The following new members were elected: Mr. G. Lewis (Hope), Mr. E. Rose, Mr. J. Clemmick and Mr. E. Jones (Llangollen), Miss Hilda Blower, Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. G. Bromley (Llandudno).

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Gresford. A splendid tea was partaken of by the members and their wives, kindly provided by the local ringers, for which they were accorded a vote of thanks.

Prior to and following the meeting the visitors rang several good touches in different methods on the bells, a feature of which was the excellent striking of Mr. G. Bromley, who is totally blind.

## PEAL NOTES.

## NEARLY A MASONIC PEAL OF CINQUES.

The peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary-le-Bow, which we record this week, was to have been another Masonic 'first' peal. Mr. Stafford Green had organised the party, some of whom, like Mr. G. R. Newton, from Liverpool, and Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart from Wimborne, Dorset, had come long distances.

It was a gruelling day for Bow, but, despite a mixed band, a good peal resulted. And when it was all over—it was discovered that one of the company was not a Mason! Everyone, however, took it in good part, and, while the Kent Association reaps the reward, the Masons have got to do the job again.

No one regrets the bit of faulty 'staff work' more than the organiser, who much appreciated the support of all the band. The peal was composed and conducted by Mr. G. R. Newton, who called the composition that was rung at Melbourne, Australia, on Armistice Day, 1934.

A peal in seven Minor methods at Ashbocking, Suffolk, on June 13th, was rung on the fortieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Catchpole, of Ipswich, and for Mr. Catchpole's birthday. It was also a wedding peal for Mr. James Bennett, jun., of Helmingham.

## SHEFFIELD RINGER'S JUBILEE.

Mr. John Holman, whose ringing career has been largely spent in Yorkshire, has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his first peal, which he rang at Colerne, in Wiltshire, on June 10th, 1888. Mr. Holman is a native of Lincoln, and it was fitting that his jubilee peal should be rung at Lincoln Cathedral.

Queen Mary's recent visit to Thorpe Hall, Essex, was celebrated by a peal of Minor at Thorpe-le-Soken. There were four extents of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by E. E. Davey, and three 720's of Plain Bob, conducted by Urban Wildney.

This kind of performance has its merits and may be amusing, but neither of the conductors can say he called the peal.

The peal rung at Nayland, Suffolk, on June 11th, and recorded last week, was specially arranged in honour of the visit of Queen Mary to John Constable's country. Mr. L. Wright, of Dedham, was responsible for the arrangements, and it was Mrs. Wright's first attempt for a peal 'inside.'

A 'wedding' peal was rung at Broughton, Staffordshire, on June 18th, in honour of the marriage of Mr. Alan D. Steel, Eight-bell Ringing Master of the North Staffordshire Association, and Miss F. Coldrey, the bridegroom taking part in the peal. The method was Kent Treble Bob Major, and it was the fiftieth peal that Mr. C. H. Page has called for the association.

## ONE BELL PRACTICE.

The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. John the Baptist's Church, Cardiff, on June 23rd, was to honour Mr. and Mrs. W. Austin. Mr. Austin is verger at St. James' Church, a daughter church of St. John's. He is also a ringer, but unfortunately has not a ring of bells at his church. There is, however, one bell there properly hung for ringing, on which he gets plenty of bell practice. At the conclusion of the peal Mr. and Mrs. Austin met the ringers at the church and tendered their best thanks, and afterwards hospitably entertained the band.

The composition of Stedman Cinques called at Southwark Cathedral on June 18th contains 24 courses in the tittums position, with the sixth 18 times in 6th's, and all the 5-6's. The 14 courses in the handstroke position contain all the six 6-5's. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. J. Lock.

A peal of Bob Major at Eynsford, Kent, on June 23rd, was a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lyddiard, who have just celebrated the twelfth anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Lyddiard, who is leader of the band at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, took part in the peal, and Mrs. Lyddiard also deserves her share in the compliment, as she sat in the churchyard and listened to the peal.

It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Derek Sharp and the conductor, Mr. P. A. Corby. Owing to the elusiveness of the key to the electric light main switch box, the peal had to be rung by candlelight. This difficulty made the performance of the ringers of the 4th and 5th, whose only previous peal was Bob Minor at Penge, the more creditable.

Miss Doris Dobbie, of Sittingbourne, scored her 25th peal and her first of Surprise when she took part in a peal of Cambridge at Selling, Kent, on June 12th.

The birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cross, the former being Master of the society, was honoured by a peal of Cambridge Surprise rung by Royal Cumberland Youths at Dartford on June 13th. The peal also commemorated the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey and was a birthday compliment to the latter.

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**TWO MORE NEW SURPRISE METHODS.**

(Continued from previous column.)

Cranbourne Surprise Major, rung at Egham on June 16th for the first time (and without any previous practice) is a 'half-brother' to Painswick. Constructionally, it is the latter method with 7th's place omitted when the treble is behind, but the ringing of it, of course, is very different.

For three of the band who rang the peal, Cranbourne was the 25th Surprise method. Mr. Alan Pink has called a peal in every one of the 25 he has rung, while Messrs. Len Stilwell and Bill Welling's 25 have been a sort of joint affair. They have taken part together in exactly the same collection of methods. Mr. Pink's list varies from theirs in two respects.

It was fitting that a peal should have been rung at Egham at that time, for it coincided with the celebrations of the 723rd anniversary of the signing of Magna Charta. Runnymede, where King John conceded to the demands of the barons, is in Egham parish, and last Sunday copies of the banners of the guarantor peers were unveiled.

Curiously, another Surprise method was rung for the first time the same week, and another ringer rang his 25th Surprise method. It was rung for the Hertford County Association at Bushey without previous practice, and the method was named Southall.

The occasion was the marriage of Mr. F. H. E. Southall (a member of the local band) and Miss M. K. Phillips, so that the happy pair were doubly honoured.

It was Mr. Francis Kirk's 25th Surprise method, and his 50th peal with Mr. Maurice Hibbert.

In a peal in seven Minor methods at Bicker, Lincs, on June 11th, Cyril Wander rang his first 720's in four of the methods. He stood in the peal at the last moment, as the band arrived one short.

The 'stars' for first peal in the 5,040 Grandsire Doubles at Bokesbourne, Kent, on June 6th, should have been printed against the names of the ringers of treble and tenor.

The peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Crayford, Kent, on June 17th, was arranged and rung as a 'coming of age' compliment to Mr. Phil Corby, one of the enthusiastic young men, of whom there seem, happily, to be a growing number round London. The composition, by another talented youth, Edwin A. Barnett, has five pairs of bells reversed in 5-6 at course-ends and was rung for the first time.

The peal was also rung on the 79th birthday of Mr. William Martin, of Beckenham, formerly of Swanscombe. In spite of advancing years and failing health, Mr. Martin is still a model of regularity and punctuality on Sundays and practice nights at Beckenham—and he lives a threepenny bus ride from the church.

On the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells at Harston, Cambridgeshire, a peal of Bob Minor was rung in which four of the

local ringers took part, three of them having learnt change ringing since the bells were augmented and rehung last year. The band in the peal was completed by Miss Kitty Willers (hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association) and Mr. C. W. Cook, of Cambridge.

Mr. Barnabas G. Key, Ringing Master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, celebrated his birthday by calling a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Rushall, Staffs, on June 13th, four of the band being Sunday service ringers at the church.

Mr. Herbert Knight has just completed 30 years as hon. (lay) secretary of the Archdeaconry of Staffs Society, and on June 18th Mr. Key called a peal of Grandsire Triples at Pattingham for the event.

A peal of Minor at Bramford, Suffolk, on June 20th, was a welcome to the new curate, the Rev. John H. H. Griffin, who came to the parish on June 6th from Gwynfryn, Talierin, Machynlleth. It is hoped Mr. Griffin may be induced to take up ringing. His father was Rector of Henstead, Suffolk, from 1925 to 1935.

Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association, wishes to acknowledge the birthday compliment paid to him by the peal in Yorkshire on Whit Monday. As he does not know who was responsible, he cannot write to them personally.

The time of the peal at Speldhurst on June 6th was 2 hours 50 minutes, and not 2 hours 45 minutes as published.

L. Foster (and not W. Foster) was the ringer of the third in the peal of Bob Major at Fressingfield on May 21st.

The name of the ringer of the 4th in the peal at Twickenham on June 11th was E. Ralph Mackrill and not F. D. Bishop.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association took place at Stebbing and was attended by ringers from Stebbing, Dunmow, Bocking, Braintree, Halstead, Earls Colne, Springfield, Coggeshall, Melbourn and Maldon. Service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. French (priest-in-charge), who had travelled from Streatham for the purpose. General Henderson (Vicar's warden) was present, and both attended tea, served in the Church Hall, Mrs. Barnard, wife of the people's warden, and the wives of the local ringers for the catering.

A business meeting followed, the District Master (Mr. F. Ridgwell) presiding, supported by the district secretary (Miss Hilda Snowden).

Mr. John Challis, of Bocking, was elected a member of the association, and it was agreed that the next meeting on September 17th should take place at Dunmow.

The District Master extended thanks to the Rev. French, and to General Henderson for his interest. He also thanked Mrs. Barnard and her helpers and the local ringers for so kindly providing tea.

During the afternoon and evening methods ranging from Plain Bob Minor to London Surprise Minor were rung on the bells.

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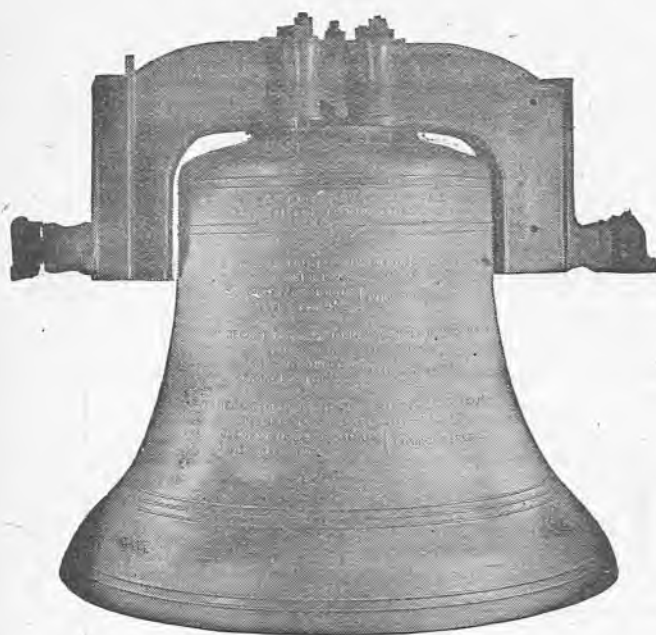
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations to Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, on being elected divisional secretary to the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association. This, at 19 years of age, is a great tribute to his abilities for the work of a great association.

Who was the ringer who attended the Barnsley meeting and could not find the new Rectory Room, whereby he missed his tea, the business meeting, and nearly missed the church? The early bird catches 'all' the worms.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, is, we hear, resigning office as Eastern District secretary of the Hertford County Association, a post which he has filled with enthusiasm and success for 34 years. Ill-health is compelling him to take this step, and while his many friends will hear this with regret, they will wish him a speedy recovery.

The bells of Guildford Cathedral will be heard on the air on Sunday evening as a preliminary to the customary broadcast service.

A new peal of eight bells, cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, are to be dedicated this evening at Liss, Hants.

The time for ringing at Winchester Cathedral to-morrow, in connection with the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, has been changed. The bells will be open before the service only from 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.

## SURPRISE METHOD NAMES.

### A SUGGESTION.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am a very unimportant member of the ringing fraternity and am never likely to ring another peal, let alone a Surprise one. I can, therefore, look at the matter with an unbiased mind and see both sides of the question.

Here is a suggestion which may be worth considering, based, to some extent, on the naming of foxhounds and sometimes horses.

Let the committee name the methods as Mr. Trollope suggests; then these are the names for all time. Let the first ringers add to it the name of the tower in which it was rung, or, if they prefer, the name of their association. This would become the official title as published in the records, and, for all time, the method would be associated with their name, and this without confounding the issue as regards the book. For example, imagine a method to be named by the committee 'Queen's'; let this be rung for the first time at a place called 'Godington' and publish it in 'The Ringing World' as 'Godington Queen's'.

As there is only one 'Queen's' in the book there is no confusion, and the ringers still have the honour and pleasure of giving their own name. It would seem, on the face of it, that this or some such method would appeal to both sides of the argument unless they were very bigoted.

'NEMO.'

## A LONDON RESTORATION.

### THE BELLS OF ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST.

On Trinity Sunday, the bells of the East London Church of St. George-in-the-East were rededicated by the Bishop of London.

The restoration has been carried out as a memorial to the late Rector, the Rev. C. J. Beresford, M.A., whose ambition it was to see the bells rehung before his resignation. Unfortunately, he died before anything had been done. His successor, the Rev. R. Bruce-Eadie, A.K.C., initiated the scheme which has now come to fruition.

For many years the bells had been in very bad condition, and about six years ago ringing was stopped owing to the dangerous state of some of the bearings. In tone, the bells were a very mediocre ring.

The present restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who installed the ring in 1751 A.D. The work has entailed the recasting of the sixth and the retuning of the other seven. Iron headstocks and ball bearings have been fitted, and the massive wooden frame has been tie-bolted and strengthened. That a first-class engineering job would be done was a foregone conclusion, but the point of doubt was, could the 'old tanks' be made into a musical ring? Any doubts that existed were completely swept away when the retuned bells were heard for the first time. A glorious ring with a 28 cwt. tenor was the result of the restoration. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on another very fine achievement.

The bells have actually been in use since Easter Sunday, and the new band which has been started has made such progress that the ringing for the rededication was done without outside assistance. The band has been formed into the St. George-in-the-East Guild of Ringers, with the Rector as president. Mr. J. G. A. Prior, Northern District secretary of the London County Association, who learnt to ring at St. George's, was elected Ringing Master, and his brother, Mr. Sidney A. Prior, secretary. The Guild is about 18 strong, mainly young men and boys, and it is hoped that the same progress will be made at St. George's as has been made at the mother church of St. Dunstan, Stepney.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will remember the appeal which appeared in these columns for financial assistance towards the restoration. There is still a large sum required before the appeal closes, and any further donations will be gratefully received. They should be sent to one of the following: Mr. J. A. Waugh, 8, Fullers Road, Woodford, E.18, or Mr. J. G. A. Prior, 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1.



**LEADING CONDUCTORS—25.****HERBERT KNIGHT.**

For nearly 50 years Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolverhampton, has given loyal and ungrudging service to the cause of change ringing, and for just 30 years has been the hon. lay secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, which he has represented on the Central Council since 1915.

Born at Gittisham, near Honiton, Devon, on December 3rd, 1872, Mr. Knight was taught to pull a bell in 1889 at Highbridge, Somerset, where there were then five bells, and, with others, managed to learn Grandsire Doubles. St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, has, however, been his real ringing 'home.' It was there that his capacity as a ringer was developed, where he rang his first peal—the treble to Grandsire Caters on December 1st, 1894. It was not until March 9th, 1901, that he rang his first peal as conductor, and then he called Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples in the same tower. In the meantime, however, he had taken part in two notable peals of Grandsire Caters, both at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, 7,019 in 1897 and 11,563 in 1899.

Mr. Knight was the first to call a peal blindfolded. On October 12th, 1907, he conducted Thurstans' one-part peal of Stedman Triples at St. Luke's Church, Wolverhampton, with his eyes bandaged—a feat which has very seldom been emulated.

Since 1908 Mr. Knight has been captain of St. Peter's company, and among the interesting performances in which he has taken part have been the first peal of Double Oxford Bob Royal, rung at Wednesbury on January 2nd, 1909, the first peal of Erin Cinques, rung at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on September 23rd, 1911, and a strictly non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans' four-part) at Brewood, Staffs, in 1930. Mr. Knight has conducted peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques and Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. He has also taken part in Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus, and on November 25th, 1933, called a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Tettenhall, with the rest of the band made up of past and present ringing masters, to commemorate the jubilee of the Archdeaconry of Staffs Society. Among Mr. Knight's handbell peals was the first in the city of Hereford, rung in 1898.

Altogether he has rung 492 peals, of which he has conducted 144. His services to ringing are not, however, to be measured by this, but by the time and interest he devotes to further the work in his own tower and society.

**Next week: Mr. Frederick W. Rogers.**

**DEATH OF AN OLD GUILDFORD RINGER.****FORMER BRANCH SECRETARY OF WINCHESTER GUILD.**

The death took place at Guildford on Saturday after a short illness of Mr. Edward Raddon, who for some years prior to the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the end of 1927 was hon. secretary of the Guildford District of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Mr. and Mrs. Raddon, who were married at Potterne, Wiltshire, in 1885, moved to Guildford in 1898, and Mr. Raddon joined S. Nicolas' company, of which he remained a member up to the time of his death except for a short period when he lived in the neighbouring village of Merrow and assisted the local band.

Failing health had prevented Mr. Raddon from taking much active part in ringing recently, for it is a long climb up to S. Nicolas' belfry, but he maintained his interest in the society.

Mr. Raddon, who was 76 years of age, leaves a widow, one son and three daughters in bereavement.

The funeral took place at Merrow on Wednesday, when the church bells were rung half-muffled and handbells were rung, as a parting tribute, over the grave.

**VETERAN'S DEATH AT PRITTLEWELL.**

Mr. William Dudley, of Prittlewell, Essex, one of the first to take up change ringing in that tower, passed away on June 16th. He had been a member of Prittlewell band for 51 years and had rung 100 peals, 52 of which were in his own belfry.

Only in July last year Mr. Dudley was honoured in recognition of his 50 years of service to his church, when he was presented with a suitably inscribed gold bell pendant.

On June 20th, a muffled peal in his memory was rung at Prittlewell.



MR. HERBERT KNIGHT.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****THE BENEVOLENT FUND.****Divisional Collections to be Made.**

Horsham was the place selected for the annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association, held on Saturday, June 18th. The bells of the Parish Church were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and those of Warnham in the afternoon. Among the visitors were the Master (Mr. G. Williams) and general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and from Sussex the following towers were represented: Arundel, Balcombe, Brighton (St. Nicholas), St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd, Bolney, Heene, Hurstpierpoint, Warnham, Lower Beeding, Lymminster, Billingshurst, Eastbourne, Shoreham, Cuckfield, Lindfield, Hartfield, Crawley, West Grinstead, Twineham, Kirdford, Lewes and Horsham, those present numbering 75.

Service took place in Horsham Parish Church, the organist (Mr. S. Sutton) being supported by a large choir of men and boys. The Vicar, the Rev. R. W. D. Lee, M.A., preached an interesting sermon, taking as his theme united service to the Church by those whose 'hearts were touched.'

At the business meeting the Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher, presided, and apologies were read from the Bishop of Chichester, Mr. J. T. Rickman and Mr. F. B. Tompkins, the latter being past masters of the association. The secretary reported the invitation from the Bishop to Mr. Keith Hart to serve on the Advisory Committee on Faculties.

Three new members were elected, Miss Oakshett and Mr. B. Oakshett, of Hayes, Kent, and Mr. C. Bassett, of Portsmouth.

The Master presented the balance sheet, and pointed out that although the general account was slightly on the debit side, there having been unexpected expenses, no claims had been made on the Benevolent Fund in the past year, and, on the whole, the balance of £263 16s. 11d. was slightly above that of 1936.

The subscriptions from affiliated towers amounted to £63 19s., from unaffiliated members 16s., non-resident members £3 15s., hon. members £2 5s. The total receipts were £74 9s. 10d. The expenses amounted to £78 6s. 2d.

All the officers were re-elected, the president, the Bishop; Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Stone; hon. general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; hon. peal secretary, Mr. F. I. Hairs; hon. auditors, Messrs. W. C. Hart and J. T. Toms; hon. trustees, Messrs. F. Dallaway, H. R. Butcher and F. B. Tompkins.

The peal secretary's report made mention of the 66 peals which had been rung in the year, which included the first of Rutland Surprise in Sussex. The total was five more than 1936.

Mr. F. Dallaway, a representative to the Central Council meeting at Leeds, gave a short account of the proceedings, and made mention of the hospitable manner in which the Yorkshire Association had welcomed the members.

Mr. Sippetts made a proposal regarding members who left the county after having paid five consecutive annual subscriptions, recommending that they should, on application remain members without further payment while residing out of the county.—This was carried.

**EARLIER ANNUAL MEETING.**

A motion to affect the date of the annual general meeting was also put forward by Mr. Sippetts, and it was agreed that in future it should be held not later than April. Thus it will always be possible to instruct the Central Council delegates of the association's wishes before the Council meeting.

The general secretary made a proposition regarding dates of administrative business made necessary by the advancement of the annual meeting, and Mr. Pankhurst's amendment to this motion was carried.

Two places were proposed for the next meeting, Eastbourne receiving 20 votes and Brighton 21. In consequence, the 1939 meeting will be held at Brighton.

Mr. Pankhurst pointed out the lack of a definite rule with regard to collections for the Benevolent Fund, drawing attention to the fact that last year the Benevolent Fund was not supported at all from two of the divisions. The custom had been to leave the collections to the discretion of the divisional secretaries; the result was the present anomaly. He suggested that each division should have at least two collections during the year for this purpose, and the suggestion was accepted with a view to making a definite rule at the first opportunity.

During this discussion the Master was obliged to leave in order to catch his train, and on his invitation the chair was taken by Mr. W. C. Hart.

A particularly pleasant note was struck by the unanimous and enthusiastic decision to elect Mr. Walter Charman as an honorary life member, in recognition of his valued services to the association for 50 years. Mr. Charman has been connected throughout this time with Warnham tower, and is a member of a well-known ringing family at that place. He has rendered particularly valuable help to the association by his organisation of the monthly practice meetings at Horsham, which has become a regular institution during the winter months with ringers present from quite distant parts.

Mr. W. C. Hart closed the meeting by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had assisted with the arrangements at the service, and to the Vicars of Warnham and Horsham for the use of the bells.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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### TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

#### Warning Against Neglect.

The report of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on May 6th, was presented by Mrs. Fletcher, who corrected one slight mistake, in which the Lancashire Association was stated to have rung 101 peals, whereas it was the Lincoln Diocesan Guild that reached this number.

#### CORONATION PEALS.

The report was adopted, and the President then called attention to the fact that 259 peals were rung in celebration of the Coronation of their Majesties, the King and Queen. He suggested that the officers of the Council approach the Home Secretary, either direct or through Lord Shaftesbury (who is an honorary member of the Council), and find out whether the King would accept a list of those 259 peals, which list would, presumably, ultimately find its way into the library at Windsor Castle. He did not mean that the details of the peals should be given, but just a list of the places and what was rung.

Mr. S. F. Palmer seconded and the proposition was at once carried. Replying to a question, the President said the list was not merely of peals rung on Coronation Day, but of all the peals rung for the Coronation.

#### THE USE OF 'SILENCERS.'

The Towers and Belfries Committee's report was presented by the president. It stated: Since the last Council meeting the members of the committee have been consulted in 27 cases, and have given advice, in most cases after inspection of the towers concerned. In 22 of these towers the question was one of rehanging or the provision of additional bells. In the other five towers advice was given in the matter of sound modification. Where the committee's advice has been followed, the reduction of sound in the neighbourhood of the church has given great satisfaction.

During the year the 'silencers' belonging to the Council have been lent for experiment to one tower, with the result that a set is being purchased for that tower. The introduction of 'silencers' at several churches has been brought to the notice of the committee. One warning is needed with regard to the use of the 'silencers.' If before their use the volume of sound in the ringing room is not excessive, it will be found difficult to hear the bells when the 'silencers' are in use. To get over this difficulty a hinged trap door should be made in the ceiling which can be easily opened when 'silencers' are in use, and closed at other times. If this provision be not made there will be a risk of bad striking.

The attention of the committee has been drawn to the desirability of handrails being provided for belfry staircases, and when the 'Preservation of bells' pamphlet is next reprinted this point can be dealt with.

Some information is available as to the members of Diocesan Advisory Committees. So far, replies have been received from 24 dioceses out of 47. In 16 of these there is a member who either has 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 would be glad to have further information with a view to taking some action in the matter.

The President, in presenting the report, said he had received a letter from Major Hesse giving the list of towers he had visited. Referring to the question of unprotected steel girders, the President said that an architect friend of his had been down, for the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, to a church in Surrey, where the bells were rehung in the early part of this century in an iron frame on mild steel girders. It had remained unpainted and it was now possible to push a finger through the web of the girders. That had come about in a matter of 31 or 32 years. The girders had completely perished. The architects had something on their side when they objected to steel frames, unless they were painted. In this case the steel was to be replaced by cast iron girders. The cast iron frame was all right; it was the mild steel that had gone. Unless they could be sure that it was going to be painted or covered with concrete there was a danger, and those who recommended oak had something in their favour, for oak was fool-proof, except for the beetle. Concrete casing for girders in small towers restricted the space and added to the difficulty of getting the ropes down in a good circle.

Mr. Lewis went on to refer to a tower which he visited where the death-watch beetle had got into the frame very badly. The architect applied a liquid for discouraging the beetle, and he applied it in a certain way. As a result the bell frame had drunk more than 60 gallons of the liquid (laughter). Small holes had been bored into the timber, and the foreman went round filling them up, through funnels, eight times a day. There were traces that the liquid had got to the ends of the frame and they were having quite good hunting and had bagged quite a number of beetles (laughter).

#### MOVEMENT OF TOWERS.

Proceeding, the President said 'The Times' newspaper, on Coronation Day, gave a little paragraph about the Imperial Institute and the ringing that was going to take place there, and the correspondent said that the tower swayed a foot out of the perpendicular when the bells were rung (laughter). That meant that it would move 2ft., one each way. He had looked to see if the Office of Works took up the

matter, but they did not appear to do so. He had looked up some measurements he made some years ago at towers where the movement was quite noticeable. In one case the movement was only one-twentieth of an inch out of the vertical each way. That was quite noticeable to the ringers. In another one—he thought it was Northaw, before the bells were rehung in 1914—the light bracket used to sway, the handbells on the wall started to ring and the rafters and wall-plate could be heard rubbing together. The movement was measured and found to be two millimetres out of perpendicular. As there were 25 millimetres to the inch, the movement was about one-fifth of an inch, and that was very noticeable indeed. The reference to the Imperial Institute tower was just the sort of thing they got in newspapers, even newspapers like 'The Times.'

With regard to the information about the diocesan authorities, said Mr. Lewis, Winchester, Bristol, Chester, Ely, Exeter, Leicester, Portsmouth, Rochester, Chichester and Lincoln had a ringer on the Diocesan Advisory Board; in the case of Lichfield, Norwich, Oxford, Truro, Worcester and Blackburn there were members who knew quite a bit about bells, although not actually ringers themselves. In the case of certain other dioceses he had no information, and asked the Council to let him have information if possible later in the day.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he was on the Peterborough Diocesan Board.

The President said there was no one on the Salisbury Board, but Mr. H. B. Walters was consulted. Nothing was known about Southwark; Ripon would in most cases consult someone; in St. Albans no one was called in; in Southwell there was a vacancy; Sheffield had no representative at present. Mr. Lewis added that the committee would try and take some steps to get someone appointed to each committee or have arrangements made so that someone with a knowledge of bells should be consulted when a question arose concerning bells.

#### DANGEROUS BELFRY STAIRS.

On the question of the desirability of having a handrail round the belfry staircase, the President said the matter had been raised in a letter from Mr. J. Jaggar, who said the point had been worrying him a good deal. He (the president) had heard of several cases of people being damaged through slipping on the stairs and Mr. Paddon Smith had told him of the case of a man being killed through falling down the staircase at the Bull Ring, Birmingham, about two years ago; so it was an important point.

Mr. E. A. Young, in moving the adoption of the report, said this question of dangerous staircases had been in his mind for some years. Some stairs were very narrow, perhaps only 2ft. wide, and very steep in order to get the head room. Therefore, the treads at the outside were sometimes only two or three inches wide. Some old towers had a rope running down the newel, and he thought the Council should advocate this on narrow stairs where there was no room for a handrail. For a descent there was nothing so reassuring as a rope running through the hand at head level, ready to take the pull if one slipped.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, in seconding, said with advancing age, he had come to know the necessity of a rope on narrow stairs.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said a rope did not take the place of a proper iron handrail where there was room for it. Holding a rope brought a man to the narrow edge of the steps. It was better to have hold of a rail on the outside; then, if his feet slipped, he was automatically brought to the wide side of the steps. Wherever there was room they should have a handrail; where there was not room, perhaps a rope round the newel was the next best thing.

Mr. Young said a handrail on a narrow stairway was liable to catch on the hip or waist in going up or down.

The President said one member of the Council the other day was unable to get up the stairway into a tower, although there was no handrail. The stairs were too narrow (laughter).

Mr. Young: He could only get up sideways, I suppose.

The President: No, he could not even get up sideways (laughter).

Mr. Smith said when the great Samuel Lawrence went on one occasion to ring at Dudley he could not get into the tower. They, therefore, hoisted him up by a derrick and got him in through the window; so Mr. Richardson's experience was not new (laughter).

The President said the committee would see that the Council's recommendation was included in the revised handbook on the Preservation of Bells.

The report was then adopted.

#### THE PRESS AND BELLS.

The report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee was as follows: Two events of the past twelve months have brought bells and ringers into quite exceptional prominence in the public Press. One is the College Youths' tercentenary, the other the controversy over 'canned bells.'

The tercentenary received an outstanding degree of publicity; daily and weekly journals published full accounts of the celebration both before and after the event, as well as on the actual day, with copious illustrations, featuring in some cases well-known members of the Ancient Society. The memorial tribute to Sir Henry Tuile was recorded at length. An incident in connection with a broadcast given by the Master of the College Youths was magnified by an imaginative journalist into a 'Row at the B.B.C.,' involving Miss Dorothy Sayers. The natural effect was to give enhanced publicity to the occasion and to draw attention to the broadcast by association with the name of the famous novelist.

It may here be mentioned as a link with contemporary literature that on a subsequent date Miss Sayers visited the belfry of St. Paul's Cathedral and attended the College Youths' meeting at the Coffee Pot, where she was presented with a gift in recognition of the widespread interest in change ringing aroused by her renowned work of fiction, 'The Nine Tailors.'

The occasional use of gramophone records in towers instead of actual bells has been noted in the Press from time to time, but the subject leapt into sudden prominence when the installation of a record in a steeple at Weymouth led to a long discussion at a meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and a resolution deprecating the use of such mechanical devices was passed and forwarded to the Bishop. Journalists evidently found 'good copy' in the protest of ringers against this menace to their national art: even in America the matter was taken up in the public Press.

#### 'CANNED MUSIC.'

A leader in the 'Daily Mirror' under the heading 'Ding Dong Bell!' had the right ring about it; 'In an unsentimental age we sometimes hear protesting voices against church bells. The tinny and one-noted bell may annoy the ears, but any person who objects to a beautifully rung peal should consult a doctor about it. We sympathise with the . . . ringers in their revolt against "canned music" and loud-speakers in churches. Keep the old bells ringing! Let us be rung to church as our forefathers were.'

'Discs in the Belfry' was the heading of a whole column in a recent issue of the 'Church Times.' The following extract, from the pen of the gifted writer signing himself 'Urbanus,' may well provide food for reflection: 'There is a great deal to be said in favour of the discs. Foremost, I fancy, is the woeful fact that many bells are silent, or, at best, ill-rung. I have heard many a country parson bewail his inability to get a team of ringers together. . . . Nor is it enough that the bells should ring out in the evening. They should call the people to morning worship. But, alas! ringers, when found at all, frequently have no leisure or inclination for morning church, let alone for pulling their weight in the bell-chamber. Still,' he continues, 'I should fight against the intrusion of the gramophone into a tower where true bells hang.'

Among general references to bellringing in the London Press we find records of long service in the belfry, notably to the band of ringers at Marnhull, Dorset, who had completed 40 years of united service to the church, before the passing of Mr. A. Drew at the age of 76 created the first breach in their number, and to the ringers of Tillongley, who during the last 50 years have rung together at three Royal Jubilees and three Coronations. Amongst individual records have appeared those of Mr. Brundle, of Ipswich, Mr. Hewlett, of Puddletown, and the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill, while the Kentish newspapers gave due prominence to the one hundredth birthday celebration of Mr. C. Slingsby. By way of contrast, the Northfleet ringers have figured in the Press as the youngest band, with an average age of 13 years.

Whether by chance or by design, two articles of outstanding merit appeared in two Birmingham papers on the same date; one in the 'Post' headed 'The Ringing Isle—England's Pleasantest Epithet'; the other in the 'Mail' on 'The Art and Practice of Change Ringing.' 'The Listener' has included an interesting article on bells by Garry Hogg. In a paragraph entitled 'Skyward Music,' a London journal has called attention to the improvement effected by blocking up the louvers and throwing the sound upwards. Among many local reports of dedications of bells, those of augmentation at Poole and recasting at Bournemouth, both in the Coronation year, would appeal to a wide public. A full account of the peal rung to celebrate Alderman Pritchett's golden wedding appeared in the Birmingham Press, with a photograph of the ringers.

The publication of Mr. J. A. Trollope's work, 'The College Youths,' in the society's tercentenary year, was a literary event of great interest to the Exercise at large. The author's diligent research into obscure sources of information has brought to light many facts of historical value, while his gift of imagination and vivid style bring past ages to new life in the pages of this fascinating book, which incidentally received enthusiastic commendation from the Dean of St. Paul's at the College Youths' dinner. A new edition at a more popular price of Nicholl's 'Bells Through the Ages' and Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' both reviewed at length in the 'Church Times,' is indicative of increasing interest in the subject.

#### BROADCASTING.

The outstanding event of 1937 was Mr. E. H. Lewis' broadcast on the tercentenary of the College Youths, with both tower bell and hand-bell illustrations of change ringing. Transmission and reception were perfect. Other broadcasts of bells have been almost entirely introductory to religious services. Last summer two or three of these performances were far from creditable, but during the past nine months or so a very fair standard has on the average been maintained, though there is still need for much improvement. A Somerset village won well-merited praise for a really good broadcast of Stedman Doubles. On the other hand, a Dorset village with six fine-toned bells let the Exercise down by an incompetent attempt at chiming. One village band, realising that an elementary attempt at change ringing was not coming up to the mark for broadcasting, had the good sense to revert to rounds, which in their way produced a thoroughly musical effect. The monthly touch of Caters from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields continues to be rung and the reception very good, as also that from Croydon on Sunday mornings. Since the removal of Bishop Woods to

Lichfield, the bells of Lichfield Cathedral have likewise been broadcast. On Coronation Day, 1937, very brief records were transmitted of the ringing at Westminster Abbey and the Imperial Institute. The announcer was misinformed in his statement that the bells of the Institute are rung 'only' on royal anniversaries.

The president of the Council has had the opportunity of personal conferences with officials of the B.B.C. which should be productive of good results.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who moved the reception of the report, said the Exercise had had a very good Press during the year, not only in the sense that bellringing had been brought into considerable prominence, but also, the art of change ringing had received very favourable notice. Writers had shown intelligence and interest in the art of ringing. With regard to the reference to Mr. Charles Slingsby, who had now reached his 101st birthday, it had been suggested that the Council might send him a message of congratulation. He moved that the report be adopted and a congratulatory message sent to this grand old man of Kent.

Mr. A. P. Smith seconded and suggested that with the letter of congratulation they should also enclose a pound note. He was sure that was a kind of message that the old man would not regret receiving (applause). Mr. Smith added with regard to the two articles which appeared in Birmingham papers, that the two papers were both owned by a well-known Birmingham churchman, Sir Charles Hyde. Not only had he allowed a column in each of his very expensive papers to be devoted to the cause of bells and bellringing, but was generous enough to give £1,000 towards the cost of recasting and rehanging the bells of Birmingham Cathedral, so that the work might be done in time for the Coronation (applause).

A collection for Mr. Slingsby resulted in a sum of £2 being received.  
(To be continued.)

#### DEATH OF MR. W. G. MANN.

##### LAST FOUNDER-MEMBER OF LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

There has recently died at Liverpool the last surviving founder-member of the Lancashire Association, Mr. W. G. Mann. He, with the late John Aspinwall and John R. Pritchard, was responsible for forming the association and held their first meeting in the year 1876 in a room in Wood Street, quite close to St. Luke's Church, Liverpool. In the same year the first important meeting of the association was held at Chorley. The first secretary was Mr. J. R. Pritchard, and Messrs. Mann and Aspinwall were elected to the committee.

At the time of his death Mr. Mann was in his 86th year and for some years had not taken any active part in ringing. In his younger days he had rung in several peals of Grandsire Triples and also a 6,048 Bob Major at Halewood. He was buried at Smithdown Road Cemetery quite near to his former old colleague, the late John Aspinwall. He leaves a daughter in bereavement, and to her sincere sympathy is extended.

#### LATE NOTICES.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meetings for July:—Service ringing, July 3rd, St. Clement Danes, 10 a.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes, July 4th, at 6.45 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m.; 18th at 7.30 p.m., also St. Mary, Lambeth, August 2nd, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**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.

#### APARTMENTS.

**LLANDUDNO, NORTH WALES.**—Superior Board-Residence or Bed and Breakfast; 2 minutes sea, tennis courts, bowling green and park.—Mrs. Brown, Avonholm, 24, Queen's Road. Telephone 6965.

**SCARBOROUGH.**—The Jedburgh private hotel, Givendale Road, North Bay. Terms moderate; every convenience; and close to the sea.—Write for tariff to residential proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dean.



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**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 2.30 to 3.45, St. Maurice (6), 1.30 to 3.45, and after meeting; Hursley (8), Twyford (8) and Micheldever (6), 2 to 3.30, and after the meeting. Service in St. Maurice's at 4. Tea, by invitation of the Guild, at 4.45 in St. Maurice's Hall, followed by the general meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The summer meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 2nd. Ringing during the afternoon at St. Giles' (8) 3.15-4.30, St. Laurence's (12) 3.15-4.40. Service at St. Laurence's 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow at the Talbot Cafe, Queen Victoria Street, at 1s. per head, 5.15. Ringing after tea at St. Mary's (heavy eight) 7-8, and Caversham (8) 7-9. Fast trains run from Paddington at 1.55, 2.45, 3.15, 4.15 and 5.8 p.m. Journey takes about 40 minutes. Return any time up to 10.25 p.m. Every ringer will be welcomed at this meeting.—Norman Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on July 2nd. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.30. St. Cuthbert's, 3 to 4.30 and after the meeting. Service (St. Cuthbert's) 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Other towers could be open on short notice.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come, as a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Angmering on Saturday, July 2nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vestry Hall 1/- per head. Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Pinchbeck, near Spalding, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) 4.45. Gentlemen heartily invited.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 2nd. Baglan, near Aberavon (6 bells), available from 3 till 5.30. Business meeting in Aberavon Schoolroom at 6 o'clock. Bells (8) available afterwards.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield Church (6 bells) on Saturday, July 2nd. Those who intend to be present for tea please send postcard to Rector (Rev. J. Thompson), Bradford Rectory, Bradford, near Sheffield. Buses at Malin Bridge tram terminus. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. per head. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Up-Down on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

**DUNSTON, NEAR LINCOLN.**—The bells, which have been restored and augmented to a ring of five by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Sub-Dean of Lincoln Cathedral at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 2nd.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on July 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Gressenhall on Saturday, July 2nd.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Practices for July—all at 7.30 p.m.:—\*5th, St. Mary-le-Bow; 7th, St. Magnus; 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.

**FLIXTON, ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MANCHESTER.**—The ring of eight bells, which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., will be rededicated on Tuesday, July 5th, at 7.30 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Woolnough, M.A.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A combined practice will be held at Harpenden on Tuesday, July 5th. Bells (5) available 7.45-9 p.m. A good attendance will be welcomed.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

**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. Tea provided for those who notify the Rev. L. M. Forse, The Rectory, Tarleton, by Wednesday, July 6th. Outstanding subscriptions are now due.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Deddington on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Aynho (8 bells) will be open for ringers from 6.30 to 7.30. Notice of other towers announced at meeting. Please let me know for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

**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 Helmshore, 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. Will all requiring tea please send their names to me by Wednesday, July 6th? Trains from Baker Street (Tube) to Kilburn Park.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Rd., 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. Please do not post your card to me of intention to be present later than Monday evening, July 4th. Thank you.—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, so please do your bit and send in your names to Mr. W. J. Fairbeard, 31, Mayville Road, St. Peter's, Broadstairs, Kent, not later than Wednesday, July 6th. Half-fares will be paid to members attending this meeting (maximum 2s.).—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**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. Numbers for tea must be sent to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by July 5th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey.

**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, to those who notify me by Wednesday morning, the 6th inst.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**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. Please send me a card for tea before July 6th.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**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.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual shield contest will be held at Horbury on Saturday, July 9th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Pickles, 9, Co-operative Street, Horbury, near Wakefield, not later than Wednesday, July 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newnham-on-Severn on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, July 6th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

**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. Please let me know not later than July 6th if you intend to be present.—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 1s. Please advise me by Tuesday, July 5th, how many of your band will be present.—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, Ridgewood, 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. Please send names for tea not later than July 6th to Mr. J. T. Moss, sen., Ingledean, Ingersley Road, Bollington.—Jack Tipper, Hon. Secretary, Macclesfield Branch.

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**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, but please send numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 6th.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Rd., 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horsham 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.

**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.

**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.—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.

**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.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Owing to renumbering, the address of Mr. R. A. Post is now 43, Old Road, Headington, Oxford, instead of 21.

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