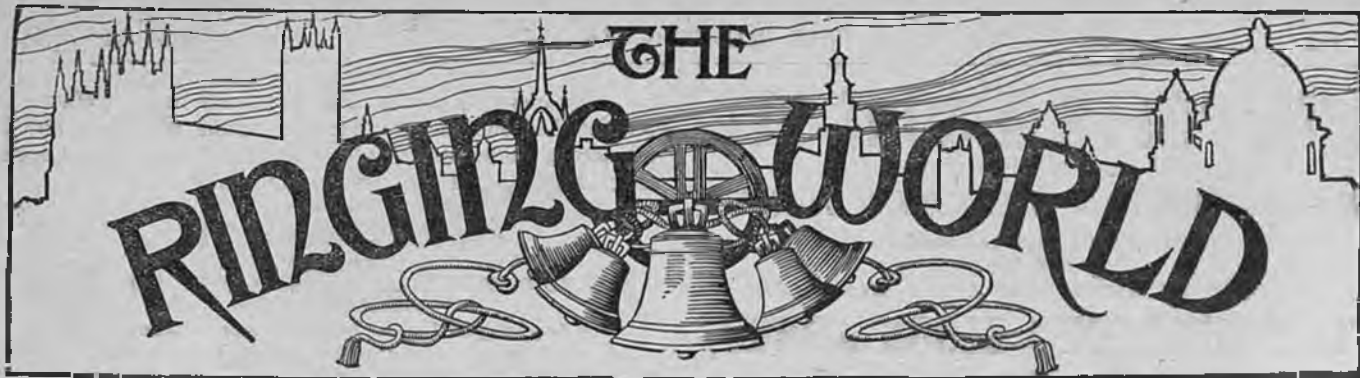




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THE NEW COUNCIL BEGINS WORK.

There is always a special interest in the first meeting of a new Central Council, partly because of the fresh faces that appear. Last week there was a rather unusual number of new members, and they were drawn from the younger men. This is an excellent sign. An organisation like the Council needs a constant influx of new blood and, as long as this can be secured, there need be little fear of the central body sinking into a state of semi-atrophy. Another thing which gave a point of special interest to the gathering was the fact that it was the first Council to meet under the full operation of the revised rules drawn up three years ago, and it is an indication of the ready acceptance by the Exercise of the new constitution that forty-nine associations have become affiliated and have subscribed to the undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council. There is only one association of any size that has not yet agreed to the conditions of membership and that is the Sussex Association, which will consider the matter at its annual meeting next week. There is one imposing fact about the Council, which could only be guessed at before, but which has now been, under the new rules, accurately ascertained, and that is that it represents a body of approximately twenty thousand ringers, who are active and subscribing members of the various territorial societies. This gives an authority to the Council which must carry weight, not only among ringers themselves, but in other quarters where the views of ringers have a right to be heard. Moreover, it emphasises, if further emphasis be necessary, what a valuable body of workers the Church has in the belfries.

The business of the meeting itself produced debates on several subjects which are the special concern of 'the rank and file,' and occupied the Council, with only an hour for lunch, from eleven o'clock until five. The interest held throughout, and it did not need anything in the nature of verbal fireworks, such as have been produced on some occasions, to sustain it. Good, solid work was put in in the morning session, when routine affairs and committee work were disposed of. Most of the afternoon was devoted to the discussion of motions and for once there was nothing carried over to next year. The expeditious way in which the meeting was got through was due to the able chairmanship of Mr. E. H. Lewis (the President), the excellent organisation of the Honorary Secretary, and the careful preparation of the ground by the Standing Committee. The President disposed of the idea, which appears to exist in places, that the business of the Council is 'cut and dried' by the Standing Committee. There is no question that, without the preparation which this Committee gives to the

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work, the business of the Council could not be efficiently completed in one day; indeed it would probably not be 'efficiently' completed at all. The new Council has begun work in a way that promises well for the future.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 36½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
ALBERT WALKER 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 10
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5	* JAMES BENNETT 11
FRANK E. PERVIN 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* 50th peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 8000 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER SMITH Treble	† FREDERICK E. PITMAN 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	† PHILIP A. CONLEY 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3	* GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 8
* RENE REDPATH 4	† ALFRED G. HILL 9
† MOLLIE REDPATH 5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal on ten tower bells. † First peal on ten bells. † First peal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells and by all the band on tower bells. Rung on the conductor's birthday.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE NORMAN TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
JAMES CHINERY 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	* EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 8
SHELFORD SPARROW 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 9
* DENIS A. S. SYMONDS 5	JOHN EUSTON Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal on ten bells. First on ten bells as conductor.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

THOMAS A. FIELD Treble	CYRIL CHAMBERS 6
ALLEN MORGAN 2	ERNEST CALCOTT 7
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 3	JOHN WOODBERRY 8
* MISS BETTY COPSON 4	ALBERT J. WRIGHT 9
WALTER H. RAXTER 5	JOHN ADDLETON Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by CHAS. H. WOODBERRY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Caters by all the band and on the bells.

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**SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alphege,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 1 Treble	KENNETH A. ROE 6
ALBERT WALKER 2	ROGER W. DANIELS 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	GEORGE FEARN 8
FREDERICK J. MILNER 4	FRANK E. HAYNES 9
RICHARD F. ROE 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
First peal of New Cambridge Royal for the Guild and by all the band except F. H. Dexter.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD QUANTRILL 1 Treble	RUSSEL CURSON 5
NOLAN F. GOLDEN 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
WALTER R. FARROW 3	CHARLES MOORE 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 21 lb.

KENNETH LEWIS 1 Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	LIONEL PLOUGH 6
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	WILLIAM FERNLEY 7
WILFRED STEVENSON 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 171). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Arranged for Mr. J. E. Wheelton, who had not struck a blow in the method before starting for the peal.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

*RAYMOND H. MAILE 1 Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
FREDERICK G. BRETT 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM SPICE 3	GEORGE KENWARD 7
HARRY BAKER 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. H. Maile. The quickest peal of Major on the bells.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 1 Treble	KEITH WHITTELL 5
JOHN EUSTON 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 6
SHELFORD SPARROW 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 4	LAURENCE POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 122). Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE T. ROGERS 1 Treble	GEORGE W. BARTON 5
FREDERICK W. STEMP 2	FRANK TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. 3	CECIL L. GUY 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal and first attempt.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad, Far Headingley

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

Tenor 18 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

*LEONARD STOKOE 1 Treble	WILFRED HALLIWELL 5
†KENNETH SIMPSON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
*DEREK M. SHARP 3	RONALD H. DOVE 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal of Double Norwich rung at St. Chad's, and first peal of Major on the bells since they were recast. Rung in honour of the marriage of Rosemary, daughter of Canon and Mrs. C. C. Marshall, to Mr. George N. Emmet.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN 1 Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
HARRY BAKER 3	GEORGE KENWARD 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.
The quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Jack Hyde and Miss Winifred Richards, who were married at West Wickham on this day. The bride is a sister of Mr. Arthur S. Richards, a ringing colleague of the conductor.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Bengoe

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 7½ cwt.

*SIDNEY CADLE 1 Treble	GEORGE GRAY 5
GEORGE MAXIM 2	JOSEPH LADLEY 6
REGINALD DORE 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
STANLEY A. CARTER 4	†PERCY W. SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.
* First in method away from tenor. † First peal. Rung as a 69th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

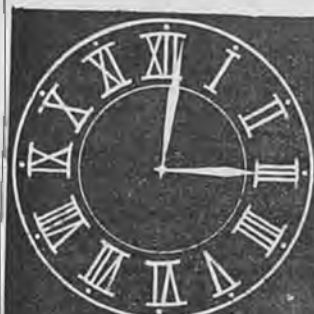
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT 1 Treble	HORACE L. WHITE 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 6
FRANCIS J. TOMPKINS 3	WILLIAM J. RANDALL 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight by John Taylor and Co.



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On Tuesday, June 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD Treble	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
DEREK M. SHARP 3	WILFRED HALLIWELL 7
ARTHUR ARMITAGE 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Arthur Teale, an esteemed ringer at St. Matthew's Church, Holbeck, Leeds, to Miss Alice Jackson.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6050 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKER Treble	WALTER F. TYLER 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	JACK DARTERS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon.; also in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Hyde and Miss Winifred Richards, who were married at West Wickham on Whit Monday.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

FRED WHITBY Treble	LEWIS CORDELL 5
*MISS ANNIE WHITE 2	STANLEY CLARK 6
BEN COPPING 3	EDWARD ROCHESTER 7
ERNEST J. RUNTER 4	LESLIE J. CLARK ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were rehung and the tenor recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.	
*JAMES W. GODDARD Treble	†GEORGE JOHNSON 5
ARTHUR HOODLESS 2	ERNEST BRITAIN 6
GEORGE L. HALL 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7
*WALTER M. GODDARD 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBBY.

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal of Major in two methods. † First peal of Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. P. Eayres, one of the local ringers, also as a thanksgiving for the recovery of Mrs. Varah, the wife of the Vicar, from the result of an accident.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD HOLT Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	JOHN S. MASON 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	WILLIAM DOWDING 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First attempt for a peal of Major. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Col. J. W. Danielsen, D.S.O. (churchwarden), and Mrs. Danielsen, of Wellington Road, Edgbaston, who were married at the above church on June 1st, 1911, by Archdeacon Mansfield Owen (Vicar), now Dean of Ripon. Bob Major was rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob, the treble man standing in at short notice.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH LOVETT Treble	*REGINALD WESTCOIT 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	FRANK ROWSELL 6
E. GEORGE PALMER 3	HERBERT DAVIES 7
*JOHN EVANS 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal of Major and are local men.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

REGINALD HARPER Treble	†JOE WHITTAKER 5
*STANLEY NOBLE 2	WILLIAM CARTER 6
JOHN WORTH 3	WALTER LONGMAN 7
*MISS E. M. K. FEATHERS ... 4	WILFRED STEVENSON ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by W. STEVENSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal on eight. First peal of Major as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

GEORGE LANCASTER Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER 5
*REGINALD C. ARGENT 2	WALTER H. TRIDEMAN 6
†CHARLES J. HATHAWAY 3	NEIL ALLNATT 7
SIDNEY PALMER 4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... Tenor

Composed by E. GUISE.

Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. Brierley and Miss J. M. Tuckwell. The bride is a chorister and daughter of a ringer at this church.

FELSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST J. BOTLER Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ALBERT WIFFEN 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOODS Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
ALBERT E. WHITING 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	ALDERMAN LING Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

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ROUSHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BANBURY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. LEONARD AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

*JOHN ADAMS Treble	ERNEST SHERWOOD 4
HARRY ADAMS, JUN. 2	*LEONARD LARNER 5
HERBERT ADAMS 3	*HARRY ADAMS, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT ADAMS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble is aged 14 years. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

MURSLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 of Cambridge Surprise, and one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDMUND J. HOBBS Treble	EVELYN STEEL 4
MARIE R. CROSS 2	*JOHN E. F. TREDENNICK 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Conducted by C. E. WIGG.

* First peal in five methods. First peal of Minor on the bells. A birthday compliment to the Rev. J. M. Tredennick, Rector of Mursley.

WHAPLODE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Oxford, Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (2) Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and College Exercise Treble Bob; (3) Elston Delight; (4) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise; (5) Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (6) Old Oxford, Willesden and College Bob IV. Delight; (7) Bourne Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

CYRIL R. BURRELL Treble	HARVEY E. BURRELL 4
*MISS LOIS M. NEAL 2	VERNON TAYLOR 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	HAROLD BARSLEY Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD BARSLEY.

There were 78 changes of method. * First peal of Treble Bob and first in 16 methods. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor and first as conductor in 16 methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent and Oxford combined, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
PHYLLIS HUMPHREY 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
JOHN H. BOTHAM 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Frances Humphrey.

FELKIRK, NEAR BARNESLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz., Burton, Capel, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED TIBBLE Treble	HAROLD CHANT 4
WILLIE GREEN 2	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
ARTHUR GILL 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

This peal was rung non-conducted. First non-conducted peal and first attempt by all the band and on the bells; also believed to be the first peal of Minor non-conducted for the association. Rung on the third anniversary of the treble ringer's wedding day.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST J. MATTHEWS Treble	TOM WORRALL 4
HARRY W. BARNETT 2	ALBERT MARTIN 5
REGINALD DANIEL 3	CHARLES HODGES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MARTIN.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Marple Delight; (2) Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (3) Sandal Treble Bob; (4) Bourne Surprise; (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise; (6) Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (7) Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate and College Bob IV. Delight. Tenor 23 cwt.

VERNON TAYLOR Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
*GEORGE W. BURRELL 2	HARVEY E. BURRELL 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 51 methods, viz.: (1) Benington, Butterwick, Frampton and Freiston Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (2) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight; (3) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Dunottar Delight; (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (5) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE W. BURRELL Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL 3	VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

There were 172 changes of method. First peal in 51 methods by all and by the Guild. Benington, Butterwick, Frampton and Freiston Alliance are now all rung for the first time.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 32 methods, viz.: (1) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Ockley, College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Dunottar Delight; (2) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight; (3) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (4) Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate and College Bob IV. Delight; (5) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL 3	VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

There were 108 changes of method. First peal in 32 Treble Bob methods by all.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.			Tenor 12½ cwt.
*WALTER J. SHIPP	 Treble	CHARLES F. TOVELL	 4
TOM GREENACRE	 2	EDWARD GREENACRE	 5
ERNEST A. SHIPP	 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	 Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* First peal.

BUTTERWICK, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, London Bob, Double and Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS C. NEAL Treble	JOHN R. KEMP 4
MISS LOIS M. NEAL 2	*ALBERT FLATTERS 5
ARTHUR YOONG 3	JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal of Minor.

GREAT BRICKHILL, Bucks.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILFRED EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 4
R. GORDON CROSS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE MARTIN 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells, which were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1789.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Charlwood and Neasden Delight; (2) St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (3) Chapel Treble Bob; (4) Sandal Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (6) Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

ARTHUR HIBBERT Treble	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON 4
*ROBERT ASHMORE 2	KENNETH LEWIS 5
FRED MAREDEN 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First peal away from the treble. It is 41 years since Mr. Ashmore started ringing. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. E. Ellison, secretary of the local tower. There were eight changes of method.

FOR BEGINNERS.

CALLING BOB MINOR.

In recent weeks we have endeavoured to show that there are in existence a number of Triples methods which bands would do well to practise, both for the sake of variety and for the wider experience which they will obtain. We will, perhaps, return later to other of these methods, but in the meantime, if readers are wanting more, they should obtain a copy of the Central Council's 'Collection of Triples Methods,' which can be had post free for a shilling from the Council's librarian, Mr. Wilfred Hooton, Lindley Lodge, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

A reader has asked us how he can call Bob Minor without actually ringing the observation bell. With a little study and practice he should not find it difficult. First of all, of course, he must learn to 'read' the bells while they are ringing, that is to say he must be able to follow their coursing order and to know when and where they are to dodge.

The coursing order in Bob Minor remains the same until a bob or single is called, except that in each lead the treble moves on one place, that is, goes away from lead in front of the bell it followed down.

When a bob is called, the bells in front of and behind the treble continue unchanged for another lead, but the bell that makes the bob is diverted from being next but one in front of the treble to next but one after it.

In the case of a single the bell that makes 4th's is affected as at a bob; the bell that makes 2nd's is affected as at a plain lead, that is, it hunts down before the treble and hunts up after it. The other bell, which hunts down after the treble, makes 3rd's and hunts up in front of it.

The calling places in Bob Minor can be Right (6-5 down), Wrong (5-6 up), 4th's, In or Out.

If you want to call the observation bell In or Out, watch for it hunting immediately behind or in front of the treble. If it is to make the bob it will be the bell next but one in front of the treble.

If you want to call the observation bell Right you do it when it is hunting next but one after the treble, the bell between it and the treble being the bell that will run 'In.' You yourself may, perhaps, be the bell hunting in front of the observation bell, or behind it. In that case your task of finding the right place to call the bob is simplified, as you call yourself In or Wrong as the case may be.

There are only two other positions in which you can be in relation to your observation bell. In one you will dodge in 3-4 up with it, when it is in 4-3 (down). The Right comes at the next lead, and that is when you yourself run out.

In the other position there is one bell hunting between the observation bell and you. That other bell will dodge with the observation bell in 5-6; therefore, you will make the bob.

If you have to call the observation bell Wrong, and you have already had a Right, it is, of course, easy to remember that the Wrong comes at the next lead. If there has been no bob Right, then the guides which you can use for calling Right can be adapted for the Wrong. If you are coursing immediately in front of or behind the observation bell, your task is easy. If you have one bell between the observation bell and you, you are in front of the treble and you call yourself Out; if you are in front of the observation bell, with one bell between, you are coursing the treble and you call yourself In.

Another help is that if you have two consecutive Rights or Wrongs, and you are one of the three bells sharing the work of the bobs, you are called in part of a regular cycle: In, Out, 4th's. If you are In at the first bob, you are Out at the second; if you are Out at the first, you are 4th's at the second; and if you are 4th's at the first you are In at the second.

That cycle of In, Out, 4th's is valuable in all even-bell methods where the bob is made in 4th's. It crops up whenever there is a whole course between the bobs, and applies as much to the Surprise methods as to Plain Bob.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Shropshire Association visited Malinslee on Saturday week, when, despite the weather, there was a good attendance, the following towers being represented: Madeley, Coalbrookdale, Wellington, St. Chad's (Shrewsbury), Clive and the local company.

The bells were in use at the conclusion of a wedding ceremony, and until 5 p.m. were kept going to Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

Twenty-five enjoyed the tea prepared in the Church Room by Mrs. A. Woodvine and friends, after which a business meeting was held, Mr. F. Mole being in the chair. The Rev. Parry, at one time the incumbent, and now a veteran of 90 years of age, gave the gathering his recipe for longevity, and advice on ringing, church work and life in general.

Appreciation of the welcome prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Woodvine was expressed, and the association secretary was congratulated on his forthcoming marriage.

A return was made to the tower after courses of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major had been rung on handbells.

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FOUR-METHOD SURPRISE PEAL ON HANDBELLS.**OXHEY RINGERS' GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.**

It was fairly certain, after the three method Spliced Surprise peal on handbells at Oxhey a few weeks ago, that it would not be long before this talented band would ring one which would include London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol. This they accomplished on Friday week, and everyone will heartily congratulate the ringers. It is a wonderful exhibition of skill and concentration, and the conductor's effort in ringing an inside pair as well as calling the peal is, in our view, the greatest thing in handbell ringing that has ever been done. We give the figures of the composition below:—

5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

A Four Method Peal by H. G. Cashmore.

23456		M	W	H
42356	B (one lead)	—	—	—
65324	LCL	—	—	—
43526	LCBBL	—	3	—
24536	LCLBB	—	—	3
32546	LSL	—	—	—
62453	LSBL	—	2	—
35426	LSL	—	—	—
26354	LBCL	2	—	—
53462	LCL	—	—	—
43265	LSL	—	—	—
46532	LBCL	2	—	—
34562	LCL	—	—	—
26543	LSL	—	—	—
54263	LBBSL	3	—	—
23645	LSLB	—	—	2

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CONGRATULATIONS.

Dear Sir,—I would like to be one of the many who will congratulate the Oxhey handbell band on their magnificent performance. When the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the four Surprise methods was rung at Warnham some years ago, you used the term 'mental acrobatics.' This was to describe the ringing of one bell, but what about ringing two? Good luck to 'Cashy and Co.'

C. T. COLES.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BEST MEETING OF V.W.H. BRANCH FOR EIGHT YEARS.**

The annual meeting of the Vale of White Horse Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 16th.

Ringing commenced about 2.30, and the usual Guild service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. P. C. C. Lamb (Vicar of Faringdon), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master) read the lesson, and the Rev. J. W. Cole (Rector of Hinton Waldrist) gave a very interesting address. Mr. J. Chambers was at the organ.

Tea was served to 48 ringers in the Wheatheaf Clubroom. This is the largest attendance at a branch meeting in the last eight years.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the branch chairman (the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne), the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford (Vicar of Shrivenham) presided at the annual business meeting, and was supported by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Mr. R. Gilling (branch secretary), and members from Faringdon, Shellingford and Buckland, with visitors from Abingdon, Fairford, Oxford, Reading, West Ilsley, Beedon, High Wycombe, Banbury, Bucklebury and Standlake.

The accounts for the past year were presented by the secretary and showed a balance in hand of £3 11s. 9d. in the general funds and £4 10s. 6d. in the Restoration Fund. These were considered to be very satisfactory and were passed.

The officers of the branch were all re-elected, viz.: Chairman, the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Gilling; branch representative, the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford.

Mr. G. Rogers, of Faringdon, was elected a member of the branch.

It was proposed that a by-meeting should be held at Ashbury in June and another at Hinton Waldrist in August and the autumn meeting at Buckland in October.

The Deputy Master said it gave him much pleasure to see the large number present, but it would have pleased him better if there had been more local ringers at the meeting.

The General Secretary made a few outspoken remarks and asked members to give more support to the branch officers, as it was the enthusiasm of the members that made a branch prosper.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Faringdon for conducting the service and for allowing the use of the bells, to the Rev. J. W. Cole for his excellent address, to the organist for giving his services, and to those who did the catering.

The ringers then returned to the tower and touches in various methods were rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The 6th, 7th and tenor bells of St. Mary's, Aunsey, Leicestershire, have been taken to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s foundry at Loughborough to be recast. The rededication is expected to take place in September.

There have been three honorary librarians of the Central Council: The late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, and, now, Mr. Wilfred Hooton. All have been members of Cambridge University Guild.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are rehanging the rings of five bells at Little Houghton Church, Northants, and Blakesley Church, Northants.

In the 'silent' peal in seven Treble Bob methods rung at Felkirk—the report of which appears in another column—the 2nd was used as the observation bell throughout, with the calling Out, In, Out (twice repeated) for each extent.

Pudsey Parish Church bells are to be broadcast in the Northern programme on Sunday from 5 to 5.15 p.m.

SILENCERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see that the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council recommend the use of the Davis silencer in noisy towers. Would it not be a good thing if you could print a description of this remedy in your valuable paper and a rough estimate of the cost for fixing it?

E. BANKES JAMES.

Seaford Park, Fareham, Hants.

Mr. Davis' invention consists of a form of muffle, made of thin steel plates over leather. These are tied on to the ball of the clapper. The president of the Central Council gave the cost as about £2 for a set for eight bells. Further information about these silencers can be obtained from Mr. J. E. Davis, 70, Wooler Street, Walworth, London, S.E.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN HOWES.

LEADER OF KINGSTON RINGERS.

The death took place at Kingston on Friday week of Mr. John Howes, of 9, Hawk's Road. Mr. Howes, who was 63 years of age, had been unable, through ill-health, to follow his occupation since Christmas. About a month ago he sustained a bereavement by the death of one of his daughters, and since that time he had been confined to bed.

Mr. Howes had been a ringer for over 40 years at Kingston, and captain of the band for 30 years. He was a very capable ringer and he has several compositions to his credit.

The funeral took place on the following Tuesday. The first part of the service was held in All Saints' Church, and the interment afterwards in the cemetery.

FIFTY YEARS A CUMBERLAND.

DEATH OF MR. F. G. GODDARD.

It is with much regret we have to report the passing of a well-known Isleworth ringer, Mr. F. G. Goddard, who died in the West Middlesex Hospital on Monday, June 1st, and was buried in Isleworth Cemetery on Friday last. The bells of Isleworth Parish Church were rung half-muffled as the funeral procession proceeded from the house to the cemetery, stopping for a few moments as it passed the church. This was a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples, rung by Miss O. L. Ashbrook 1, W. Massey 2, G. H. Cross 3, C. J. Tricker 4, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, H. Belcher 7, W. Lidbetter 8. At the cemetery handbells were rung over the grave by J. Milner 1-2, T. H. Taffender 3-4, H. Belcher 5-6, G. H. Cross 7-8.

Among ringers present were Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master, London County Association), Mr. G. H. Cross (Master, Royal Cumberland Youths), Miss O. L. Ashbrook, Messrs. J. Milner, C. J. Tricker, H. Belcher, Biggs, W. Elson, W. Barrett, W. Massey, W. Lidbetter, J. Beadle, Stevens, F. E. Hawthorne, etc.

Mr. Goddard was a keen tower and handbell ringer and a perfect striker. His personality will long be remembered by all who had the pleasure of meeting him. He was one of the members of the old West Middlesex Association before its amalgamation, as the South and West District, with the Middlesex County Association. He was also a member of the old St. James' Society, afterwards the London County Association, and for over 50 years a Royal Cumberland.

In the evening, after the funeral, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Isleworth unfortunately came to grief after about 40 minutes' good ringing, the following members taking part: W. Ellingham 1, W. Massey 2, Miss O. L. Ashbrook 3, H. O. Chandler 4, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 5, W. Barrett 6, A. Jones 7, R. K. Mowforth 8. Afterwards some touches were rung with the inclusion of W. Lidbetter, N. H. Manning and F. Bishop. On Sunday morning, by special request of the Vicar, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: E. Webb 1, Miss O. L. Ashbrook 2, J. Beadle 3, N. H. Manning (first quarter and first attempt) 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, H. Brooks 8.

F. F. H.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. FIRST MEETING UNDER NEW RULES.

Statistics Prove it a Representative Body.

There was, as we reported last week, a record attendance at the meeting of the Central Council in London on Whitsun Tuesday. Of the 127 elected members, representing the 49 affiliated associations, 102 were present, together with 12 out of 15 honorary members, making a total attendance of 114. By permission of the Lord Mayor and the City Corporation, the meeting was held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall. Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, occupied the chair and had with him on the dais at the outset the Dean of St. Paul's (Dr. Matthews). The detailed list of the members present was given in our last issue.

DEAN MATTHEWS' WELCOME.

The President accorded a very warm welcome to the Dean of St. Paul's.

Dr. Matthews, in reply, said he was afraid he was taking the place of a far more distinguished person than himself—the Lord Mayor—but, nevertheless, he was very glad to have the opportunity of giving a welcome to the Council to London and that great and ancient building—the Guildhall. He had at least one qualification to speak to bell-ringers in that he had been connected with two very famous places which were noted for their bells—Exeter Cathedral and St. Paul's Cathedral. He had often been amazed when he had seen people make the great bells in Exeter speak, but he confessed that he had not seen the bell-ringers in St. Paul's in action. The stairs one had to go up were somewhat difficult to a person of his habit and body.

Bellringing, continued the Dean, was in many ways a definite English occupation. He thought he was right in saying that change ringing was not known in any but Anglo-Saxon countries. Those who had heard bells in foreign parts had been astonished at the jingling and inconsequent row in contrast to the orderly and intricate manner in which the bells of this country were rung. It was a very ancient occupation, and one the Church ought to do all they could to encourage. How many people in foreign parts, in exile from the homeland, when they thought of their home town thought first of the sound of the bells which they used to hear. He always remembered someone in the wilds of Australia and a native of Exeter who told him that he often recalled the sound of the Cathedral bells when they were ringing and that was his chief memory of home.

Ringing was a very interesting and very great occupation which they had come there to discuss and represent.

'May I,' concluded the Dean, 'not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of the Lord Mayor and all the citizens of London, give you a very hearty welcome to this city and hope that your conference and your ringing will be very pleasant to you and you will go away from this city with very happy memories of the time you spent in it' (applause).

The President, in thanking Dr. Matthews for his welcome, said they could hardly hope the Lord Mayor could have been there, but he was not sure that it was not more appropriate that they should have the Dean of St. Paul's with them that day, for the ringing of bells had grown up in the use of services of the Church. There were some 4,000 or 5,000 peals of bells in the country, and he could only recall four in secular places—one of them being the Imperial Institute, where he had the pleasure of ringing the previous day. The others were at Manchester Town Hall, Morpeth Watch Tower and Quex Park. It was an art which had formed a definite part of the Church, and for that reason it was appropriate that they should be welcomed by one of the leading ecclesiastical authorities in the city.

OVER 20,000 RINGERS REPRESENTED ON COUNCIL.

After the Dean had left, the first business was to receive from the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) a report as to the representation of societies. After calling attention to the conditions of membership laid down under the new rules, the hon. secretary's report said:—

The operation of the rule governing affiliation divides the associations into two groups—(1) territorial associations, and (2) non-territorial associations. In Group 1 there are three sections: (a) Associations with annual subscribing members; (b) associations whose members pay one life subscription only; (c) associations made up of affiliated towers with no individual subscriptions.

In this Council we have 43 associations in Group 1, of which 41 are in section (a). The aggregate membership of this section is returned as 21,860, made up of 19,445 annual subscribing ringing members, 1,674 annual subscribing honorary members, 438 resident life ringing members and 303 resident life honorary members.

Two associations previously associated with the Council are no longer included, the Sherwood Youths, who could no longer show a minimum membership of 75, and the Sussex County Association, who are considering the matter at their meeting on June 20th. The North Wales Association has rejoined. The representation of this section is 116, but only 111 members have been elected—vacancies being left in Bath and Wells, Lancashire, North Notts, North Wales, Swansea and Brecon, and Worcester and Districts Associations.

The London County Association falls into section (b). No particulars as to numbers of its members are available, but efforts are being made to obtain them. The secretary has estimated that the numbers justify three representatives. The Truro Diocesan Guild have 66 towers affiliated with a fee of 5s. per tower. They have elected one representative only.

In Group 2 are the following associations: Ancient Society of College Youths, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Cambridge University Guild, Oxford University Society, Oxford Society and the Ladies' Guild. The Oxford Society and the Ladies' Guild are the only two associations in this group to furnish actual figures of membership. Approximate figures have been supplied by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. The group is represented by 14 representatives. An affiliation fee of 5s. has been received from the St. Clement Youths, but no particulars of membership are available and no member has been elected. Excluding the St. Clement Youths the total membership of the Council is as follows: Associations affiliated 49, total members to which entitled 134, total members elected 127.

All these associations have given an undertaking to loyally abide by the rules and decisions of the Council.

The total number of hon. members is 15.

With the exception of two associations, the North Notts and the Swansea and Brecon, who, whilst entitled to elect two representatives each, have only paid the fee for one member, all affiliation fees due to the Council have been paid.

Last year there were 51 affiliated associations; this year the number is 49.

WHY THE PRESIDENT 'SPEAKS OUT.'

The Hon. Secretary stated that only one nomination for the office of president for the ensuing three years had been received, namely, Mr. E. H. Lewis, nominated by Mr. F. M. Mitchell and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen.

On being put to the meeting by Canon Coleridge, the election was agreed to with loud applause.

Mr. Lewis thanked the members for the honour they had done to him by re-electing him. He felt sometimes that he could not do all that he should do for the Council. He had a good many calls upon his time, apart from ringing, but the fact that they had nominated him for a further period of three years seemed to show that he had not lost their confidence. If they would bear with him he would do his best to carry on as he had done for the last six years (applause). He was afraid he sometimes got into trouble with some people for talking rather bluntly, but he had a feeling that it was his duty to say things straight out, if he saw that certain things were not what they should be. He did so, not because he wished to put his personal opinions over those of other people, but he felt, by putting him in that position, the Council had given him authority to speak out when things required saying (hear, hear). He got into serious trouble at Bristol not long ago because one of the ecclesiastical authorities there seemed to think he (Mr. Lewis) inferred that he was a fool. He had no intention of saying that. (A Voice: 'But he was'—laughter.) What he did intend to hint, continued Mr. Lewis, was that some architects were fools and that some were, perhaps, clever enough to befool ecclesiastical authorities. What he said was not meant for the particular authority in question, but he (the ecclesiastic) had taken it so. He hoped some day to meet him and explain. On the previous day, continued Mr. Lewis, during the ringing at Westminster Abbey, he felt obliged to say that it was quite hopeless to ring changes if the band who got hold of the ropes could not ring rounds, and he felt compelled to request one of the ringers to hand over his rope to somebody else. If the Council would endorse what he had said in the past it would give him courage to speak out again in the future when he thought it necessary to do so (hear, hear, and applause).

The President then said that only one nomination had been received for the office of hon. secretary and treasurer. Only Mr. Fletcher had been nominated. Those who had had experience of Mr. Fletcher's period of office would agree with him that they could not possibly have anyone else. Mr. Fletcher was absolutely priceless as a secretary, and he had made his work as president very much less. It was a real pleasure to have such a secretary to work with (applause).

Mr. Fletcher's re-election was agreed to with applause, and, in acknowledging his election, the Hon. Secretary appealed for more assistance from some of the members and some secretaries of associations. It was very difficult, he said, when information was wanted, to be told that it could not be given, when all the while it could be obtained locally far easier than he could get it. During the next three years there would be a lot of work to do, and they wanted to keep the Council posted up to date. When information was required he hoped members would kindly give it to him as speedily as possible.

NEW LIBRARIAN.

The President reminded the Council of the loss by death of the late librarian, and said that they had now to fill the post. It was a post that was not very easy to fill, because it required not only a person with qualities that made a suitable librarian, but also someone who had at disposal a certain amount of room to contain the library and literature, which altogether ran to something like 15 cwt. of material. No nomination had been received, but the Standing Committee had considered the matter and recommended the election of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.

Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed the election of Mr. Hooton, who would, he believed, make an excellent librarian for the Council.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher seconded, and, the motion having been carried unanimously, Mr. Hooton, as a new member (one of the representatives of the Midland Counties Association), was introduced to the president and took his seat on the dais.

The formal presentation to the president caused some amusement, as Mr. Hooton is Mr. Lewis' son-in-law.

Mr. Hooton, who was warmly received, said he was very proud that he was a friend of the last two librarians. He admired them both very much. He could not hope to be as efficient as Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake. He saw some of Mr. Drake's work, and it was very good. He would, however, do his best in any way he could (applause).

The auditors (Messrs. C. T. Coles and A. A. Hughes) were re-elected. There were nine retiring hon. members, including Mr. Joseph Griffin, who, the President said, had tendered his resignation from the Council. The Standing Committee recommended the Council to accept the resignation, as, with advancing years, Mr. Griffin had not been able to attend the meetings for a considerable time.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed the re-election of the following: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, C. F. Johnston, C. W. Roberts, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex. Young.—Mr. W. T. Cockerill seconded and the motion was carried.

In the place of Mr. J. Griffin, the Rev. F. L. Edwards proposed the election, subject to his consent, of the Earl of Shaftesbury, who, he said, took a keen, practical interest in ringing, and who, although he had reached an advanced stage of life, had learned elementary change ringing.—Mr. C. H. Jennings, who seconded, said the Earl of Shaftesbury was the first peer of the realm to do any change ringing.—The Rev. H. Drake supported the motion, which was carried.

LOSSES BY DEATH.

The President next referred to the losses sustained by death, which this year, he said, had been very heavy. On Good Friday, as they knew, they lost Canon Elsee, who represented the Lancashire Association from the beginning of the Council up till 1935. During these 44 years he had attended 40 meetings. He was a member of the Standing Committee and had been president of the Lancashire Association for something over 40 years. He was a most valuable member of the Council, and although he did not often speak, when he did speak he always had something very good in the way of advice to give them. He did not think there was any member on whom they could rely for more sound advice than the late Canon Elsee. They missed him very much. Shortly before Canon Elsee died they heard of the tragic death of their late librarian, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who represented the Hertford County Association from 1919 to 1923 and the Ely Diocesan Association from 1929 to 1935. He attended 13 Council meetings and had been honorary librarian since 1933, having succeeded Mr. Jenkyn. His work as librarian was excellent, and as an official they would miss him very much. They would also miss him, many of them, as a very good friend. He (the president) felt their loss very much indeed, because both were members of the Cambridge University Guild, and he had known them from his earliest ringing days, and they were both godfathers to one of his children.

Continuing, the President said the Council had also lost the Rev. O. A. Clements, who represented the Lancashire Association in quite its early days, 1895 to 1902. From 1927 to 1935 he represented Chester Diocesan Guild. He had attended seven of their meetings, and some of those present knew him in the early days as a very good companion as well as a keen ringer. The death had also occurred of the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, a representative of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association from 1927 to 1935. Unfortunately, he was not in good health and had not been able to attend any meetings. Mr. R. A. Daniell represented the Royal Cumberland Youths from 1900 to 1911 and had been an honorary member from 1912 to 1923. He had attended 13 meetings of the Council and had done a great deal of work for the Exercise in the way of historical research. As the Council knew, he had something to do with the finding of the will of Fabian Stedman. He was a man who was very keen on ringing, although perhaps one could not class him as a very great ringer from the point of view of striking. He used to ring at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, where he was also in the choir for many years. They had also lost Mr. E. E. Richards, who represented the Kent County Association from 1891 to 1893, and then the St. James' Society from 1894 to 1896. He attended four of the meetings in those early days. Death had also removed an old member in Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, who represented the College Youths from 1903 to 1905 and 1909 to 1911. He attended two meetings, presumably the two held in London.

In addition to these members of the Council, continued the President, he would like to refer to one other very good friend whom they had lost. Although he was not an active ringer, he was a very good friend to ringers and that Council; he referred to Mr. A. R. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. Some of the members of the Council would remember that, before the war, they used to quarrel with Mr. Powys and his society, and the Towers and Belfries Committee really originated from the fact that a

letter of Mr. Powys, or of his society, was brought to the notice of the Council, and they decided to join issue with the society. They got to grips in 1912, but did not get very far until, through the intervention of Major Hesse, they met Mr. Powys. They then realised he was a man they could get on with. He was a most charming man; absolutely honest, particularly with himself and his own opinions, and immediately he saw that any of his opinions were wrong he was ready to withdraw them and readjust his views. Through that quality of his, the Towers and Belfries Committee were able to do a lot of good work with Mr. Powys, and he used to be able to influence his 'die-hards.' At Mr. Powys' invitation, 'die-hards' on both sides used to meet at the luncheon table sometimes. It worked very well, much good resulted and they became very good friends. He (the president) felt they could not on that occasion omit to make mention of Mr. Powys and to say what a good friend they had lost in him. He and Mr. Fletcher represented the Council at the memorial service, which was held at the Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr.

The Council expressed their regret at the losses sustained and their sympathy with the bereaved by standing in silence.

A number of new members were formally presented to the president.

BELLS IN NEW HOUSING AREAS.

When the minutes of the last meeting came up for confirmation, the Rev. Llewellyn Edwards reported on the action taken in connection with the motion passed last year urging the provision of peals of bells in new housing estates. In collaboration with the late Canon Elsee, he drew up a letter to bring the matter to the notice of Bishops and Archbishops. Twenty-four replies had been received and they had been classified as good, bad and indifferent. Indifferent replies numbered five, and there were two unfavourable replies, and in view of the qualities of the ringing in their respective dioceses they came from Bishops who ought to know better. One was the Bishop of Birmingham, who, in reply, said he could only say that in his opinion necessities must come before luxuries. The other was from the Bishop of Oxford, who stated, 'I am afraid it is very difficult to press for peals of bells in such towers. When I lived in Oxford I used to think we could do with far fewer bells.'

All the four Archbishops' replies were classified as good. The Archbishop of York expressed his gratitude to the Council. The Archbishop of Armagh said he had sent it to the Bishop of Down, who was the only Bishop in his province who had to deal with new housing estates. The letter from the Bishop of Manchester was of melancholy interest, as it stated that it would be handed over to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, of which the late Canon Elsee was a member. The Bishop of Gloucester indulged in quiet humour by suggesting that bellringers should form funds for that purpose. The two best replies were from the Bishop of Chester and the Bishop of Norwich. The Bishop of Chester wrote 'that any information you care to send me I will gladly bring before the Committee of Church Buildings,' and the Bishop of Norwich said he would bring it before the Committee of the New Churches.

ADDITIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S LIBRARY.

The report on the library and publications, printed in 'The Ringing World' of June 5th, was presented by the hon. secretary.

The President said the booklet on 'The Law Affecting Church Bells' had been referred to Alderman Pritchett for revision, and would be put into the printer's hands almost immediately. A paragraph would be added on the question of insurance, as well as the Rev. H. Drake's notes on faculties.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, in moving the adoption of the report, said when Mr. R. A. Daniell died he went through his MSS. and books, with a view to securing any of value for the Council's library. He secured a copy of the 1733 J. D. and C. M. 'Campanologia' and a photograph of Stedman's will, which he had handed over. The 'Campanologia' was an edition which he thought they had not got in the library. It was in perfect condition, except that the leather binding had gone. During the past year, Mr. Trollope said, he had been able to secure, through a nephew of the late Mr. Jerram, two other books, which Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake bought for the library. One of these books contained a copy of a book published in 1698 by J. White. It was a very rare book. There was one copy in the British Museum, the Rev. W. Pearson had a mutilated copy, but these were all he knew of. It was bound up with another edition of the J. D. and C. M. The other book was a second edition of Hubbard's work, which was also rare. It was particularly interesting because it contained an autographed letter from Hubbard. The books were a considerable acquisition to the library, as they very seldom came on the market.

Mr. E. J. Butler seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.**PENDING RESIGNATION OF MASTER AND GENERAL TREASURER.****A New District Secretary.**

A meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at Banstead on Saturday, June 6th, when 29 members and friends attended from Benhilton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Ewell, Leatherhead, London, Merton and Uckfield. Ringing commenced at 3.45 p.m. and continued until 5 o'clock, when short evensong was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. N. Skene. Tea was served at the Victoria Hotel, followed by a business meeting, over which the Ringing Master, Mr. D. Cooper, presided.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Cooper reported that their secretary, Mr. F. W. Housden, had been obliged to tender his resignation owing to removal from the district, and that it had become necessary to find a new secretary. At a committee meeting held on April 20th, Mr. F. G. Woodiss offered to carry out duties of secretary until the end of the year. This offer was accepted and Mr. Woodiss was declared elected as hon. secretary pro tem.

The Chairman also said that it was with extreme regret that he had to report the death of two former members of the association, who had just passed away—Mr. John Howes, of Kingston-on-Thames, and Mr. F. E. Goddard, of Isleworth. Although they were not at the time of their death members of the association, they had been very active in past years and had rung many peals for the association. He asked the meeting to stand in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to their memory.

Two new members were elected—the Rev. G. Hart, of St. John's, Croydon, and Mr. Alfred Long, of Benhilton.

The Secretary said that it was his duty to report the receipt of the resignation of their Master, Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt, who had so well and ably presided over the fortunes of the association for the past six years. It was most unfortunate that this resignation had been brought about by ill-health, and, whilst there was some consolation in the fact that Mr. Birt had agreed to carry on until the end of the year, the members had to realise that they would be losing the services of their Master, and expressed a wish for his speedy recovery to perfect health and strength.

Mr. D. Wright informed the meeting that their general treasurer, Mr. Charles Dean, had expressed a wish to resign at the end of the year, owing to pressure of business, and that it would also be necessary to find a new treasurer as well as a new Master.

Mr. Woodiss said that he had received a letter from the secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths making application for Beddington tower for a meeting on Saturday, July 25th. This happened to be the date fixed for their joint meeting with the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Ramore, and it was felt that it would not be possible to make a success of both meetings. The subject was left in the hands of the secretary to do all he could to avoid a clash of dates for these two meetings.

The Secretary announced that the annual dinner would take place at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, October 3rd, and requested the members to keep that date free. A big improvement in the arrangements over those of last year had been made.

Some excellent handbell ringing was heard, after which most of the members returned to the tower, where ringing from rounds to Spliced Surprise continued until 9 o'clock.

RINGER'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

On Wednesday, May 27th, at St. Mary's Church, Frensham, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mills, of St. Austin's, Frensham, who on that day celebrated their diamond wedding.

Mr. Mills was for 33 years a ringer at St. Mary's and was for many years captain of the company. He rang his first peal at the age of 60.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills were the recipients of many presents, including a silver modelled bell inkstand from the local band.

The ringers taking part in the quarter-peal were: N. Overington (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Ackerman 2, Miss Doris Aslett (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, E. J. Pepler 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**CHANGE IN MASTERSHIP.**

The fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Essex Association was held in Chelmsford on Whit Monday, when a large number of ringers from all over the county gathered. The Provost could not attend owing to a slight chill, and in his absence the service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Davies. The lesson was read by the Master, Mr. E. P. Duffield, and an address was given by the Rev. Canon J. H. Barrow, of Stansted.

Canon Barrow based his address on the word 'bells,' taking the five letters of the word to represent various aspects and points of the duties of the bellringers, and summing up his address with the words, 'Beautiful, enthusiastic, loyal, loving, service.'

The retiring Master, Mr. Duffield, presided at the business meeting which followed in the Chapter House.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.

The annual report stated that it was a record of satisfactory achievement and steady progress. The number of towers in affiliation was 114, an increase of seven on the year. The membership comprised hon. members 86, ringing members 778, and non-resident members 244, an increase of 24. There was an average attendance of about 40 members at the divisional meetings. It was somewhat disturbing to again report a sharp decline in the number of peals rung under the auspices of the association. The total last year was 81, a reduction of 14 compared with 1934. It was mainly in handbell peals that the decline occurred. The enforced retirement from peal ringing of Mr. William Keeble, one of their most active peal conductors, following as it did the lamented death of Mr. William Pye, had undoubtedly been the main reason for the reduced number of peals. Lest any should suppose that the standard of ringing had deteriorated, it could be said that never were the more advanced methods practised in so many of their towers as now. Thirty-six ringers shared in conducting peals. Twenty-five members rang their first peal, and sixty their first in a new method. Two trebles had been added at Fobbing, thus completing the octave, while at Thorpe-le-Soken, where the bells had for many years been unringable, a new metal frame had been installed, and a treble added to the old peal of five, which had been retuned. The bells at Havering-atte-Bower and Wivenhoe had been rehung.

The statement of accounts was particularly satisfactory, and for the first time the reserve fund exceeded £250. Total income for the year was slightly less at £68 1s. 7d., but expenditure had been only £50 4s. 11d., a reduction of £20. One grant, of £2 2s., to Little Waltham, had been made from the Bell Restoration Fund, the balance on which was now just over £60. In every division the officers had been re-elected to serve in 1936. They had merited and received sincere thanks for their unstinted services.

At the election of officers, the vote for the Master to succeed Mr. Duffield was between Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips (Great Baddow) and Mr. George Black (Woodford), and the former was elected by 38 votes to 32.

Other officers were re-elected, including Mr. L. J. Clark (hon. secretary and treasurer), and Mr. L. W. Wiffen (peal secretary).

Dr. Spencer-Phillips took over the chair from Mr. Duffield at this point, and thanked the members for electing him, observing that he would do his best (applause).

A grant of £15 to the William Pye Memorial was confirmed. The Chairman announced that grants from the Restoration Fund of £2 2s. to Fobbing, and of £5 5s. each to North Weald and Great Waltham had been made.

Luncheon followed at the Golden Fleece Hotel.

During the day the bells of the Cathedral and churches in surrounding parishes were rung, the methods ranging from Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BACK AGAIN INTO ITS STRIDE.**

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Thirsk on Whit Monday. Ringers attended from Thirsk, Ripon, Middlesbrough, Guisborough, Tadcaster, Leeds, Bradford, Darlington, Kirby Wiske and Brighouse. After an excellent dinner, provided at the Golden Lion Hotel, considerable business was dealt with at the meeting.

The election of officers resulted in Mr. J. C. Pollard being elected president, Mr. T. Metcalfe Ringing Master, Messrs. T. Tingle, T. Lancaster, G. F. Alexander and J. Stott vice-presidents, and Mr. J. Reed secretary and treasurer.

After some discussion it was decided to hold meetings on the last Saturday but one in January and September, and the last Saturday in April and June instead of on Bank Holidays as at present.

The next annual meeting will be held at Ripon, and the other meetings will be at Richmond in September, Skelton in January and Whitby in April.

Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Austin), who gave a very instructive address and welcomed the association to Thirsk.

The bells were kept going to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

The meeting proved that the association is again back into its stride as a lively and active body.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. NEW SECRETARY OF MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Worsley. The Rev. I. Renshaw officiated at the service, and gave a brief outline of the work done for the Exercise by the late president of the association (Canon H. J. Elsee). The speaker said that his, Canon Elsee's, had been a life devoted to the good of his fellow-ringers, and urged the ringers themselves to carry on and follow the example that had been shown them. He stressed the fact that it was their duty to bring forward recruits to train them in a manner that would make the art interesting and fascinating to them. 'I leave it to you ringers,' he said. 'It is up to you, each and everyone, to uphold the ringers' art and use it to its utmost advantage. It is your duty. If during the coming year each ringer could account for only one new member, then that ringer would be doing a very great service to his church.'

Tea was served in the Mill Brow Cafe, after which the business of the meeting was conducted, with the Rev. Scott in the chair.

Places chosen for the next quarter's meetings were: June, Barlow Moor; July, Whitefield; and August, Eccles.

Mr. J. H. Ridyard, Worsley, was elected to succeed Mr. D. Brown as secretary of the branch, the thanks of the members being accorded to the retiring secretary for his services.

The election of the following was confirmed: The Rev. J. R. Southern and Mr. W. Hutton, Birch; Messrs. J. Carter, Manchester Town Hall; L. Reynolds, Prestwich; H. A. McKinnell, Bowden; H. Gaskill, Gorton; and E. Latchford, Salford.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar and organist, and to the local ringers for the preparations made and for the welcome that is always received at Worsley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A very enjoyable time was spent on the occasion of the branch meeting at Seend on June 6th. The bells, a ring of six, tenor 14½ cwt., 'go' excellently, and, in spite of new ropes, some splendid touches in various methods were successfully brought round. The Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Butler, conducted the Guild office, Mr. S. E. White accompanying the singing on the organ. The Vicar afterwards entertained the members to tea, to which 33 sat down at the Bell Inn.

Mr. E. F. White presided at the short meeting. The Vicar, who was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies, was thanked most heartily for his hospitality. Three new life ringing members were elected, and Trowbridge was mentioned as the venue for the half-yearly meeting on July 4th.

Visitors made the journey from Kington Magna, Stoke Wake and Rodbourne Cheney, and representatives were present from Devizes (St. John's), Clifton, Bromham, Rowde, Market Lavington, Holt, Southbroom, Trowbridge, Potterne, Westbury, Warminster, Melksham and Seend. Methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

FORTY YEARS' SERVICE COMMEMORATED.

A meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Biddulph on Saturday, June 6th. Thirty-three members were present from Burslem, Bucknall, Brown Edge, Biddulph, Cheadle, Kidsgrove, Kingsley, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Stoke-on-Trent and Uttoxeter.

A peal tablet was unveiled by the Vicar of Biddulph (the Rev. S. Myers Bridge) to commemorate the 40 years of faithful service of the conductor (Mr. J. Cottrell) as a ringer of Biddulph on December 16th, 1935. The tablet also put on record a peal rung on December 15th, 1932, to celebrate the jubilee of the North Staffs and District Association.

A service was held, and the Vicar gave a very interesting address.

Tea followed in the Schoolroom, which was kindly given by the Biddulph ringers.

Afterwards the usual vote of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and to the ringers for the use of the bells. The company stood in silence for a minute as a last mark of respect to Mr. P. Preston, of Stone.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Hunt 1, A. J. Smith 2, B. Wilson 3, J. A. Herbert 4, E. G. Shone 5, A. E. Rushton 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, F. A. D. Newman 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 4 and 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. King, hon. secretary to the Luton band.

HINDLEY, LANCs.—At St. Peter's Church on Sunday evening, June 7th, for ringers' sermons, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. W. Leigh 1, *H. Shackleton 2, J. L. Wright 3, J. Halsall 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, *H. Cooper 6, T. Smith (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, *J. Platt 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles for evening service on Whit Sunday and for the dedication of the Mothers' Union banner by the Rev. W. H. B. Corban, Vicar of Romsey: B. Thomas 1, *A. E. Phillips 2, *D. H. Short 3, †H. A. Mitchell 4, H. H. Alexander (conductor) 5, E. F. Perry 6. * First quarter and first attempt. † First quarter of Doubles.

KENT'S VETERAN HONOURED.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD CELEBRATE MR. C. SLINGSBY'S BIRTHDAY.

Once again the Romney Marsh and District Guild met at Aldington on May 30th to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Charles Slingsby, who reached the great age of 99 years on May 26th. A company of about 80 assembled from all parts of Kent to honour this fine old ringer, who is remarkably well and active in spite of his years. The county of Kent is enormously proud of him. The company was especially honoured this year by the presence of the Bishop of Dover (the Very Rev. O. W. Rose), who came especially to preach at the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. S. Long. The Bishop, in a most interesting, homely way, spoke of the splendid example of Mr. Slingsby over a great many years, and also pointed out the importance of the ringer's office.

After the service, the company were entertained to tea by the Rector and Mrs. Long, and waited on by lady helpers. The Bishop presided for a short time, but had to leave early to take a Confirmation in the Isle of Sheppey. However, before he left he was thanked for his visit, and, in reply, said he was more than pleased to have had an opportunity of, as it were, officially recognising the ringers.

The small amount of monthly business was quickly disposed of, and afterwards votes of thanks were accorded to all who had helped with the meeting, especially the Rector and Mrs. Long.

The Rector expressed the hope that the Guild would meet there next year in honour of 'the centenary.'

The company had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Slingsby speak for a few moments, during which he referred to his keen interest in 'The Ringing World,' the means by which he was able to see 'What you do and what you don't do!' This remark caused a good deal of laughter.

It is hoped that he will reach his 'century,' and, if so, the invitation to the celebration of the occasion will extend far beyond the Romney Marsh Guild.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

NORTHERN DISTRICT CONTRETEMPS.

A meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 31st. Owing to confusion in the notices of the meeting, the date of which had been altered, it had been finally advertised in 'The Ringing World' as for June 27th; consequently there was but a poor attendance. This was unfortunate both for those who attended and those who had wished to attend.

Miss L. Kathleen Bowling, vice-president of the district, was among those who had no knowledge of the change of date, and regrets she was, therefore, not able to attend the meeting herself or advise the many friends who had promised to be present.

TWO DISTRICTS MEET AT READING.

The Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, in conjunction with the Central District, held a meeting at St. Mary's, Reading, on Saturday, June 6th. The bells were raised at 3 o'clock and ringing commenced with a course of Stedman Triples by seven ladies, with 'Henry VIII.' on the tenor. Later the ladies manned all the bells for Grandsire Triples and also for London Surprise. The sterner sex were given the chance of one or two touches 'on their own.'

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. G. Parham), who extended a warm welcome to the Guild and gave a delightful address. Thirty-five ringers, 22 being ladies, sat down to tea in the Church House.

The Vicar looked in at tea, but regretted he was unable to accept an invitation to join the party.

Before the ringers dispersed to visit St. Laurence's belfry, Miss V. Robinson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, to Dr. Joyce for making arrangements, and to the organist and Mr. Dyke. The organist, Dr. Doughtrey, and Mr. Dyke deserved a special vote of thanks for composing between them the tune to the ringers' hymn just before the service.

The Southern District held a short business meeting, with Miss V. Robinson in the chair. Three new members were elected, viz., Miss D. Aslett (Frensham), Mrs. Rose Evans (Reading), and Mrs. Reeves, of Bradfield, rejoined.

It was proposed to hold the annual meeting at Seale on July 4th in conjunction with the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild.

Letters of apology for absence were received from Mrs. Bruce (vice-president), Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Steedman, Mrs. Whittington and Miss Reynolds.

The secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Melville wishing her husband a speedy recovery from his accident.

The ladies then rejoined the rest at St. Laurence's and took part in rounds, Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve.

The following towers were represented: Aldershot, Beaconsfield, Bradfield, Brockley, Bramley, Bucklebury, Burnham, Crookham, Dartford, Epsom, East Ham, Enfield, High Wycombe, Kensington, Norwich, Reading, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Willesden, Wokingham and Chislehurst.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, St. Andrew's on the 18th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, St. Michael's on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 13th. Service at 5 o'clock. — A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Palgrave (8) on June 13th. Tea at the School at 4.30.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District (Romney Marsh Guild).—The next meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5.15. Business meetings after. It is very important that at least one from each tower in union in the district shall attend this meeting. Half travelling expenses will be paid.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Turners Hill on Saturday, June 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Business meeting follows tea. Half-rail fares to members. — O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. Helen, Sefton, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. Please notify Mr. R. Guy, Lunk Lane, Sefton.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Buxted (8 bells) on Saturday, June 13th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Business meeting to follow.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Nunburnholme on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. each. Bus leaves Market Weighton Church 2.30 p.m. Market Weighton bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, June 13th. As it is also the local field day it will be well worth a visit, also to see the new ringing chamber. Tea can be obtained cheap in the school. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I. of W. District.—A by-practice meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. (Methods, Double Norwich and Bob Major Reversed.) Tea at 5 p.m. — Hy. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, I. of W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, June 13th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea (price 1s. 3d.) at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this historic tower.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

LADIES' GUILD (Northern Branch) AND SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Saturday, June 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Acle on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Please send names or numbers for tea.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Linden Cottage.—All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stourton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Mere, Zeals, Bourton and Siltan bells also available. All welcome.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Nether Winchendon on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (5) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Cuddington (6 bells) available after tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bourn on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Will all please help to make this meeting a great success?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held to-morrow, Saturday, June 13th, at Sunbury-on-Thames. Service at 5. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30. Sunbury bells (8) 3 to 5 p.m. Hampton (8) and Shepperton (5) bells available from 7 to 8 p.m. Short notice regretted.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—A joint meeting of the Rutland and Kettering Branches will be held at Uppingham on Sat., June 13th. Bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Please notify early for tea to S. H. Towell, 17, King's Road, Oakham, Rutland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness to-morrow, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) will be ready at 2.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service and tea at times suitable. Please advise Mr. H. W. Giddings, 2a, Church Street, March, Cambs, by 17th, numbers for tea. I earnestly appeal for good attendance at this meeting.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington on Sat., June 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 17th inst.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura St., Crewe.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, E.C., on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, 17th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at Chaddesley Corbett (8 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head will be provided for all those whose names are sent to the Branch Sec. not later than Wed., June 17th.—Wm. B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham. Phone: King's Norton 1542.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above Branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. H. Smith, 30, High Street, Thatcham, nr. Newbury, by Wednesday, June 17th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in St. Mary's Parish Room, 9d. to fully-paid-up members, to others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, the 16th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Stamford on Saturday, June 20th. The bells of All Saints' and St. Martin's are available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney St., Peterborough.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The 125th Ringing Anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Teashop opposite church. Hearty invitation extended to all ringers.—S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Fillongley (not Bilton as previously arranged) on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, near Coventry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends welcome. Please come, a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, June 20th. Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' open for ringing 2.30 till 3.45 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Special service at St. Nicholas' Church 4.15; address by the Vicar, the Rev. L. N. Phillips, M.A., M.C. Meat tea at St. Nicholas' Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. each, members 1s. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members. Secretaries should notify the undersigned the number to be expected from their towers not later than Wednesday, June 17th.—S. E. Armstrong, Assist. Hon. Gen. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Doncaster, Barnsley and Sheffield Societies and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Penistone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. A. Champion, 9, Shrewsbury Road, Penistone, by Thursday, the 18th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, West Didsbury, on Saturday, June 20th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyrd, Hon. Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me by Monday, June 15th.—C. M. Meyer, Hon. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hunton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Beautiful bells and lovely country for a mid-summer meeting. Please write for tea to Mr. H. H. Foreman, West Street, Hunton, before Wednesday, the 17th.—D. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burescombe on June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification for tea by Monday, June 15th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Stanmore, June 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.45. Please advise me by 17th inst. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wethersfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, the 17th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthias', Burley, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. No. 4 Tramway Car from Leeds City Square.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Brancepeth on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 17th.—R. Jeffs, Dis. Sec., 29, Reid St., Darlington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (8) on Saturday, June 20th (Thurcaston not available). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. (notify me by Wed. previous). Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions due and Reports to hand.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, June 20th. Usual arrangements. Make this a record crowd.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon on Saturday, June 27th. 3 p.m. service at Cathedral; 4 p.m. tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop); 4.30 p.m. business meeting. Times of ringing will be sent to each tower. Kindly let the Secretary know number for tea by June 20th.—L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The first general quarterly meeting will be at Eckington, near Chesterfield, on Saturday, June 27th. Norton not available. Full details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Almondsbury on Saturday, June 27th. Bells 8.30 p.m. Service and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea. Practice meeting at St. Werburgh's on June 30th.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector at 5.30 p.m., in the Parish Room. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, June 23rd. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Rd., Reigate, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The summer meeting will be held at All Saints', Bingley, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Tea (1/6) in the Church House at 5.30, but please notify Mr. A. Hopewell, 15, Westleigh, Bingley, before Thurs., June 25th. Business meeting immediately after tea. A good attendance is earnestly desired.—F. Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Sat., July 4th. Details of bells available, tea, meeting, etc. will follow next week.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Outing will be held on Saturday, July 18th, Coach leaving Hersham 2 p.m. sharp, picking up en route to Egham, then proceeding to Wargrave, Shiplake and Henley. Cost approx. 4/6 each including tea. Names as soon as possible please to F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cott., Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. Also book June 27th for Chobham. More particulars next week.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec.

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