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IT RESTS WITH RINGERS.

Among the subjects discussed on report by the Central Council was that of 'The Ringing World.' The question of securing the future of a ringing journal by providing a satisfactory circulation has been before the Council at two or three previous meetings, but very little of a practical nature has ever come out of the discussions, and it was so on this occasion. We know, as well as most people, how the circulation of 'The Ringing World' might be increased, but we have not yet found anyone who is able to tell us how the compensating financial support is to be assured. We also know, probably as well as most people, how 'The Ringing World' could be made to cater for even wider interests than it is able at the moment to do. Many folks are ready to advise us on this score, but what they always fail to do is to give us any practical suggestions to ensure that the increased cost would be met by a corresponding increased sale among the ninety per cent. of ringers who do not at present buy the paper, although there are large numbers who do not hesitate to read a copy which someone else has purchased. The example quoted by Mr. Percy Johnson, who said he knew of one twelve bell tower where the ringers shared one copy between them, is a typical instance of what happens in many places, but 'The Ringing World' is not alone in suffering from this attitude of ringers towards ringing. The associations themselves suffer badly from the type of individual who refuses to join because he looks at everything from the attitude of what he is going to get out of it, instead of what he can put into it. If ringers would think more of what they could contribute to the advancement of the art by supporting 'The Ringing World' and enabling us to make it more worthy of the Exercise, the difficulties would rapidly disappear and the future of the ringers' journal would be secured.

We appreciate very much the goodwill of the Council in the interest they have shown, but it is really not surprising that so few practical proposals have been forthcoming from the opportunities which have been offered. Business men know that business developments are impossible without an expansion of capital, unless profits have provided an ample reserve. If the Exercise wishes for an expansion of its paper either by way of a larger journal or a reduced price it must provide either capital or profits to enable it to be done. That, when it comes to rock bottom, is the position, and until some practicable steps in this direction are possible the Exercise—we say it with regret—cannot be given what it does not pay for. Criticism of details in a matter of this kind are worthless in solving the larger problem. The Council has not yet

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been able to find a solution—neither have we. We doubt if the associations can do so. Their help is invaluable, but the crux of the whole matter rests with the ringers themselves. If, as a body, they will take the larger view and give 'The Ringing World' their support, not only for their own personal interest, but in furtherance of the art and the interests of all the other members of the Exercise, something could and would quickly be done.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

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

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

* 100th twelve-bell peal in this steeple.

GROYDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5059 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

ROYDON DAVIES Treble	DUDLEY BIXTON 7
JAMES E. COOPER 2	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES ... 8
*MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 3	AMOS W. CLARK 9
FRANK E. MITCHELL 4	DANIEL COOPER 10
HERBERT J. SEHLY 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 11
HERBERT G. PRATT 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First twelve-bell peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rt. Rev. E. S. Woods, Bishop of Groydon and Surrey Association president, who will be enthroned shortly as Bishop of Lichfield.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	*FRANK BROWN 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	*EDWARD FOSTER 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3	*J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
R. ALLAN HICKTON 4	*RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 9
FRANK BRADLEY 5	WALTER NICHOLS ... Tenor

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ralph Narborough.

WORSLEY, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Treble	†JAMES A. MILNER 5
†WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
NORMAN HEAPS 3	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 8
†JAMES FERNLEY 4	†LIONEL CLOUGH 9
†KENNETH LEWIS 5	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

KENNETH A. ROE Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
*HARRY BROUGHTON 2	R. FREDERICK ROE 6
FREDERICK J. MILNER 3	COLIN HARRISON 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 200th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. J. Needham.

CHURCH, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 1¼ cwt.

JAMES PARR Treble	HERBERT HOLDEN 5
LESLIE L. WILLIAMS 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 6
JACK CLEGG 3	RICHARD BALDERSTONE 7
ERIC BRUNTON 4	JAMES BARNES Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Triples by all except ringers of 6 and 7. First peal of Triples as conductor, and first peal of Grandsire on the bells.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 2, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 5
THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	CHARLES CAMM 6
JOHN HALL 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	MISS FLORENCE A. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Amy R. Johnson, of the local band, and Mr. John Thomas, of Edmonton, which took place at the above church earlier in the day.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	CEDRIC CURSON 5
MISS DOROTHY DITCHAM 2	CHARLES H. MOORE 6
MISS GWEN TUNNADINE 3	CLIFFORD BIRD 7
GEORGE MAYERS' 4	GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by G. SAYER.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
MISS D. R. FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
MISS K. E. FLETCHER 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
*REV. R. F. R. ROUTH 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	ALBERT E. SCOTT 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 2	† AMOS V. S. NEALE 6
* FREDERICK W. FRENCH 3	† CLEMENT W. H. BOTHAMLEY 7
† WILLIAM OLDMAN 4	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED SMITH Treble	FREDERICK C. ROPER 5
WALTER ELSEY 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
FREDERICK C. GUNTON 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORPE.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

WILFRED BOOTH Treble	* FRANK H. HICKS 5
ERNEST J. LADD 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 6
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 3	CHARLES BRASIER 7
BERNARD V. COLLISON 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. A birthday peal for A. Kitchenside.

PRESTEIGN, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN CLARK Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 5
* ERNEST F. SALMONS 2	WALTER TAYLOR 6
CHARLES L. SADLER 3	JOHN J. WEBB 7
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* MISS AMY SLINGSBY Treble	GEORGE JENKINS 5
BERTRAM LUCK 2	† GEORGE SIMPSON 6
FREDERICK BRETT 3	EDWARD TRENDLELL 7
FREDERICK WELLER 4	* RANDALL PORT Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD TRENDLELL.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells after their restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in June, 1936.

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SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR COOK Treble	DAVID CRACKNELL 4
GEORGE FILBY 2	*CHARLES V. ORVES 5
WILLIAM GOODSON 3	GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal and first attempt.

STRATTON STRAWLESS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALFRED R. DAWES ... Treble	ERIC DORRANT 4
ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE ... 2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 5
DOUGLAS E. RUST 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. DUFFIELD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since 1894, when the one and only previous peal was conducted by J. Armiger Trollope.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... Treble	PERCIVAL W. GRICE 4
WILLIAM LANCASTER 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
FREDERICK G. FRETWELL ... 3	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the extent each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

JAMES A. GLASS Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	GEORGE GILBERT 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Geraldine Payne Cook (daughter of the Rector) to Mr. R. G. Chamberlin.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE WRIGHT Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	LEONARD WILLIAMS 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	REGINALD WEST Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WEST.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Bob Minor and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... Treble	WILLIAM E. WATSON ... 4
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 2	GEORGE W. ASLITT 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by SHELFORD SPARROW.

* 50th peal.

WITCHAMPTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four different extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... Treble	FREDERICK G. COLE 4
*LOUIS J. LOCKYER 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CHEATER.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

CAWTHORNE, NEAR BARNESLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Elston Delight, Nelson, Burton, Rochester, Killmarsh, Trinity Sunday and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN W. MOXON Treble	ERNEST BROOKES 4
ARTHUR PANTHER 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.

WALTER EVANS Treble	ALFRED OWENS 3
TREVOR JONES 2	WILLIAM FEECHE 4
	LESLIE EVANS Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

25th peal for conductor.

DITCHEINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES BARBER Treble	GEORGE FILBY 4
LEWIS J. BATLEY 2	DAVID CRACKNELL 5
GEORGE HOWARD 3	GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
WALTER AYRE 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 7-8

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5950 CHANGES;

HORACE L. WAITE 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
JACK BRAY 3-4	WILLIAM J. RANDALL 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

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RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*BERT MAY Treble	CHARLEY BELSEY 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 6
FRANK BELSEY 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
WILFRED L. RAYNER 4	CHARLES A. WEBB Tenor

Composed by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal of Triples.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	HARRY BAXTER 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE CRISP Treble	*STANLEY GOODWIN 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	ROBERT G. KING 6
CHARLES W. COOK 3	HARRY MARTIN 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS 4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal on eight bells.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*THOMAS E. DENYER ... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
CHARLES W. DENYER 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
†WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES JENNINGS ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
JAMES ROSE 2	WILLIAM KINSEY 6
†PHYLLIS E. TILLET 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
†SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4	GEORGE MORE Tenor

Composed by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Grandsire Triples and first attempt.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*HENRY RICHARDSON ... Treble	JOHN FOWLER 5
NORMAN TOWNSEND 2	FRANK LUFKIN 6
WILLIAM PERRY 3	ERNEST FURBANK 7
WALTER TAYLOR 4	ALBERT NORTH Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Composed by F. LUFKIN.

* First peal.

BRADING, I.O.W.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	FRANK TAYLOR 5
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 2	BERTRAM J. SNOW 6
ARTHUR P. BRADING ... 3	A. RICHARD WARD 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.	
GEORGE TALBOT ... Treble	FRANK ROWSELL 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
JOHN DARCH 3	*WILLIAM L. LAMBERT ... 7
HERBERT DAVIES 4	JOSEPH LOVETT Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal away from tenor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PRIECHARD'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.	
*ERNEST W. BUGDEN ... Treble	ARTHUR C. OIWAY 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	WILLIAM J. WHITING 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	WILLIAM NEWBERRY Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

* First peal. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 4. Tenor 17½ cwt.	
FRANK LAWRENCE ... Treble	CHARLES YOUNG 5
EDWARD MAUND 2	*HARRY PRICE 6
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CANN 7
FRED HAWKER 4	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Composed by C. CANN.

* First peal on eight bells.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LANCLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
WALTER G. PAUL 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	WALTER AYRE 7
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
W. J. ERIC PEARTREE ... Treble	DEREK M. SHARP 5
NORMAN SOMMERHAYES ... 2	E. GEORGE MORRAD 6
ARTHUR DURLING 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
*RICHARD A. MUNN 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by G. J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER D. POOLEY Treble	JOHN CHURCH 4
*EDWIN C. BUCK 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS 5
PERCY TOMPRINS 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

* First peal 'inside' in the method.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's Doubles, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

MELVILLE JORDAN Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS 4
THOMAS WORRALL 2	THOMAS BALDWIN 5
REGINALD DANIELS 3	CHARLES HODGES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.

DUCKLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Five callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

*H. TOWNSEND Treble	N. SPINDLOW 4
*B. TOWNSEND 2	*W. FOX 5
*G. FOX 3	*J. COX Tenor

Conducted by N. SPINDLOW.

* First peal.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*RONALD W. TREASURE Treble	†HAROLD PARFREY 4
LESLIE B. COLES 2	F. CECIL MOGFORD 5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL 3	*WILLIAM A. V. PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by W. ROSEWELL.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. The tenorman is local; ringers of 1, 2 and 5 from Publow, 4 from Farmborough, 3 from Compton Dando.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

G. BROWN Treble	A. TURTON 4
F. TONGE 2	L. TRICKEY 5
A. BENDALL 3	F. SULLY Tenor

Conducted by A. BENDALL and L. TRICKEY.

First peal by all the band, who are service ringers at this church. The conductors each called 21 six-scores.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

DAVID VINCENT Treble	FRANK REYNOLDS 4
*JOHN HASSELL 2	ALAN J. BROWN 5
NORMAN HOUGH 3	KENNETH LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in three methods away from the treble.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of York, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Wragby Delight, Kingston, Trinity Sunday and Killamarsh Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST TWIGG Treble	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE 4
HENRY CARNWELL 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL 5
WILLIAM EDWARDS 3	ARTHUR W. HALL Tenor

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twenty-two six-scores of Bob Doubles and 20 of Grandsire Doubles, 14 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

TREVOR JONES Treble	†THOMAS GIDDINGS 4
FRANK SANDFORD 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
*WILLIAM PREECE 3	*JACK THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. The ringers of treble and 4 from Kington, 2 and 3 from Staunton-on-Arrow, 5 from Eardisland and tenor from New Radnor.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 4
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	A. PATRICK CANNON 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

FRANT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

LESLIE W. JARVIS Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4
FRANK H. HICKS 2	*CHARLES BRASIER 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal of Minor.

THORNFORD, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*L. H. DAVENPORT Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
Mrs. G. W. RENDELL 2	GILBERT W. RENDELL 5
†FRANCIS G. BLAKE 3	*CHARLES GRAY Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal and a member of the local band. † First peal in three methods.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in 10 different callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

RONALD W. TREASURE Treble	HAROLD PARFREY 4
LESLIE B. COLES 2	F. CECIL MOGFORD 5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL 3	*LESLIE W. BALL Tenor

Conducted by F. C. MOGFORD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

DEATH CURTAILS RINGING.

The Shropshire Association met at Oswestry on May 29th, but owing to the very recent death of the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Langford Brown), only a short half-muffled touch was rung and a short service held.

After tea some members and visitors went to Whittington, where permission to use the bells was very kindly given at a moment's notice by the Rev. Thursly Peilham.

The half-muffled touch was 420 of Grandsire Triples. At Whittington methods up to Cambridge Minor were rung. There were 19 members present for tea.

DEATH OF A SWINDON RINGER.

We regret to record that Mr. Robert W. Hyner, a member of Swindon Parish Church company, and one time district secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, passed away suddenly on Thursday, June 3rd.

The funeral took place at Swindon Parish Church on Monday week.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

OPEN-AIR MEETING.

Batley tower is of the convenient type for a meeting in warm weather, such as prevailed on a recent Saturday, when Leeds and District Society held its May gathering. The tower door is on a level with the churchyard, and, with only two steps down, ringers are in the ringing chamber. The fact that there were no steps to climb was greatly appreciated by those who chose Batley from the three meetings held adjacent to Leeds. During the afternoon and evening, ringers waiting for a touch were able to sit on forms outside the belfry door, and, while listening to the ringing, to see into the belfry.

The business meeting was held just outside the tower. The president was chairman, and members were present from Arnley, Burley, Birstall, Bradford Cathedral, Gaiverley, Drighlington, Elland, Earlsheaton, Holbeck, Idle, Rothwell, Shipley and the local company, also Mr. Brothwell, of Rotherham, and Mr. Dove, of Headingley.

Mr. H. Burton, of Batley, was elected a member of the society.

Mr. F. Rayment, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company, said that while thanking the church authorities for allowing the use of the bells, he would like to thank the president for his kindly thought in providing the forms to enable the meeting to be held in the open air on that lovely day.

At the express wish of the ringers at Idle, it was agreed to hold the next meeting there on Saturday, June 19th. Will members please note this will be one week earlier than the usual meeting day.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A DINNER TO BE ORGANISED.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire and District Association was held at Kingsley on Saturday, June 5th. Forty members and friends were present from Burslem, Bucknall, Buddulph, Cheadle, Draycott, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newcastle and Stoke-on-Trent. A service was held, which was conducted by the Rev. W. Williams (Rector of Kingsley), who also extended a warm welcome to all present.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and ringers for the use of the bells and for the splendid way the visitors had been catered for.

Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. F. Box, of Burslem, and Mr. J. Ryles, of Norton.

A committee meeting was held after tea, with Mr. Thomas Hurd in the chair, supported by Mr. Andrew Thompson (hon. secretary) and Mr. Kenneth Thacker (assistant hon. secretary).

After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. E. Steele, of Longton, seconded by Mr. W. Fradley, of Bucknall, that the association should hold a dinner, and it was pointed out by the secretary that it would most probably take place in February, 1938. The following committee was set up to make the arrangements: Messrs. E. Steele, C. H. Page, T. Hurd, K. Thacker and A. Thompson.

A report of the Central Council meeting was presented by the hon. secretary.

After moving the adoption of the report, a vote of thanks was proposed to the secretary by Mr. E. A. Ridgway, of Leek, seconded by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Norton, the latter remarking that it was the first time they had had a report of a Council meeting from a representative.

A suggestion was made by the secretary regarding the advertising of meetings of the association in 'The Ringing World' that meetings should be advertised for two weeks, the association to pay for one and the tower where the meeting was to be held to pay for the other.

Eventually it was decided that this be left to the discretion of the ringers where the meeting is to be held.

Mr. Alan D. Steel, of Stoke-on-Trent, was unanimously elected Ringing Master for eight-bell towers on the motion of Mr. H. Carnwell, seconded by Mr. C. H. Page. Nominations had been sent to the secretary from four towers, all of which nominated Mr. A. D. Steel for the position.

Under the heading of 'any other business' it was strongly suggested that the association should have its name changed to 'The North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers,' and the matter was left to be decided at the next committee meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Chester Guild band which has been helping to break records in the number of methods rung in a peal of Minor, have carried the total a step further, by scoring on Saturday a peal in 73 methods. Five of the extents have been rung previously, but the peal included two new ones, one in six methods arranged from Mr. A. G. Driver's tables, and one which Mr. Driver has compiled, with 13 methods changed at every lead. In all, the peal contained 142 changes of method.

The 'ringing tour' season starts next week, when some of the old stagers will ramble through Hampshire 'seeking what they may devour' in the way of peals. Other tours in contemplation are in Devon, Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire and Somerset.

Here is an opportunity which all the young lady cyclist-ringers should jump at: Wanted, girl, age 17-25, to join a band of young people on a cycling-ringing holiday in Somerset, August 21st to 28th. Must be a good cyclist and preferably a ringer. Apply to Edna Bedford, 52, The Greenway, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

Congratulations will be extended to Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (hon. Librarian of the Central Council) and Mrs. Hooton upon the birth of a daughter, and to the president of the Central Council and Mrs. Lewis upon the arrival of their first grandchild.

Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, wife of the general hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, gave a talk to the members of the Milton Branch of the Gravesend Constitutional Association on Tuesday week on 'Church Bellingring,' with demonstrations by a working model of a bell. The listeners were greatly interested, and Mrs. Mitchell was asked to give a longer talk on the subject in the autumn.

Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree, formerly Master of the Essex Association, has recently presented to St. Michael's belfry his most interesting collection of ringing books, chief among which are 'Church Bells of England,' 'Clavis,' 'Among the Bells,' 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' Stedman's 'Tinnalogia,' 'Church Bells,' Shipway's 'Campanologia,' 'Stedman' and a collection of books on various methods, etc.

At one of the Leeds towers, it is the practice of the members to take turns in tolling for the 8 a.m. Communion service on Sunday mornings. Last week the Vicar and the vergier, also the neighbouring residents, were roused from their slumbers at a quarter to seven by the vigorous tolling of one of the bells.

The Vicar upon investigating was amazed to discover the lady member (whose turn it happened to be) of the local band performing her duties in the usual manner, being under the impression that it was a quarter to eight. After the Vicar had assured her as to the correct time, she spent the remaining hour improving her knowledge of the art of ringing by reading old copies of 'The Bell News' which were available.

Strange to say, the tower in question has a very good clock with four faces, all of which have recently been gilded, but as there have been numerous questions in recent weeks from her colleagues regarding the date of the wedding peal, the reason for this remarkable oversight on the part of the lady is, perhaps, not far to seek.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at All Saints', Weston, Bath, should have been credited to the Bath and Wells Association.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal at Eckington on May 18th was John W. Sykes, not John W. Knights as printed.

HALF A CENTURY OF RINGING.

THE LATE MR. F. W. THORNTON.

The funeral took place on Friday last, June 11th, of Mr. F. W. Thornton, whose death on the previous Monday we briefly recorded in our last issue. There was a service at the Parish Church, Greenwich, and the interment took place at Shooters Hill Cemetery.

For many years Mr. Thornton was a member of the Greenwich Parish Church bellringers, and his name appears on numerous tablets now in the belfry recording notable peals. The last time he rang was as recently as May 31st, on the occasion of the annual Pepys commemoration service at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.

Mr. Thornton's interest in ringing had extended over 50 years, and as a member of the now defunct Trinity Youths, represented the society in the first Central Council (1891-1893). Afterwards, from 1897 to 1902, he represented the Kent County Association.

Mr. Thornton, who was 73 years of age, was a member of one of the oldest families in Greenwich, and macebearer to 18 mayors of the borough. He lived at Crooms Hill, Greenwich. He retired from the office of macebearer in 1929, when the then Mayor and eleven former Mayors of the borough joined in presenting him with a gold hunter watch. On the same occasion he received a luminous travelling clock, the gift of Mr. F. J. Simpson, town clerk at the time, and an oak clock from the Town Hall staff.

He leaves a daughter and three sons, the eldest of whom, an Engineer-Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire in the Coronation Honours List.

GRAMOPHONE RECORD OF 'SPliced' RINGING.

The order list will close on Wednesday next, after which no further applications will be considered. To cover actual costs of record, packing and postage it has been found necessary to charge 5s. 6d. per record. All remittances should now be sent to G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 393.)
'THE RINGING WORLD.'

At the last meeting of the Council the following resolution was carried: 'That this Council requests all members and secretaries of affiliated societies to send in suggestions with a view to increasing the circulation of "The Ringing World," that the suggestions be considered by the officers of the Council and Mr. Goldsmith, and that a report be circulated to all members.'

The report has not been circulated because the response to the request contained in the resolution was extremely disappointing. Only three letters were received—one from an affiliated society containing a resolution passed at an annual meeting, one from a ringer, and one from a District Master of an association.

Among the suggestions were a reduction in price, if necessary, by means of subsidies or guarantees from the associations; payment for the publication of peal reports; also that all reports should be reduced to not more than half a column in length to make room for more items of news.

With regard to the financial suggestions, the report said that perhaps the following figures would assist members in their consideration of the present position: Taking the present circulation as a basis for each 1d. in the reduction of price, the annual sum of £866 13s. 4d. has to be guaranteed or subscribed, which, if apportioned between societies on the basis of their membership of the Council, is equal to £8 5s. 7d. per member of the Council annually. This does not seem to be a solution, for there are many societies who already have difficulty in paying current expenses.

The other main suggestions are that the contents need revision so that instead of long articles about one particular event a series of shorter articles covering a wider field would create more interest. In this, unless the Editor is to rewrite all reports, the remedy seems to be in the hands of those who send in the reports, etc., for publication by ensuring that the matter has the widest possible interest, and that those local details which are so often inserted are eliminated.

As regards payment for the insertion of peal reports, we believe this would to some extent result in non-publication unless members of societies were bound by the rules of their societies to do so, and this also applies to the payment suggested for the publication of reports of meetings.

INADEQUATE SUPPORT.

In considering this matter the following points must be borne in mind: (1) 'The Ringing World' is a privately owned venture, and the Council has no control over it. (2) The Editor, anxious for the continuance of the paper if he is compelled to give up, has called attention to the fact that with the present circulation it is improbable that anyone would undertake the financial responsibility. (3) The Editor regrets that he is compelled to charge 3d. per copy, but has generously agreed to give the Exercise the first benefits which arise from increased circulation, either by increasing the size of the paper or reducing the cost. (4) The Editor is willing to consider all practical suggestions, but cannot shoulder further financial burdens.

With regard to this last point, the officers of the Council feel that as the present support is so inadequate (under one-fifth of the annual subscribing members of societies represented by the Council), 'The Ringing World' cannot be expected to shoulder further financial burdens.

The officers think that a further opportunity should be given to members and secretaries to send in their suggestions, and propose that the final report in this matter be deferred. In the meantime, they would like to point out that adverse criticism if unaccompanied by constructive proposals tends to decrease rather than increase the circulation.

Mr. T. Clark asked if it was the business of the Council to deal with this matter. He thought it put the burden on the wrong shoulders. 'The Ringing World' did not do the Council as much good as it did the individual ringer, and he thought they should try and increase the sale through the associations. He brought the subject up at the meetings he attended, and he had sold a good number of copies in that way. They would do better by getting back to the associations.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said in Yorkshire ringers took a good deal of satisfying. When they talked to a Yorkshireman about spending 3d. he looked at what was on the other side. He knew of at least one twelve-bell tower that took one copy of the paper for the twelve ringers ('Shame'). He sincerely sympathised with 'The Ringing World.' When they realised that the Exercise numbered somewhere about 40,000 it was hopeless to expect that they were going to get a large proportion of them sufficiently interested to buy the paper. Another thing he was convinced of was that it was quite hopeless to expect they were going to get another enthusiast such as the present Editor to shoulder the responsibility and to pay for other people's luxury of getting their reports on the cheap. He thought, sooner or later, the Council would have to consider a scheme for the future of 'The Ringing World.' Those who were or had been secretaries of associations had been speaking on this matter for a good many years, but in looking round and seeing what they had done it seemed to him they were nearly as badly off as they were at the start. He had fought many battles for 'The Ringing World' and would be interested to know the experience of other representatives. He felt they would not get another man in all England with the enthusiasm of the present

Editor, and he shuddered to think what would happen when he lost his enthusiasm or the health to carry on.

The Hon. Secretary said on the basis of Mr. Johnson's estimate of 40,000 ringers he could amend his note and say, not that not one-fifth, but not one-tenth of the ringers supported the paper.

The report was adopted.

MUFFLED RINGING.

The President submitted the report of the officers as to muffled ringing. He said he hoped the Council would adopt it as far as its main suggestions were concerned, and he then wanted them to leave it to the officers to add further details and allow them to circulate it and get it finally passed by the ecclesiastical authorities without delaying it to next year's meeting.

The report was as follows: The practice of muffled ringing for Royalty, or indeed for any person, is comparatively recent. As far as we can trace, ringing with bells half-muffled or fully muffled was first practised by ringers as a mark of respect to deceased ringers about the beginning of the 18th century, and was later introduced for persons other than ringers.

Various customs have grown up in different parts of the country, and we think it undesirable that these customs should be changed. Where there is no fixed custom we should recommend the following practice:—

1. That as a mark of respect bells should be rung half-muffled (open at handstroke).
2. That bells should not be rung muffled for a service on a Sunday or feast day, unless the service is a funeral or of the nature of a memorial service.
3. That if the death of Royalty occurs, or a death in a parish where a meeting has been arranged, either the bells should not be rung or be rung muffled in a few touches with carefully chosen hands. We deprecate the holding of an ordinary practice meeting with the bells muffled.
4. That all muffled ringing should be in as slow time as possible.
5. That certain local customs are worthy of more general adoption.

For example, the Cambridge custom of setting up one bell at a time, gradually reducing the number and then tolling the age on the tenor, is very effective.

For this last reason we should like association secretaries to send us particulars of local customs in order that a selection might be added in our final report.

We suggest that this final report should be circulated to the Standing Committee, and, if approved of by them, circulated to all members, and finally sent to the ecclesiastical authorities. If they also approve it could be published without further delay.

The President added that he would be glad to hear any criticisms or suggestions on the five main points which were recommended for use in places where they had no established local custom.

Mr. J. Hunt said one vital thing was omitted from the report. Muffled ringing should always be done with the tenor behind.

The President: No, I don't agree.

Mr. Hunt: As a ringer for over 40 years I have never heard ringing that sounded as solemn as when it is well struck with the tenor behind. I think that point ought to be added.

Mr. S. H. Wood: I disagree entirely. I think the most beautiful ringing is in Major when you get the minor changes, that is 6587 followed by 5678 coming up muffled.

Mr. L. J. Williams: What is the point of putting in Mr. Hunt's suggestion when a band can only ring one method?

Mr. P. J. Johnson said in the district in which he lived (Leeds) they generally muffled the bells at handstroke, the idea being that, in ringing Major, the tenors struck in their right order with an open backstroke. Another advantage was that it hid any bad leads at handstroke (laughter).

Mr. C. Mee said in Suffolk they always had the handstroke open.

THE OLDEST CUSTOM.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the oldest custom in connection with ringing for funerals was the custom of ringing 'three times three' for a man, and 'three times two' for a woman. That was not only English, but European, and went back certainly to the early middle ages. What they did at his church was to ring three whole pulls slowly, before and after the other ringing, not only because it was rather effective with the bells half-muffled, but also because it helped to continue to some extent a custom which, like so many others, was dying out rapidly, especially since the war.

Mr. F. W. Rogers asked if the committee could give them any information as to the occasions on which to ring bells fully muffled.

The President said the committee and the Standing Committee did not recommend fully muffled ringing. Fully muffled ringing had, to a large extent, the same effect as shuttering up the windows—it reduced the carrying power of the bells, but had not the same appeal to the public as half-muffled ringing. They did not get the striking contrast between the two blows, which was so effective.

Mr. Crawley said that at his church they had rung two peals fully muffled and the bells were heard at a greater distance than when they were open (laughter).

The President: Very often, when windows are blocked up, the bells are heard better at a distance.

The Rev. H. Drake supported what Mr. Trollope had said, and added that 'three times one' was used for a child. He suggested that that be added to the report.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT KILDWICK.

Mr. Joe Broadley's Retirement From Office.

Although most of the country had been under the spell of thunder, which was already on its way to Yorkshire, the 'Clerk of the Weather' was able to postpone the downpour until the Western Division had concluded a most satisfactory meeting at Kildwick on Saturday, June 12th. Considerably over 80 members were present, representing more than 30 towers, and it was pleasing to notice the number of ringers who had brought their wives and friends to enjoy the beauties of this part of Yorkshire. Almost everyone took the opportunity of looking through the grounds and gardens of Kildwick Hall—one of the noted places in the district.

The bells of Kildwick are rung from the ground floor, and very full use was made of them from 2 o'clock until well after 9 p.m. A large variety of methods was rung, ranging from Bob Major to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and for a meeting the striking throughout the day was particularly good. Not a drop of rain fell during the day, and we have heard of at least two young ringers who were so thoroughly enraptured with Kildwick that it was only with great difficulty that they were able to tear themselves away after a little gentle persuasion by their bus driver.

A splendid tea was served in the Parish Room by the local company. The business meeting, which was held in the schools, was presided over by the association's president, Canon Marshall M.A., in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, who was unable to be present.

The Chairman intimated that the main business of the meeting was the appointment of a Ringing Master in succession to Mr. Joe Broadley, who had recently resigned. Mr. Broadley had been a member of the General Committee over 44 years, and had been Ringing Master of the Western Division over 20 years. He felt that a great debt of gratitude was due to Mr. Broadley for the enormous service which he had given to the association. He was indeed sorry that the time had come when Mr. Broadley had to lay down the reins of office, but he knew that his interest would always be with the association and that his help and advice would always be available.

Mr. W. Barton also spoke of the work which Mr. Broadley had done for the association and expressed his regret at the parting.

Mr. Broadley, in replying, said that he had only been too pleased to do what he could for the association. Although he was not in at the start, he had known Mr. Jasper Snowdon personally and had rung five peals with him. He would still continue to attend meetings wherever possible and would gladly give any advice whenever necessary.

MR. W. AMBLER PROPOSED AS RINGING MASTER.

The Chairman intimated that one nomination had been received for the Ringing Mastership, but that the nominee on being approached had felt unable to undertake the work. Mr. Barton thereupon proposed and Mr. Hardcastle seconded that Mr. William Ambler, of Queensbury, be approached. Mr. Ambler said that it was rather sudden and he would like a few days to consider the matter more fully, but he would make up his mind as soon as possible.

The secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for kindly granting the use of the bells, and expressed pleasure at the splendid response of the members in being present and making the meeting such a success.—This was seconded by Mr. John Cooper and also supported by the chairman, who expressed regret at the absence of the Vicar, who was unavoidably detained at a garden party.

Mr. J. W. T. Holgate proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local company for their splendid arrangements, also to the ladies who so kindly waited at the tea tables.—Mr. A. West, of Sutton, also supported this resolution, which was carried in the usual manner.—Mr. Charles Law, in replying, said it had been a real pleasure to entertain the association at Kildwick.

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Replying to Mr. F. Warrington, the President said the committee was not concerned with customs of chiming; their reference was with regard to muffled ringing.

Mr. W. A. Cave pointed out that there was nothing in the report referring to the 'whole pull and stand.'

The President said that was one of the customs which they proposed to add at the end.

Mr. Cave said there was nothing more effective than this for a memorial service or when the coffin was being taken from the church to the grave.

Replying to Mr. Mee, the President said he did not think they should attempt to collect all the chiming customs. They were already recorded, as far as many counties were concerned, in the county histories.

Mr. G. Cross seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to, together with the recommendation that it should be completed and circulated before the next meeting.

This completed the committee's reports, and Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to all committees for their laborious work and for all they had done.—Mr. T. Groombridge seconded and the motion was carried.

RINGERS' DAY AT BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL.

A SURVIVOR OF THE 'FORTY THIEVES.'

A ringers' opening was held at Birmingham Cathedral on June 5th. Approximately 60 ringers and friends attended, and from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. the bells were rung in various methods, including London Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

At the conclusion of the ringing, tea was taken at Kunzle's Cafe, Union Street, during which Mr. A. Paddon Smith, Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. T. H. Reeves all congratulated Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., upon the excellency of their work, and also the Cathedral authorities on the delightful ring of bells which they now possessed.

Reference was also made to the old bells, which both from the point of view of 'go' and tone were among the worst in the country, and also to the now non-existent Birmingham Amalgamated Society, whose members were known as the 'Forty Thieves.' This society was formed by the ringers of the Cathedral in opposition to the St. Martin's Youths.

Unfortunately, the Provost of the Birmingham Cathedral (Bishop Hamilton Baynes) was unable to be present; and Sir Charles Hyde, whose generosity made the restoration possible, was prevented from attending by a previous engagement.

Mr. W. P. Waller, people's warden, represented the Cathedral; and Mr. G. E. Fearn, Ringing Master, said that Mr. Waller had taken a great interest in the scheme. It was due to his efforts that the ringing chamber had been redecorated.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, who represented the founders of the bells, mentioned that illness prevented him from being at the dedication service, but that he listened to the bells when they were broadcast, and he congratulated the ringers who took part upon the excellent striking during the touch.

After tea an informal social evening was held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Mr. Harry Withers tapped a course of Double Norwich on the piano and also sang his very popular song, 'Bob Major.' Several touches in various methods were rung on handbells, and tunes were played by Messrs. A. Waiker, H. Withers and T. Miller. The last named was one of the 'Forty Thieves,' and he entertained the company with his quaintly-told stories of old Birmingham ringers.

Altogether the evening was typical of the sociability of ringers in general, and Birmingham ringers in particular.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH SATISFACTORY POSITION.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 5th. The weather was fine and the attendance about 70, representing the following towers: Beachampton, Buckingham, Bladwell, Chicheley, Drayton Parslow, Emberton, Fenny Stratford, Loughton, Newport Pagnell, Newton Longville, Olney, Shenley, Stony Stratford, Whaddon, Weston Underwood and the local ringers. Service was conducted by the Rev. — Partridge, who gave a short address, which was very much appreciated by the members.

At the business meeting, held on the Rectory lawn, with the Rev. H. Byard in the chair, the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Sear) presented the statement of accounts, together with his report. He said that it was his 21st annual report and he was pleased to state that the branch was stronger now than it had been at any time during the period he had been their secretary. There was a membership of 225 and 29 towers in union with the Guild. Financially the branch was in good condition, and he was sure, with the same support in the future, it would grow stronger.

Both the chairman, the Rev. H. Byard, of Newport Pagnell, and the secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. Sear) were unanimously re-elected.

The Guild officials attending were the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master), Mr. A. D. Barker (Guild treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary).

The Deputy Master complimented the branch on the satisfactory way the work was being carried on, and felt sure it would give no anxiety for the future.

The Rev. Williams, of Stewkley, and six ringing members, were elected.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. and Mrs. Partridge for kindly placing the Rectory grounds at the disposal of the members and for making all arrangements for such a successful meeting.

Ringing during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire and Stedman to Cambridge Major.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BISHOPSTONE.

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 12th. Favoured with beautiful weather there was a good attendance.

The hon. secretary gave a brief report of the Central Council proceedings at Canterbury, while the places for the next three meetings were provisionally fixed as Sevenhampton (for a Wednesday evening), Cricklade and Malmesbury.

Good practice was obtained in the standard methods, also Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. Members and visitors attended from Blunsdon, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Aldbourne, Cirencester and Faringdon.

CORONATION BELLS.

CATERS, AND NOT CINQUES.

The peal in celebration of the Coronation at Haslemere was Major J. H. B. Hesse's 600th peal.

It was only natural that the Editorial 'leg' should be pulled for the error that crept into the report of this peal. We have seldom received so many postcards and letters over an error in our columns as over the slip which was allowed to creep in. But, then, we do not often make mistakes of this kind.

The peal was, of course, Stedman Caters and not Stedman Cinques; the two treble ringers did not also ring one handbell apiece; no congratulations are due to the first band to ring a peal of Cinques on ten bells, and the Editor has not taken part in the most unique performance of all time.

The Peals Analysis Committee will, doubtless, take note of all this, and there is nothing wrong with that wonderful little peal of bells upon which Major Hesse expends so much care.

The Coronation peal at Hughenden, Bucks, on Sunday, May 16th, also coincided with the christening of the daughter of Mr. E. Clark, a member of the choir, and the 74th birthday of Mr. J. W. Wilkins, who rang the treble to the peal. These two events are, therefore, coupled with the performance.

At St. Helens, Lancs, the Coronation peal was also in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. N. Heaps.

After meeting short for a peal of Major at Headcorn, Kent, on May 15th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, Mr. W. H. Dartnell coming in to fill the gap at the last minute and ringing the tenor to his first peal on eight bells. Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., took part.

At St. Andrew's Church, Wiveliscombe, Somerset, on Coronation Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was begun at 6.30 a.m. and rung by W. Hartnell 1, W. Hartnell, jun. 2, C. Tarr 3, C. Parkman 4, G. Sparkes (conductor) 5, J. Hartnell 6, D. Parkman 7, C. Bellew 8.

At Chipstable, Somerset, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung: S. Smith 1, J. Summerhayes 2, E. Purchase 3, C. Tarr 4, A. Turner 5, E. Quick (conductor) 6. This touch was rung after an attempt for a peal of Stedman Doubles had been called round at the seventh 120. On ringing the 120 again it turned out that the bells had been in order.

The bells at St. John's, Silverdale, Lancs, were fired at 6.30 a.m. on Coronation Day and touches of Oxford, Kent, Duke of York and Woodbine Treble Bob and a 720 of Cambridge Surprise were afterwards rung: J. Holme 1, D. Holden 2, T. Dobson 3, C. Hall 4, C. Lockwood 5, W. Bolton (conductor) 6. It was the first 720 of Cambridge Surprise by all but the treble ringer. The ringing also commemorated the birth of a great-grandson to the treble ringer and a son to C. Lockwood.

At St. Martin's Church, Eynsford, Kent, on Saturday, May 22nd, a peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the Coronation was lost after an hour's good ringing, owing to a shift course. Not to be outdone, the band rang a quarter-peal of Bob Major: F. V. Crosskey (first quarter-peal) 1, G. W. Fogden 2, H. Mackinder 3, J. E. Lyddiard 4, A. J. Hopper 5, G. V. Murphy 6, D. M. Sharp (conductor) 7, P. A. Corby 8.

COMMEMORATIVE QUARTER-PEAL

At Redruth, on Coronation Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung, after meeting short for eight: Vivian Williams 1, Stephen Jeffery (first quarter) 2, Harold Seymour 3, William Reed 4, Frederic Harris (conductor) 5, Percy Williams 6.

A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at Treton, Yorkshire: James H. Haywood 1, John J. L. Gilbert 2, Frederick Cardwell 3, John E. Turley 4, Fred Watkinson 5, Leslie Haywood (conductor) 6.

At Barrow-in-Furness, for Coronation service evensong, on Sunday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Slack 1, J. Bagnall 2, M. G. Wheat 3, F. H. Crawley 4, A. Steadman 5, J. E. Burles 6, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 7, S. Hyder 8.

The Rev. R. F. R. Routh, who has recently been inducted Rector of Beaconsfield, rang in the Coronation peal at his own church on May 15th. It was his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

A quarter-peal of Minor was rung at Holmer on Monday, May 10th, in honour of the Coronation. It comprised 720 of Oxford Bob, 360 Canterbury Pleasure and 180 Plain Bob: Charles H. Tomkins 1, George T. Cousins 2, Walter S. Evans 3, Joseph W. Downes 4, William Duggan 5, Ernest P. Salmsons (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor in three methods for all the band.

At Little Shelford, Cambs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung for service on Coronation Day: C. Hurst 1, A. Thorogood 2, T. Sherman 3, B. Dean 4, A. Hurst 5. All are members of the local band. Longest length by ringers of treble and 3rd.

Ringings commenced at Stowmarket, Suffolk, at 7 a.m. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung and the bells were 'fired.' Ringing was continued at intervals during the day in touches of Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, 12 ringers in all taking part.

As a prelude to the day's festivities, at Rickmansworth, Herts, the bells were rung by the St. Mary's Guild from 10 o'clock for one hour previous to the Abbey service broadcast in the church. Several touches of Grandsire Triples, including one of about 400 changes, 9-8-10 covering, by W. Crowsley 1, F. W. Elliott 2, E. Hookham 3, A. E. Millett (conductor) 4, A. W. Howlett 5, J. E. Jones 6, T. Long 7, T. Reeves 8, A. Walker 9, T. Gander 10.

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A LANCASHIRE RESTORATION.

RECAST OCTAVE AT RISHTON.

The peal of eight bells which has recently been recast and rehung in Rishton Parish Church tower, Lancashire, was dedicated at a well-attended service on Saturday afternoon, May 22nd, the ceremony being performed by Canon G. S. Perry, Rural Dean of Blackburn, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. I. Brown) and the Rev. A. Scott, of Bolton, president of the Lancashire Association. Among those present were Mr. R. Parkinson, of Blackpool, formerly of Oswaldtwistle, who had the privilege of conducting the first peal on the old bells at Rishton Church; Mr. A. Tomlinson, Blackburn, a joint secretary of the Lancashire Association; Mr. A. Blogg, secretary of the Preston Branch. Representatives also attended from the Todmorden, Rochdale and Fylde branches of the association. Mr. Cyril P. Johnston was present to represent the bellfounders.

In the ceremony the Rural Dean was requested by the churchwardens (Mr. F. Pickup, J.P., and Mr. G. H. Ashworth) to 'dedicate to the glory of God and the use of this church, this peal of bells,' and the Rural Dean, having received from the wardens the ropes of the bells, delivered them to the Vicar 'as a sacred trust, committed to thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and parish.'

The Vicar then called upon the ringers to ring a short peal, solemnly charging them 'to be good men and true, to uphold the honour of our belfry, and loyally to observe and keep all our rules and laudable customs.' The bells were then rung by A. Yates 1, F. Read 2, L. Williams 3, R. Atherton 4, B. Crabtree 5, R. Balderstone (capt.) 6, W. E. Wilson 7, L. J. Williams 8.

In his short address, Canon Perry emphasised that the highest of all purposes associated with the function of bells was that expressed by their use in the church. He congratulated the parishioners of Rishton upon their enterprise in carrying out this improvement of their belfry, which represented, he said, an undertaking of no inconsiderable difficulty, and one which had involved them in rather heavy cost. In these modern times, the sound of bells often fell on deaf ears. The answer to that criticism was that they always had done, yet the message of church bells, sounded through the ages, would continue.

Following the service the bells were rung to short touches in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, by ringers from Blackburn, Blackpool, Chorley, Church, Bolton, Oswaldtwistle, London, Whittle-le-Woods, Todmorden and Helmshore.

The new bells, which have been tuned on the latest principle, are hung in a massive cast iron frame, supported by steel girders. The tenor—note F sharp—now weighs 15½ cwt. The bells are hung on ball bearings with the latest type of headstocks and self-lubricating clappers, and are a fine example of modern bell founding and installation, reflecting great credit on Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who carried out the work.

All present at the dedication service expressed delight at the 'go' and tone of the bells, and residents generally have voiced their appreciation of the musical qualities of the new peal.

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TWO CONDUCTORS FOR A PEAL.

The band at Longparish, Hants, all rang their first peal in honour of the Coronation. Their first attempt failed after 1 hour 25 minutes, but the second was successful. They had two conductors, who each called 21 six-scores. It was rung on the birthday of F. Tonge, ringer of the 2nd bell.

Leatherhead's Coronation peal was rung on May 29th and was also a compliment to Mr. W. Messam, who attained the age of 80 years on May 13th. He has been a service ringer at Leatherhead for 57 years and is still on the active list.

Mr. A. V. Davis, of Bournemouth, writes: By responding to your request for reports of lost 'Coronation' peals, I am afraid I have been guilty of sending a badly framed report of the unsuccessful attempt at Wimborne St. Giles on May 19th. May I, with all possible speed, explain that I did not wish to blame the treble ringer or any other ringer for the collapse of the peal. If any have read the report in this way I ask them to accept my sincerest apologies. I was in the unfortunate position of a conductor caught 'napping' by the unexpected in some very excellent ringing, and am prepared to take the blame, if any there be, for not rising to the occasion. I sincerely hope the matter has not strained any friendships and that we may score the peal as some future date.

The peal at Dodderhill, on Whit Monday, was rung for the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

In the peal of Doubles at Northmoor, the ringer of the treble was F. Trinder, not Fränder as printed. It was rung as a Coronation peal.

On Coronation morning eight of the service band turned up at St. Mary's Church, Helmingham, at 8 a.m. and rang three courses of Cambridge Surprise Major and 504 Stedman Triples. Then, after 'firing' the royal salute, they went on to Framden and rang a course each of Superlative, Bristol and London, again firing the royal salute. Those taking part were J. H. Arbon, W. J. Button, L. G. Brett, T. W. Last, G. Pryke, L. C. Wightman, A. E. Whiting and G. Whiting. The remaining three of the band, J. Bennett, G. Bennett and W. G. Whiting, went to make up a band for the six at Otley.

NOTICES.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—The meeting arranged for Saturday next (June 19th) at Adlington has been cancelled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Wrxall on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Battle Axes. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kirk Ella, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6), tenor 20 cwt., available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. Buses run from Paragon Street, Hull, to the church every 15 minutes; return fare 7d.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 19th. Tea at the Six Bells. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Vine, The Village Club, Newdigate?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LAVENHAM.—The 126th ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. A hearty welcome extended to all ringers. — S. H. Symonds.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—T. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

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The following 14 new members were elected, and, as this was a record for some considerable time, a special resolution was made welcoming them to the association: A. Heald and B. Robinson, of Elland; H. Greenwood, of Oxenhope; A. E. Lambert, of Silsden; C. Parker and F. Gibbard, of Burley; and E. Holmes, Jonas Whitaker, J. Bracken, S. Tillotson, C. Law, H. Roe, E. Wilcock and T. Rogers, of Kildwick.

The Chairman made a preliminary announcement regarding the Snowdon Dinner, which he said had been arranged for October 9th at the Conservative Club, South Parade, Leeds. He said that the arrangements were well in hand and he hoped that this year would be even more successful than the last.

The Chairman also referred to the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council at Leeds next year, and mentioned that this would be the first time it had ever come to Leeds.

Mr. Paice, secretary of Sounding Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who was visiting the district for a conference, thanked the members for their kind hospitality to him, and brought greetings from his own association.

The Chairman said they were only too pleased to welcome Mr. Paice to their meeting, and asked him to convey the Yorkshire Association's greetings to the Oxford Guild upon his return.

Mr. J. W. T. Holgate proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for so admirably conducting the meeting, and this was supported by Mr. Ambler. Canon Marshall, in replying, said that he had been delighted to be present that afternoon, as vacant Saturdays were few and far between. He was hoping that a time would come when he would be able to come amongst the members more often as he thoroughly enjoyed the meetings.

The September meeting is due to be held on Saturday, September 4th, and it was decided that this should take place at Drighlington, where the last Yorkshire meeting was held in 1916.

A vote of thanks to the secretary was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior for the arrangements made, and so ended one of the most successful meetings of the Western Division for some time.

The following towers were represented at Kildwick: Armley, Aysgarth, Batley, Bramley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Birstall, Drighlington, Denholme, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Haworth, Holbeck, Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Idle, Ilkley, Keighley, Kildwick, Leeds Parish Church, Oxenhope, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Silsden, Sutton-on-Hull, Skipton, Shipley and Wokingham (Berkshire).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the churchyard cottage at 1s. each. A postcard from intending visitors would greatly help with tea arrangements. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield (Phone Hatfield 2117) and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Beenham, near Reading. Ring of 6 rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Service at 4.30 by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 19th, at Boisover, Derbyshire. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m., in Church Hall, followed by meeting. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Usual travelling allowance paid at this meeting. — P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above division will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. each.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) ready 2.15. Service 4.15. Address by the Rector (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry). Tea 5 p.m., in the school, at a moderate charge. Business meetings to follow.—H. Mingay and H. Morgan, Hon. Dis. Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation. Everybody welcome!—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at All Saints', West Ham (10), starting at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged, so please try to let me know if you are coming. Underground to Plaistow, thence by tram; tram from Stratford Broadway.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on June 19th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please note the association holds a committee meeting here also on this date.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends are welcome. Please come; let us have a good meeting. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—If you have not yet rung at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, you have an opportunity to do so on Saturday, June 19th, when the Guild will hold a monthly meeting. Bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Denbigh Arms Hotel, 5 p.m. Please note the meeting is not at Henley-in-Arden, as originally arranged.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) will be open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Lavenham, in conjunction with the anniversary, on June 19th. Tea and meeting at 4.30, *rs.* Please advise S. H. Symonds, Lavenham, for tea.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

WADENHOE, near Oundle, Northants.—The Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the bells on Sunday, June 20th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 22nd; St. Magnus' on the 24th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on Wednesday, June 23rd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Will all who require tea please notify me by Saturday, June 19th?—Edith K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Eastern Branch) AND LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Sutterton on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Vicarage. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Tuesday, June 22nd, certain. — W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fordham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Please drop a postcard (1½d.) stating numbers for tea to Mr. J. W. Pickett, School House, Fordham, Cambs. The village, situate between Newmarket and Ely, is now at its best, flower growers being in their harvest. Please come and spend an enjoyable half day.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Horsell (near Woking) on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Institute for those who notify me by Wednesday, 23rd. Don't forget your officers, they need your support. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LADIES GUILD (Southern District) and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (Farnham District).—A joint meeting at Frensham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Marindin Institute 5.15. All welcome, but please try to notify for tea by Wednesday, June 23rd: Miss H. F. Mills, Maidencombe, Northbrook Road, or C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

GLASTON, UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND. — The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang, D.D., Archdeacon of Oakham, will dedicate the new treble bell, installed by John Taylor and Co., to augment the peal to a ring of 6, on Saturday, June 26th, at 3 p.m.

A MEETING of Ringers at Piddington, near Northampton, Saturday, June 26th (6 bells) by the permission of the Vicar. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The summer meeting will be held at Highclere on June 26th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. All requiring tea please notify F. D. Knapp, Highclere Farm. All ringers welcome.—Rev. F. S. Marle, Hon. Sec.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Will all members and friends note our next meeting at Ashover, Saturday, June 26th? Those expecting to be present are asked to drop a card to Mr. A. H. Bowler, Eastwood View, Ashover, near Matlock, not later than Wednesday, June 23rd.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, June 23rd. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Shouldham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. We should like you to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terlington St. John, Wisbech.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Warburton, Cheshire, on Saturday, June 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided to anyone advising me not later than the 22nd inst.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall, Warrington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice will be held at Loughton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 26th. A good attendance desired. Visitors welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Warfield (8 bells) on Saturday, June 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at *rs.* per head, for those who notify me not later than June 21st. Phone Slough 1260.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Great Ness, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me not later than Monday, June 21st.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Sedlescombe on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Will those members who are going to Brasted on the afternoon of June 26th and who have not given in their names at a meeting, please send their names before June 23rd to E. H. Lewis, Moorcocks, Brasted, Sevenoaks?

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—By permission of Rev. Dr. Irwin, bells (10) available Saturday, June 26th, 2.30. Names for tea to F. W. Stone, Derby Road, Duffield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Husborne Crawley, on Saturday, June 26th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. R. Wynter, Rector of Sympson. Tea, at 5.15, in the Vicarage garden (weather permitting). It will greatly help in making tea arrangements if intending visitors will send a p.c. to Canon Rust, Husborne, Crawley, Bletchley.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 314th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m.—Leonard E. Pistow, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to the Rector by June 24th.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, June 26th. The Cathedral bells (10, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing. Tea, followed by business meeting at the Black Bull Hotel at 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 23rd. — J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

EDWINSTOWE, Nr. MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—Ringers' Day, Saturday, June 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. A ring of six rehung by John Taylor and Co.

GOATHURST near Bridgwater, Somerset.—Rededication of the bells by the Bishop of Taunton on Tuesday, June 29th, at 8 p.m.; a ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Kemeriton, July 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Intending visitors please notify by July 1st.—A. Pulley, Bickford, Tewkesbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in Bath on July 3rd. Bells available: Abbey (10) 3 to 4 p.m. and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Twerton (8) 3 to 4 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Mark's (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Mark's. Tea and meeting to follow. Other towers could be open if required. Free copies of 'The Glossary' available.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Burton on Saturday, July 3rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards, when tea tickets for jubilee meeting may be had. A good attendance is requested.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Kindly notify regarding tea not later than July 1st. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, June 30th? Tollesbury and Tolleshunt D'Arcy bells available during the evening.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—Next meeting, Measham, July 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Tea provided for those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, June 30th. Please note: The district outing will take place on July 10th (not the 17th). Route: Via Hoar Cross, Rocester and Ashbourne. Those who wish to join the party should let me know by June 26th. — J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mistley (8 bells) on July 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea provided by the Vicar at 5 p.m. Arrangements have been made for bells at Holbrook-Sutton and Harkstead to be available, which are on the Suffolk side. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

SILVERTON, Nr. EXETER.—The bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Thursday, July 8th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six bells has been restored and augmented to eight, including new framework, by John Taylor and Co.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 10th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Epsom on Saturday, July 10th. Reserve the date. Further particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harston on Saturday, July 10th, when the Vicar is extending a hearty invitation to all ringers to try the bells restored and augmented to a ring of six by J. Taylor and Co. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. As the Vicar is also entertaining us to tea, I must ask for names of all intending to be present to reach me by Wednesday, July 7th.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Staplehurst (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 5. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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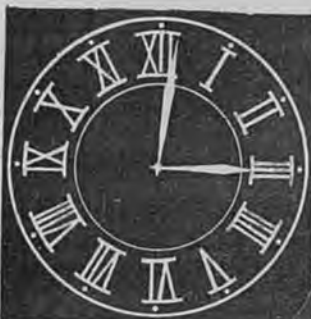


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