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NAMING SURPRISE METHODS.

The new Council, which meets at Westminster on Tuesday, will be confronted with a long agenda of, mostly, routine business, but it is not unlikely that out of one or more of the reports of committees may come a subject leading to debate. In the past reports have often provided unexpected discussions, and there will probably be some such debates arising from them this year. Indeed, after what transpired at Leeds last Whitsun, it will be rather surprising if the report of the Methods Committee—often a good fighting ground—does not lead to discussion, particularly on the question of whether or not names shall be given to the methods still unrung, which are to find a place in the new Surprise Major book. A decision will have to be taken as to whether the book shall be printed and issued this year; but that is a matter which rests directly upon the Council and not upon the committee.

It will be remembered that, in view of the cost which is involved, the Council approached the various affiliated associations, asking if they would be prepared to guarantee, in proportion to their representation on the Council, one-half of the cost of publication in return for an equivalent number of copies of the book. As far as we are aware, every association that has replied, except Bedfordshire, has expressed its willingness to undertake this responsibility, although, in view of the ultimate price and the likely demand, the actual liability upon the associations will be very light, if indeed there is any at all. There is little doubt, therefore, that the Council will go forward with the publication of the book, which, in its completeness, will be the most ambitious that the Council has yet undertaken.

But there is likely to be at issue the question of the method names, for, while the committee have given a name to all the methods in the book which up to now have not been rung, there are some people who still cling to the old idea that the band that rings the first peal in a method should have the right to name it. That view is all very well for methods that are rung before they are published, but there is no reason why it should prevail where methods have been printed, particularly in an official publication. Apart from any question of the right which those who produce the figures may have to name their own handiwork, there is one very serious and practical reason against leaving methods nameless in the book. After publication, an unnamed method may be rung and named by the ringers. In course of time, especially in view of the fact that a band so often ring a method once and discard it, the association of the name

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with particular figures may be forgotten and someone else may ring the same method and give it yet another title. Thus the confusion which arose over the Minor methods would be repeated, and a great deal of the value of the book would be lost because, without the names as they are added it would be out of date almost as soon as published. There would still be opportunity for those who wish to name a method to do so, for the methods in the book are only a selection, and there are hundreds still outside it. Indeed, we believe, many of the methods recently rung in Hertfordshire are not included. There can, therefore, be no ground for complaint on this score, and none has ever been made about the naming of the methods in the Plain Major collection. Utility and common sense seem to dictate that the names in this new book should also be settled before publication.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 50¼ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Treble*	HENRY G. MILES	7
HARRY HOSKINS	2	*DEREK M. SHARP	8
MRS. R. F. DEAL	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	9
R. CONGREVE PRIDGEON	4	FRANK E. DARBY	10
HERBERT E. THOMPSON	5	ALFRED E. PECK	11
LEONARD J. FOX	6	JAMES RUMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HENRY G. MILES.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

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

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER.

TEN BELL PEALS.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

E. DENNIS POOLE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. CHESTER	6
*WILLIAM SAUNDERS	2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	7
HARRY F. HOLDING	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
*GEORGE A. PACKER	4	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD	9
HARRY OVERTON	5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on the bells and for the association.

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CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*GEORGE LEE	...Treble	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
ROBERT SPERRING	2	JAMES SWINDLEY	7
*JOHN BEST	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
FRED HARTMAN	4	*HARRY PYE	9
*WILLIAM E. FLETCHER	5	PERCY SWINDLEY	...Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells. First peal of Bob Royal as conductor.

STONHAM ASPALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER	...Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT	6
JAMES BETTS	2	SHELFORD SPARROW	7
WILLIAM E. WATHEN	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	8
KEITH W. WHITTELL	4	HORACE J. MANSFIELD	9
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	5	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	...Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

First peal of Bob Royal by all except ringers of 2 and 9.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE MASKELL	...Treble	GEORGE SIMS	5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON	2	TOBY WANT	6
HARRY BAKER	3	WILLIAM GORRINGE	7
ROBERT EDWARDS	4	JAMES AVERY	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM GORRINGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. F. G. Burden, for 50 years a ringer at this church and verger for 25 years.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F

*MISS JOAN NAYLOR	...Treble	FREDERICK S. MACEY	5
WILFRID L. RAYNER	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6
WALTER H. DOBBIE	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4	HARRY PARKES	...Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal of Major.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	...Treble	JOHN BOOTH	5
THOMAS WALLWORK	2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	6
SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	7
THOMAS W. SMITH	4	WILLIAM DICKINSON	...Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Rung to commemorate the second anniversary of their Majesties' Coronation.

TWICKENHAM.—For evensong on May 21st, quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from the 'Original': *Jack Lovell 1, G. Bradford 2, J. Herbert 3, *A. Pond 4, †W. Wigginton 5, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 6, E. Morris 7, J. Lovell 8. * First quarter-peal. † First quarter-peal 'inside.'

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

EDWIN L. MILES	...Treble	JOHN G. NASH	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	6
*MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK	3	JAMES W. CHAPMAN	7
ERNEST J. KING	4	EDWARD D. SMITH	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALAN D. STEELE	...Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE	5
DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY	2	T. LESLIE WALLEY	6
EDWARD STEELE	3	ANDREW THOMPSON	7
BRIAN FERNEYHOUGH	4	*WILMOT C. CADMAN	...Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the centenary of the Church School.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

PERCY NEWTON	...Treble	ROLAND BIGGS	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	WALTER LEE	6
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH	3	HARRY WINGROVE	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	F. DONALD BOREHAM	...Tenor

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

GREAT TEW, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 14, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	...Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK	2	*RAYMOND P. TAPLIN	6
*HERBERT H. MORLEY	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
*WILLIAM J. CROSS	4	LEONARD CLIFTON	...Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 14, 1939, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

DAVID WHITING	...Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	6
ERIC G. BENNETT	3	*W. ARCHIE LOCK	7
*LEONARD H. LOCK	4	WILLIAM CLOVER	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal of Superlative.

DIBDEN, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REGINALD A. REED	...Treble	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN	5
LESLIE A. TREMBER	2	*HAROLD J. ROBERTS	6
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	...Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by R. A. REED.

* First peal.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

GEORGE DAWSON	*Treble*	ALFRED PRIOR	5
JOHN H. CRAMPION	2	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	6
JOHN W. CORNFORD	3	PHILIP H. AVERY	7
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN	4	EDWARD D. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALFRED PRIOR.
First peal of Yorkshire and first attempt by all except ringer of 2nd.

BEXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*ALAN HALL	*Treble*	PHILIP A. CORBY	5
HARRY HOVERD	2	†THOMAS G. BANNISTER	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. No. 140. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* First attempt for a peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tuesday, May 16, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD S. PAYNE	*Treble*	CHARLES F. SAYER	5
JAMES R. GARDINER	2	RICHARD W. R. COATES	6
MISS DOROTHY R. CONSTANCE	3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN	7
EDWIN R. GOATE	4	WILLIAM C. BUNN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WM. C. BUNN.
First peal of Major as conductor.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 17, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JACK DAFTERS	*Treble*	PHILIP A. CORBY	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	PERCY J. SPICE	7
HARRY HOSKINS	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Treble*	HARRY HOVERD	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	EDWIN BARNETT	7
DEREK M. SHARP	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY
Rung as nearly as possible to the 40th anniversary (May 18th) of Mr. E. Barnett's first peal.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN EVANS	*Treble*	REGINALD WESTCOTT	5
JOHN DARCH	2	WILLIAM LAMBERT	6
FREDERICK LASBURY	3	FRANK ROWSELL	7
HERBERT DAVIES	4	ROBERT REES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK ROWSELL

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF WARFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

REV. R. F. R. ROCTH	*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	GEORGE GILBERT	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	HARRY WINGROVE	7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	4	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
The first peal in the method.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF WALLASEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	CECIL C. MAYNE	5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	7
FRANCIS KIRK	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
The first peal in the method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST HOWELL	*Treble*	EDWARD J. CHARMAN	5
C. ERNEST SMITH	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
First peal of Bristol on the bells.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

STANLEY WALLIS	*Treble*	STANLEY A. CARTER	5
EDWIN G. BUCK	2	PERCY TOMPKINS	6
ERIC B. HARTLEY	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	7
ARTHUR DAY	4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
The first peal in the method by the association and by all the band except by the ringer of the 7th. It was rung as a compliment to Mr. Arthur Day on his election as president of the Hertford County Association.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALAN G. BALL	*Treble*	GEORGE W. STEERE	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	2	†THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
JAMES E. BAILEY	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Miss Rita Cullum, also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bailey, and grandson to Mr. and Mrs. Fredk. G. Symonds.

FAREWELL.

At All Saints', Gawthorne, on Tuesday, April 4th, a half-peal of Minor was rung as follows: 720 of Capel, Oxford, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars (Spliced), 720 St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood (Spliced), 120 Neasden, 720 Plain Bob and 240 Kent and Oxford: A. Rusby 1, H. Rusby 2, L. W. Carbutt 3, T. Cullingworth 4, D. Smith (conductor) 5, C. Robinson 6. It was a farewell to T. Cullingworth, who is serving with the Royal Air Force and was on leave prior to setting out for three years' service in India.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 10, 1939, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

BERT STANDEN ... ...*Treble*	*ERNEST H. EVEREST... ... 4
*WILLIAM F. MOON 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 5
*EDWARD BISHOP 3	FRANK H. HICKS... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 24 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings) and 18 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD J. RAYFIELD ... ...*Treble*	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS... 4
MISS BETTY RAYFIELD ... 2	CHARLES A. SAVAGE 5
GEORGE BEENEY 3	*JESSE WILLOUGHBY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES A. SAVAGE.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles for all except ringer of 3rd. First peal ever rung at the church.

BARTON STACEY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

REGINALD DALTON ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 4
*MISS NESTA SMITH 2	LEONARD KNOTT 5
RICHARD SMITH 3	LESLIE A. TREMEER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE A. TREMEER.

* First peal on a working bell.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK CHERRETT ...*Treble*	*ALBERT TURNER... 4
*THOMAS BEVAN 2	*GEORGE CHARGE 5
WILLIAM J. NORTON... ... 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

* First peal of Minor. Arranged as a wedding compliment to Miss Doris Barker, daughter of the conductor.

ABBEYDORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR H. OAKLEY ... ...*Treble*	*A. JAMES YOUNG... 4
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 2	GEORGE T. COUSINS 5
TRACEY H. YOUNG 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

* First peal of Minor.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of an extent each of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Court Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*MRS. L. WRIGHT ... ...*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY... ... 4
HARRY J. MILLATT 2	*LESLIE WRIGHT 5
DAISY M. ANDREWS 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal in seven methods and first attempt.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In 17 methods, viz.: (1) Willesden and College Bob IV. Delights; (2) Old Oxford and Newdigate Delights; (3) Wragby and St. Albans Delights; (4) Neasden and Charlwood Delights; (5) College Exercise and Norbury; (6) Duke of Norfolk and Ockley; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford, Kingston, Capel and Sandal. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE CLARK ... ...*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS WHITE ... 4
*HOWARD SCOTT 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ROLAND HILL 3	DANIEL SMITH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal of Spliced Minor and first attempt. Also first spliced peal on the bells.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REV. FRANK BONNER ...*Treble*	ALBERT T. BANCROFT 4
*JOCELYN B. GARDINER ... 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
ERIC ELLISON 3	JAMES A. MILNER... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal in nine methods. Rung in connection with the centenary celebrations at this church.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER J. BATTLE ... ...*Treble*	JOSEPH LESLIE 4
*MISS DOROTHY BATTLE ... 2	*DEREK PARRY 5
FRANK T. PARRY 3	WILLIAM DEAN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DEAN.

* First peal and first attempt.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

HARRY CARTER ... ...*Treble*	ALBERT L. DIXEY 4
VICTOR MORLEY 2	ALEC M. GENERY... 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3	RALPH BIRD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

KENNETH G. SMITH ... ...*Treble*	ALEC M. GENERY 4
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 2	VICTOR MORLEY 5
RALPH BIRD 3	RONALD SUCKLING ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the association.

WITHINGTON.—For evening service on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10½ different six-scores): A. E. Winter 1, W. A. Godwin (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 2, W. Peachey 3, J. E. Godwin 4, F. Blowing 5, W. C. Peachey 6.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

BERTRAM STANDEN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ...	4
FRANK H. HICKS	2	LESLIE W. JARVIS	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	WILFRED BOOTH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED BOOTH.

AYMESTREY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, May 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND ALKMOND,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Plain Bob and six 720's of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR A. PRIDAY ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS R. PAYNE	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE... ...	5
WILLIAM J. PREECE	3	*A. JAMES OWEN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PREECE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor in two methods.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, May 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

WILLIAM T. BERSON ...	...*Treble*	†JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	4
*PETER F. DAVY	2	†WILLIAM F. J. COPE	5
*ARTHUR E. J. HYDE	3	†C. ERNEST SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT NEW ROSE VILLA,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*NORMAN H. MANNING ...	1-2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	5-6
DEREK M. SHARP	3-4	†ROBERT COLLINS	7-8

JOHN O. WELLER... 9-10
Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by D. M. SHARP.
* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes;
AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	*HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	JOHN E. ROOTES...	7-8

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sunday, May 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT 18, FITZWILLIAM STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor, size 13 in E.

*T. P. HEARN (Selwyn) ...	1-2	A. R. PARGETER (Pembroke)	5-6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's)	3-4	*R. H. RICHENS (Selwyn) ...	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by A. R. PARGETER.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT 92, BUTCHERS' ROW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor, size 15 in C.

CECIL H. WOOD	1-2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3-4

CECIL R. LONGHURST 5-6
Conducted by E. R. RAPLEY.
First peal 'in hand' by all. First peal as conductor.

PEAL NOTES.

LADY'S PLUCKY EFFORT.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob at Southwold, Suffolk, was the first peal in that tower for the Suffolk Guild since 1924. For its success great credit must be given to Miss D. R. Constance for the way she kept her bell going. About half of the peal had been rung when her bell, the 3rd, became 'a man's job' owing to defect in the lubrication. Then after two and a half hours the bell was going so badly that Miss Constance changed ropes with Mr. E. R. Goate. The change was made perfectly and the peal completed. The peal was rung on May 16th.

The first peal of Bob Royal on the bells at Chester Cathedral was rung on May 13th and was splendidly struck without a single trip from beginning to end. Mr. James Swindley, who took part, was also in the first peal of Bob Major on the bells, which incidentally was the first peal of Major in the city of Chester, in 1896. The peal of Royal was the 50th peal by both Fred Hartman and J. W. Griffiths.

Two of the local band at Bramley, Surrey, rang their first peal at the first attempt on May 17th, when seven 720's of Bob Minor were brought round. One of them, Peter Davy, is only 16 years of age. Three others of the band rang their first peal of Bob Minor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith after 46 years of peal ringing. It was his 450th peal.

A new keenness has grown up in the Bramley band since a recent reorganisation. The hon. secretary, Mr. C. M. Martin, sat in the tower throughout the peal to watch the ringing, and there would have been a third local man in the peal but for the unfortunate fact that he had to go into hospital.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Bexley on May 15th was the first in the method on the bells, which were augmented 13 months ago. Mr. H. A. Holden, who is teaching a band of young ringers at Bexley, was unable to stand in the peal owing to indisposition, but one of his pupils, Alan Hall, deputised for him and rang the treble to his second peal in a most capable manner.

A peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus, rung by a band of Sunday service ringers at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on Saturday, was called by Miss Sylvia Bowyer, who is the first lady to call a peal of Maximus in this method.

TWENTY-SIX SURPRISE METHODS.

There were two new Surprise methods rung on Saturday, one by the Oxford Guild at Warfield, Berks, and the other by the Hertford Association at Aldenham. The former named their method after the place where they rang it; the latter called theirs Wallasey. In each case the peal was rung without previous practice.

The Hertford County Association also scored another 'first' on Saturday, when a peal of St. Clement's Bob Major, the first by the association, was rung at Baldock as a compliment to the new president, Mr. Arthur Day. It was also the first peal in the method by all the ringers except the conductor, Mr. G. W. Debenham.

Mr Leonard Stilwell, of Windsor, rang his 250th peal when he conducted the first peal of Warfield Surprise Major, and he has now rung a peal in a different Surprise method on each bell in the tower.

It was the 26th Surprise Major method which Mr. Stilwell has rung, and, curiously enough, Mr. W. Welling, who also took part, has rung peals in the same 26 methods. Mr. Stuwell's peals include 63 of Minor in one to twelve methods, 53 of Triples in four methods, 111 of Major in 32 methods, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques, Plain Bob and Cambridge Royal and Kent Maximus.

They also include non-conducted peals of Stedman Triples, and Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major, as well as the first peals ever rung in 14 of the Surprise Major methods. The peals have been rung in 74 towers for 10 associations and with 313 ringers.

To celebrate the recent addition of the treble at Willingdon, Sussex, a village adjoining Eastbourne, which was the home of Lord Willingdon, who has been both Governor General of Canada and Viceroy of India, a peal of Doubles was rung on May 10th. Mr. Jesse Willoughby, the local captain, bravely stood in at short notice to ring the tenor. He had never previously rung for longer than half an hour or 'covered' more than a few courses of Grandsire. Despite his statement afterwards that he 'kept behind more by luck than anything else,' he put up a highly creditable performance. It was the first peal ever rung at Willingdon.

After meeting short for Grandsire Triples at Mayfield, Sussex, on May 10th, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung.

The Cambridge University Guild's peal of Bob Major on May 14th was the first peal rung on the Guild's handbells since their recent renovation, which was carried out with the surplus of the money subscribed by members for the erection of a memorial tablet to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, late president of the Guild.

FORTY YEARS OF PEAL RINGING.

The peal at Crayford to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Mr. E. Barnett's 'first' would have been rung on the actual date (May 18th) but for the fact that this was Ascension Day. Mr. Barnett is by no means a 'veteran,' but only Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., of the remainder of Friday's band, was alive when the original peal was rung.

Messrs. L. H. Lock and W. A. Lock rang their first peal of Superlative at the first attempt on Sunday, May 14th, at Diss, Norfolk. On the previous day they rang their first peal of Cambridge Major at the first attempt.

Messrs William Symonds and Ernest Salmons rang their 25th peal together on May 13th, when they took part in a peal of Bob Minor at Abbeydore, Herefordshire.

A great searching of the archives has revealed that the peal of Superlative at Beckenham on April 27th was the 250th peal of Mr. Harry Hoskins, the versatile Greenwich 'youngster.'

A peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark on Saturday was arranged for a band of College Youths. One of them, however, failed to put in an appearance, and Mrs. R. F. Deal kindly agreed to stand in, and the peal, therefore, was rung for the Kent County Association.

Mr. George H. Cross, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, celebrated the 29th anniversary of his first peal as conductor by calling a peal of Superlative for the society at Erith on May 20th.

The peal was also rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Rita Cullum, and in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey, and a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Symonds. Alan Ball, who rang his first peal, is only 13 years of age.

Mr. Ralph Bird has twice 'circled' the six bells at Stisted, Essex, and has called a peal from each bell. He finished this on May 14th when he called a peal of Netherseale Surprise Minor, the first in the method by all and by the Essex Association. It was rung without previous practice.

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Miss Dorothy Battle, of Bebington, Cheshire, who is only 14 years of age, got her first peal on May 13th, when she rang an 'inside' bell to seven Minor methods, including four Surprise. She had never previously rung a 720 of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, York or Beverley Surprise. It is a performance of which she may well be proud. Derek Parry rang his first peal at the same time, and it was the first attempt by them both. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Battle kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

As far as we can recall, it must be many years since a handbell peal was recorded by the Sussex Association, but on May 14th a peal of Bob Minor was rung 'in hand' at West Grinstead, and it was no mean performance that Mr. Edgar Rapley rang his first peal as conductor when he called it from the middle pair.

A peal in two methods of Doubles, arranged to enable Messrs. A. A. Priday and A. J. Owen, of the local band, to ring their first peal, was scored at Aymestrey, Herefordshire, on Sunday, May 14th. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to tea by the Rev. G. R. M. and Mrs. Ellwood.

Mr. W. R. Melville, formerly of Guildford, but who now lives at King's Worthy, Hants, rang his 250th peal on May 13th at Barton Stacey, when he took part in seven 720's of Bob Minor. Before going into 'retirement,' Mr. Melville put in many years of valuable work for ringing in the Guildford area, first under the old Winchester Diocesan Guild, and, after the division of the diocese, for the new Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The peal of Ashtead Surprise rung at Wymondham on April 22nd was 5,184 changes in length (not 5,088 as printed), and the ringer of the 6th was Thomas H. Francis, of Chiswick, formerly of Paston, Norfolk.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Leytonstone, Essex, on May 15th, was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor (Mr. Alfred Prior) and to Messrs. Prior and Dawson on their retirement after completion of 50 years in the service of the L.N.E.R.

On May 13th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Christ Church, Tunstall, Staffs, in honour of the centenary of the Parochial Schools. The old schools were opened in King Street on May 2nd, 1839, and a very important educational work has been carried on in the parish through the schools since that date. The centenary has been observed as fully as the occasion demanded and the special peal fittingly rang out the message which the schools have been commissioned to teach for the past century. The church authorities are most grateful to the ringers concerned, and the band thank Mr. W. Thompson for preparing the bells for them.

The peal was Mr. C. H. Page's 100th for the North Staffordshire Association and was also a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. D. R. Whalley.

A PEAL ON DOOR BELLS.

After calling a peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major on handbells on May 12th, Mr. Harold Cashmore rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples two days later! And he rang it on door bells.

Not that the ringers went round the streets pulling knobs and running away like mischievous boys. The door bells had been tuned and fitted by Mr. Thomas Male, of Warwick. The band sat down in the Masonic Junior School at Bushey and rang the peal.

Until last Saturday week no peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal had been rung in Shropshire since that at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, on February 17th, 1813. One has now been rung at Coalbrookdale for the Shropshire Association.

Three old and well-seasoned ringers of Holloway (Messrs. T. Bevan, G. Charge and A. Turner) rang their first peal of Minor on May 13th, when, in honour of the wedding of Miss Doris Barker, daughter of Mr. F. A. Barker, at Finchley on May 6th, they rang in a peal of Bob Minor at Wood Green, Middlesex. Although he lives not far away, it is 30 years since Mr. Albert Turner rang in Wood Green tower

Mr. Jocelyn Gardner rang his first peal in nine Minor methods on May 13th at Buxton, Derbyshire. Prior to starting for the peal he had not struck a blow in seven of them.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The memorial window to the late Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, is to be dedicated on June 10th.

Ringers who have short wave receiving sets will be able to listen to the bells of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia, next Tuesday, May 30th. The bells will be broadcast before and perhaps after the King's speech, which is to be made at 2 p.m. Pacific Summer Time, which is 11 p.m. English Summer Time. It will be radiated on the C.B.C. and the American N.B.C. short wave.

Members of the Central Council who may like to ring on the William Pye memorial bells at Leytonstone will be welcome at the service ringing on Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Convenient trains leave Liverpool Street at 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The church is close to Leytonstone Station.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, of Bromley, and formerly hon. secretary of the Central Council, who is now making his way back from South Africa by easy stages, had an alarming experience recently. With Mrs. Young and others from the ship on which he was travelling from Beira, he was returning from a visit ashore at Durban when the gangway between landing stage and ship collapsed and Mr. Young was thrown into the water. In addition to his unexpected immersion, he suffered a sprained foot, and it is fortunate the results were no worse. Mrs. Young had happily reached safety before the accident happened.

There are not many ringers who would go without bed just to ring for a Sunday morning service, but apparently Mr. Frank Hopgood, of St. Mary's, Wimbledon, doesn't mind. On Sunday he cycled 58 miles for morning ringing, and after Stedman and Bob Minor at Winslow, Bucks, cycled home the other 58 to ring at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, in a nice evening service touch. Mr. Hopgood had a disappointment the other week, when he cycled 126 miles and found no ringing.

TECHNICAL TERMS IN TEACHING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to a letter published in last week's issue, in which a correspondent suggests cutting out or moderating the use of technical terms and teaching beginners with 'ordinary English,' I would like to say it seems to me that these terms were evolved for simplicity, and when one tries to dispense with them, then one becomes lost in a maze of explanations.

Furthermore, most of the terms used in teaching beginners are, to my mind, essential and almost explain themselves; in any case, the sooner their meanings are understood the better, for the learner cannot hope to progress without them. Moreover, the local instructor should be able to provide answers to any questions that may be asked about them.

If an instructor is not available there have been, from time to time, many books published and written in excellent English that put things very clearly and can be understood by all.

Your correspondent asks also for a ringing centre, somewhere in the country, with a hall and bells to enable learners to pick up the finer points of the art and to discuss some of his or her difficulties with other more learned ringers. Surely such a centre as this is unnecessary, as practices and meetings are arranged, both in the country and the towns, for the express purpose of helping beginners and furthering the fellowship of ringing. J. H. BOTHAM.

Kenton, Middlesex.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

As prescribed by the rules, the annual general meeting of Cambridge University Guild was held towards the beginning of the present term, and the following officers for the year 1939-40 were elected: President, the Rev. A. C. Blyth (Selwyn), re-elected; Master, T. P. Hearn (Selwyn); secretary and treasurer, R. H. Richens (Selwyn). The members appointed to serve on the Central Council are E. M. Atkins (re-elected) and the Rev. B. F. Sheppard.

During the Christmas vacation a memorial to the late president of the Guild was placed in the ringing chamber of St. Mary the Great, in the form of a tablet of bell-metal with the following wording: 'In memory of Anchitel Harry Fletcher Boughey, born 14th August, 1849, died 22nd Sept., 1936, Fellow of Trinity College, sometime Vicar of this church, President of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers from 1879 to 1936, this tablet is erected by members of the Guild to record his long and devoted service and their personal affection and gratitude.' All who have seen it are very pleased with the way in which it has been carried out.

It had been suggested, when the memorial was proposed, that if the amount subscribed by members for its erection were more than sufficient for the purpose, no more fitting use could be found for the surplus than that it should be spent on a much-needed renovation of the Guild's handbells, which the late president had rung to many peals. It has, accordingly, been found possible to have the set of 13 (tenor size 17 in A) thoroughly overhauled and retuned, with most satisfactory results. The first peal on the bells since this has been done was rung on May 14th, the composition being that old friend 'Tapatapa.'

Arrangements for the annual Guild Week, which starts on the first Monday in September, are well in hand, and, as is the five-yearly custom, it is to be held this year in Cambridge.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—72.

EDWIN A. BARNETT.

One of the most remarkable ringing records is that set up by Edwin A. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent. Ringing is a natural instinct with him, which he has inherited from his father and grandfather, but, even so, to have rung 340 peals in some 57 methods and extensions at the age of 20 and to have conducted 54 of them in 37 methods and extensions is an extraordinary performance.

Teddy III., for he is the third generation to bear the name of Edwin, was born at Bexleyheath, Kent, on October 15th, 1918, but his ringing has been associated with Crayford, where he rang his first peal when only eleven years old, on December 20th, 1929. He was only twelve when he conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, and he rang peals of Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major at the age of 13. While still only 13 he called a peal of Cambridge Major from a working bell. This was the last peal in which his grandfather took part and the one of which, out of the many hundreds he rang, he was most proud.

MR. EDWIN A. BARNETT.

When Edwin A. was only 14 he called peals of Superlative and London and rang in peals in four Spliced Surprise Major methods and Cambridge Royal. At 15 he conducted peals of Yorkshire and Pudsey, and he conducted Bristol at 17. In all these he rang a working bell, while the Bristol was a composition of his own produced at the age of 14. He had already composed peals of Superlative at 13 and at 17 composed and conducted one containing seven pairs of bells reversed in 5-6 at course ends, the most obtainable and probably the first of its kind. His knowledge of composition he has gained through the kindness of Mr. A. G. Driver.

Among the peals which he has conducted have been the first peals of Painswick College and Pulford Bob, the first of Erith Little Bob Royal on tower bells and what was possibly the only peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples in the present century. He has called the first peal he has rung in 20 different methods, and of the fifty-four peals which he has conducted, all have been different compositions except a peal of Doubles, in which repetition of calling was, of course, unavoidable, and Middleton's peal of Cambridge, which he called a second time on the spur of the moment when the appointed conductor did not turn up.

He took part in a peal of Bob Major with a band of the average age of 15, in peals of Kent Treble Bob with bands averaging 21 and 20 years, and in a peal in four Spliced Surprise Major methods with a band whose average age was but 22.

Out of his 340 peals, 21 have been on handbells and 318 on tower bells, 304 of the latter having been eight-bell peals and 137 of them at Crayford. They have included 140 peals of Surprise in 17 Major methods.

During his wonderful career Edwin A. has always received every assistance and encouragement from his ringing friends, and warmly acknowledges his indebtedness to them, but we would add that such a career as he has cut out in ringing has been largely due to his own initiative and ability.

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED AT BRENTWOOD.

CONGREGATION SEE BELLS RUNG.

On Sunday, May 14th, at the evening service, a peal board commemorating a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung to the memory of King George V., and also a peal of Oxford Treble Bob in honour of the Coronation of their present Majesties, was unveiled by the Vicar of Brentwood, the Rev. V. G. Ballance, B.A., in the presence of a large congregation.

The board, which is of polished mahogany written in gold leaf, is hung in the porch.

In order that the congregation should see how the bells are rung, the ropes were lengthened and ringing took place in the porch, and in spite of the length of the rope, which varied from 22 to 24 yards, some excellent touches in the standard methods were brought round.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT RE-FORMED.

New Officers Elected.

A very successful meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday at Staveley, Derbyshire. This was a by-meeting specially arranged with the object of re-forming the Chesterfield District, which for some time has been in a very apathetic condition, and, at the last annual meeting, failed to elect local officers. The bells of the Parish Church were at the disposal of the visitors and friends, and some very good striking was heard, methods being rung to accommodate all comers. Tea was served in the Parish Hall and a company of between 30 and 40 sat down.

In the absence of the president (the Rev. Canon H. E. Fitzherbert), who later sent a telegram apologising for unavoidable absence, Mr. Colin Harrison (vice-president) took the chair for the subsequent meeting. He was supported by Mr. W. E. White (treasurer) and Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary) and members from Bolsover, Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Dore, Eckington, Handsworth, Heath, Nottingham, Old Whittington, Ripley, Spondon, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Warsop and the local company.

The Chairman first apologised for the absence of the Rector of Staveley and welcomed the presence of both churchwardens, Mr. W. J. Kittridge (an hon. member of the association for many years) and Mr. J. W. Hudson. He explained the special object of the meeting, commenting on the fact that Staveley was one of the strongholds of the district. It was appropriate, too, that the first time he was called on to take the chair since his appointment as vice-president it should be at Staveley, as he retained happy memories of the three years he was secretary of Sheffield and District Society, whose activities often brought him to that place. It was (he continued) a source of deep regret to the officers of the association that the district—which, in the past, had done so much for the advancement of the art—should have lapsed in the way it had. He recalled the many notable performances at Chesterfield under the leadership of the late Mr. A. Knights, those at Bolsover under the conductorship of Mr. J. Flint, and the enthusiasm displayed in the past in other towers around. The main object of that meeting was to try and resurrect some of that enthusiasm, and he reminded those present that the more they put into the art the more they got out of it. It was a pleasant hobby that brought with it a social intercourse far above the average, and, further, it was a work connected with the Church that they should value and uphold. He trusted the members of the district would at that meeting elect new local officers and thenceforth proceed with enthusiasm to restore the old spirit of energy and enterprise in the art. England was now being divided into smaller dioceses and new diocesan organisations were being formed. That district came in the Diocese of Derby and at present in the area of the Midland Counties Association. Therefore, it was the duty of all members to support it.

Mr. White (hon. treasurer) added his support to all Mr. Harrison had said, and promised to answer any questions on administration that might arise.

Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary) said it was one of his deepest regrets that in preparing the last annual report he had to state under Chesterfield 'no officers elected,' and he trusted that that would be remedied at that meeting, and that they would start anew on a phase of energetic activity. He stated that in the three Leicester districts they had most happy meetings and the social side reached a high standard, simply because they were fortunate enough to have local secretaries who were keen and enterprising, and members who appreciated their work and that of the association as a whole. He saw no reason why Chesterfield should not do the same and emulate not only Leicester, but other districts who were working amicably and energetically.

Mr. W. J. Kittridge (churchwarden) here added a word of welcome to Staveley, and said that in ringing as well as in any other phase of life and activity, no progress could be made without the enthusiasm and support of all members concerned. He gave the association good wishes for a prosperous future, especially in that district.

At this stage the Rector of Staveley (the Rev. H. H. Dibben) arrived and was received with acclamation. He welcomed the members in a happy speech, trusting they were having a good and prosperous meeting, and he gave permission to all present to visit the fine gardens and grounds around the historic Hall and Rectory.

After further discussion on various points, Mr. F. A. Adams proposed and Mr. A. E. Parsons seconded that the Chesterfield District be revived and the election of officers proceeded with.

This having been agreed to, Mr. W. T. Palmer was elected chairman, and, in taking office once more, said he did so on the understanding he received more support from the members than in the past.

Mr. S. Scattergood was elected local secretary and promised to do his best in that office. He urged local members to rally round and have some well-attended meetings. Mr. Gordon Graham and Mr. P. Jervis were elected committeemen, and it is now hoped Chesterfield District will once more become a strong and forceful centre of the art.

Mr. White thanked the Rector and churchwardens for their support and stated it had been a highly successful and enjoyable meeting. He also thanked the ringers' wives for providing such a nice tea.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WHITSUN MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 27th.

Ringing St. Lawrence Jewry (next Guildhall, City), 6.30 to 8.

Rendezvous for evening, Holborn Buffet (next Holborn Station, Holborn Viaduct).

SUNDAY, MAY 28th.

Service ringing: St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12 bells), 9.45 and 11 a.m.; St. Giles'-in-the-Fields (8 bells), 10 a.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry, 10.30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Croydon Parish Church (12 bells), 10.10 a.m., 5.40 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12 bells), 5.30 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells), 5.15 p.m.; St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark (8 bells), 5.30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis invite members and their friends to visit them at Moorcocks, Brasted, Kent. Train leaves Charing Cross at 2.4 p.m. Please advise if you are accepting invitation.

Rendezvous for evening, Bedford Head, Maiden Lane, off Southampton Street, Strand.

WHITSUN MONDAY, MAY 29th.

Ringing: St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 11.30 to 12.30: Westminster Abbey, 12 to 1; Imperial Institute (South Kensington Station), 3.30 to 4.30.

Standing Committee meeting at 7 p.m., Coffee Pot.

Headquarters for the evening, Bedford Head.

WHITSUN TUESDAY, MAY 30th.

Council meeting in the Guildhall, Westminster, Broad Sanctuary, north side of Westminster Abbey adjacent to Westminster Hospital (Westminster Station). Standing Committee, 10 a.m.; Council, 11 a.m. Morning session will be adjourned at about 1.30. Ample restaurant accommodation in Whitehall and around Westminster and Victoria Station. Afternoon session, 2.30 approx.

Ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 7.30 to 9 p.m.; St. Magnus', London Bridge, 7 to 8.

Social at London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31st.—Prittlewell, near Southend, Essex, bells (10) available 3 to 5 and 6 to 8.

Committee responsible for arrangements: Messrs. A. A. Hughes, E. J. Butler, G. W. Steere, F. M. Mitchell, C. T. Coles, T. W. Taffender and D. Cooper, representing London societies.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

DEATH OF OLD WINCHESTER GUILD RINGER.

RANG HIS ONLY PEAL AT 76.

The death of Mr. James Norris took place at his home in Blackmoor, Hants, on May 12th. He was 84 years of age and had only been laid up for a few weeks. He had belonged to the Winchester Guild for 56 years and was the second oldest member. He was the tenor ringer at Blackmoor, where he had lived practically all his life. He was also the organ blower for a great number of years. He rang only one peal, and this was on May 12th, 1931, exactly eight years before the day of his death. This peal was Grandsire Doubles, rung at his own tower in 2 hours and 45 minutes. He rang the cover bell faultlessly. He was then 76 years of age.

The funeral took place at Blackmoor on Tuesday, May 16th, the Guild being represented by Mr. George Williams, Ringing Master. Amongst the floral tributes were wreaths from the Alton and Petersfield District, Blackmoor ringers, the choir, and the Church Council. The service was choral and the churchwardens were present. The Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Eyres) officiated. The bells were rung after the service by members of the local band. By request they were half-muffled with the tenor fully muffled.

BARNSLEY SOCIETY.

WELCOMED AT HOYLANDSWAINE.

The meeting of the Barnsley and District Society at Hoylandswaine on May 6th attracted members from Cawthorne, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Penistone, Rotherham, Sandal, Silkstone, Shelley and Wath. Ringing in the afternoon and tea in the Parish Room was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Pratt) presided.

The Vicar expressed pleasure that the society had again visited Hoylandswaine and assured them of a hearty welcome at any time. He said he was sorry that they had not now got a band of change ringers at Hoylandswaine tower, but he hoped they soon would have, as he had been in the tower all the afternoon and had enjoyed it very much.

Mr. Moxon (vice-president) moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for presiding and for the welcome he had given, and also to the ladies for the splendid tea they had provided.

Mrs. Pratt, in reply, said the ladies had enjoyed all they had done and only hoped that next time the ringers came they would bring their lady partners with them.

Further ringing followed in a variety of methods, ranging from Original to London and York Surprise Minor.

Kirkburton was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, June 10th.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BELLS AND PLANES.

A very successful meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association was held at Feltham on Saturday, May 20th. A pleasant change in the weather added to the enjoyment, and those present derived additional entertainment in watching the antics of a number of planes from nearby aerodromes, who were apparently engaged in a competition to see how near they could get to the church spire without actually bringing it down—it being Empire Air Day. About 30 ringers, including a number of ladies, and the promising young learners at Feltham, were present, and some very enjoyable ringing was accomplished. Towers or districts represented were Beddington, Croydon, Ealing (Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Feltham, Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's), Kingston-on-Thames, Prittlewell, Ruislip, Sunbury-on-Thames, Staines and Twickenham. The methods rung, under the supervision of Messrs. W. H. Coles and G. H. Kilby, were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major, and Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major, with plenty of rounds for the learners, the bells being kept going from 3 to 8.30 p.m. with an interval for tea.

During the evening, owing to the kindness of Mr. Tony Price, who placed his car at visitors' disposal, a visit was paid to Bedfont, where about an hour's ringing was indulged in on the musical but very noisy peal of six; Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court and Cambridge being rung, with again rounds for the learners. This beautiful little church, with its Saxon and Norman work, its wooden bell-cote and very noisy but musical bells, set on the edge of a pretty village green, at the side of the busy Staines Road, seemed an ideal place for a little evening ringing, and the visit was greatly enjoyed.

Tea and a short business meeting were held at the Feltham Hotel and were enlivened by a series of shattering roars from a number of Westland Lysanders doing a bit of hedge-hopping nearby.

The next meeting was fixed for Sunbury-on-Thames on June 24th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the local authorities, and especially to Mr. Tony Price for his kindness, was carried with acclamation, it being noted with pleasure that he has succeeded in getting Feltham bells going again after a long silence, and that among the promising band he is getting together are Mrs. Price and other members of his family.

MID-WEEK MEETING TO BE HELD.

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Harrow Weald on Saturday, and although the attendance was much below the average, those present made good use of the bells and the ringing varied from touches of Triples to the usual Spliced Surprise Major, the band in the latter being composed of equal numbers of ladies and gentlemen.

The service was conducted by the Rev. C. S. Durham, Vicar, who, in a short address, dealt with the meaning of the Ascension.

At the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, the provisional election of three members previous to peal attempts was ratified and three new members were elected. It was announced that the association had recently lost two members by death, Mr. R. P. Pike, Kingsbury, and Mr. T. Humphrey, Pinner, both regular Sunday service ringers, and the meeting stood for a few moments in silent tribute.

A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Enfield, on Wednesday, June 7th, the bells being available from 5 p.m.

St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, was chosen as the venue for the next district meeting, if possible on June 24th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, who, in reply, welcomed the association to Harrow Weald, to the organist, and to Miss E. K. Fulton and lady helpers for the adequate catering arrangements.

QUARTER-PEALS.

For Ascension Eve service on May 17th at All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. K. Lister (first quarter-peal) 1, T. S. Goodchild 2, E. W. Eldridge 3, W. H. Walker 4, J. Eldridge 5, E. Pugh 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, H. A. Baldwin 8. All except the conductor are of the Boyne Hill band.

Members of the young band at St. Mary's, Battersea, took part on May 17th in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Timms 1, R. Ireland 2, W. Essery 3, L. Brown 4, E. Dodds 5, G. Ashford 6, A. Williams (conductor) 7, S. Hart 8.

As a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. H. Gutteridge, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on May 16th: F. Corke 1, W. S. Childs 2, T. Collins 3, Miss F. M. Gutteridge 4, R. Henson 5, E. Hancox (conductor) 6, P. E. Jones 7, C. Nicholls 8.

For Mass at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Cambridge, on May 7th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: V. E. Shorter 1, D. L. G. Lathbury 2, A. E. Austin 3, R. Knights 4, S. Goodwin (first quarter-peal of Superlative) 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, F. Warrington 7, J. W. Ward (conductor) 8.

At St. Mary's, Maisey Hampton, Glos., on Sunday, May 7th, for morning service, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. H. Peare 1, W. A. Godwin 2, L. W. Cuss 3, N. G. Peare 4, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 5, J. E. Godwin 6. First quarter-peal of Minor by all except the conductor, and first on the bells by a local Sunday service band.

On Sunday, May 7th, for evening service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, Cirencester, 1,264 Bob Major: F. J. Lewis, sen. 1, L. W. Cuss (first quarter-peal of Major) 2, W. C. Cuss (first as conductor) 3, H. L. Cooke 4, A. W. Baldwin 5, H. S. Parsons 6, F. J. Lewis, jun. 7, W. H. Hayward 8.

CLERICAL RINGERS' HOLIDAY.

SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF A DEVON TOUR.

The clerical ringing week took place this year in Devonshire, from Monday, April 17th, to Friday, the 21st, headquarters being at a hotel near Bovey Tracey. The party was larger than ever before, the weather perfect, the country astonishingly beautiful, and the whole week thoroughly enjoyable. That the call-change ringers of Devonshire were always impressed by the ringing they heard is more than we can claim, but some at least of them became interested in change ringing, and there was, during the week, some excellent ringing. We greatly missed the Revs. E. V. Cox and A. G. G. Thurlow—and not only in the belfry. It was a particular disappointment to all that 'E. V.' was prevented at the last moment by illness from piloting us round his own territory and himself enjoying the tour for which he had made such admirable arrangements.

Thorverton was the first tower visited, ringing being impossible at Brampford Speke owing to illness near the tower. Here the first seven of the party gathered, and with the help of Mr. Ridler, of the local band, the eight (tenor 14 cwt.) were raised and rung to Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor. This was the only change ringing tower of the whole tour. Mrs. Cox then very kindly entertained the company to tea at Brampford Speke, where we found more of the party gathered. Passing through Exeter, we stopped next at Chudleigh. The church is dedicated to SS. Martin and Mary. The lower part of the ancient screen survives, with paintings of saints on the panels. We rang Grandsire Triples badly, but Stedman and Kent Treble Bob Major went well. Mr. C. R. Lilley kindly came up into the belfry to wish us a successful week.

From Chudleigh we moved on to Bovey Tracey, the Devonshire countryside looking in the evening light even more like Paradise than ever, and so to our headquarters. At dinner we all drank water, the hotel management having a higher opinion of us than subsequent experience justified. Afterwards handbells were set going to Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal, and we soon had the lounge to ourselves. And so to bed. The thin walls dividing our rooms were powerless to muffle the snores of some of the party. In the morning we were roused by the glorious song of innumerable birds haunting the woods nearby. They were remarkably early risers.

A NOTICE THAT PROVED UNTRUE.

Tuesday morning's programme included a peal attempt at Bovey Tracey (tenor 14 cwt.), and ringing at Ilsington. Tradition associates the building of Bovey Church with the Sir William de Tracey, one of Thomas a Becket's murderers, who was made to build three churches as part of his penance, and the church bears a triple dedication to SS. Peter and Paul and St. Thomas of Canterbury, but the present church is considerably later, owing much to the great Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of King Henry VII., who owned the manor from 1487-1509. A beautiful painted screen dates from her time. In the porch we found a notice to say that the Clerical Guild would ring a peal at 9.30. It proved to be untrue. A peal of Kent began at 10.20, but came to grief after 40 minutes, and the band consoled themselves with a well-struck quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Meanwhile the rest of the party were making their way to Ilsington, a place approached only by hilly, tortuous lanes. The parish is said to be the second largest in Devonshire. The church, a fine cruciform building with north and south aisles, has an unmusical ring of six (tenor 14 cwt.). The four standard methods were rung, but except for Kent the local company would not have been favourably impressed. We hope they blamed these eccentric parsons and not the method. A short, steep pull brought us up to Haytor Rocks (1,491ft.), the most popular picnic place on Dartmoor, for lunch. The huge rocks kept off the wind, and the sun seemed as hot as June.

Tin-mining at one time made the little village of Widecombe prosperous, the enormous church tower being built, so it is said, by the miners as an expression of gratitude. Nowadays the mythical Uncle Tom Cobleigh brings wealth more easily got, for most visitors (and there are many of them) take away some memento of him, often one of those musical jugs which seem incessantly to play the familiar tune. The Church of St. Pancras has lost the loft of its ancient screen, but retains the lower pictured panels. In the guide books it is chiefly notable for the great thunderstorm of 1638, when one of the massive pinnacles crashed through the roof, killing four men, and a great fiery ball passed through the church, burning many, a visitation ascribed, of course, to Satan himself. No such fate befel us, and the newly-hung six responded well to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Cambridge, but seemed unaccustomed to London. A pleasant drive brought us to Chagford, where there is a ring of eight hung by a former local bellhanger. Visitors need to learn the vagaries of each bell before they can strike them, and although we made progress we never wholly succeeded, well fortified though we were by an ample tea with the famous cream which we had come to expect at every meal.

AT BUCKFAST ABBEY.

Wednesday morning started with a peal attempt at Wolborough (Buckfastleigh being unpealable owing to great new ropes with sallies of prodigious size). The ancient screen has the most remarkable series of painted panels in the county, and by it is preserved the 2nd of the mediæval three bells cast by Bird in 1390. A peal of Bob Major was successfully brought round in three hours and ten minutes. The peal was rather a curate's egg—'parts excellent, my Lord'—but the worst came first and the greater part would have satisfied most critics. A local ringer seemed very favourably impressed. Meanwhile the rest of the party were ringing the six bells at Dean Prior, a church of which the poet Herrick was once vicar. They claim to have rung an unconducted touch of Bob Minor. A picnic lunch was eaten, without asking permission, in the grounds of a deserted cafe at Dartbridge, after which we moved on to Buckfast Abbey, where we were very glad to find Mr. A. L. Bennett, who had been largely responsible for getting the use of the bells, waiting for us. The front eight of the twelve (tenor 41 cwt.) were rung up in peal, and the back four very nearly so. A touch of Grandsire Caters came round very nicely, but Stedman Caters came to grief, and we prudently refrained from Cinques. Kent on the back eight filled in the allotted time. We much appreciated our visit to this wonderful tower and the charming welcome of the monks. What fascinated some of us most was to watch the great bourdon bell, Osanna, being swung and to see the clapper coming slowly up to strike the bell. There is a strict rule that ladies are not admitted to the belfry, but Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Powell were encouraged by an old friend among the monks to honour the rule in the breach rather than in the observance, and are no doubt the first ladies to have rung on the present twelve. After tea handbells were rung to a small but delighted audience. On the way home we stopped at Ashburton, where there is a newly-hung ring of eight (tenor 21¼ cwt.) in the massive but graceful tower. The intended rise in peal sounded like an attempt to ring up in Queen's, and the local ringers present looked duly astonished. Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung on these fine-toned bells.

TWO FAILURES IN ONE MORNING.

On Thursday morning the party divided into three bands. One at Highweek (tenor 11¼ cwt.) attempted a peal of Stedman Triples. Highweek Church faces Wolborough across an intervening valley, and we had hoped that, having heard a peal from its rival on the previous day, it would refuse to be outdone. But it was not to be. After getting beyond half-way in very quick time, and when ringing seemed perfect, it suddenly went the way of so many promising Stedman attempts. Mr. C. R. Lilley came in to condole, and joined us in a touch of Double Norwich and a course of Cambridge. Another band had attempted a peal of Bob Minor on the splendid six at Christow (tenor 14 cwt.). They modestly attributed their failure to inability to ring the method and moved on to Bickington, where the rest of the party had preceded them. Here Mrs. Palmer for the first time rang the treble to Grandsire, and two of the local band were initiated into the art of change ringing.

We all met at Highweek and went hungrily along the Totnes road looking for a shady place for lunch, forgetting that since the leaves were not yet out no shade was to be had. Finally we stopped at Shadrack, where the sun provided a very fair substitute for a burning fiery furnace, in a field in which a bull had just been turned loose. Two of the party preferred to eat and drink by the roadside, to the admiration of passers by.

Totnes has a magnificent stone screen built in 1459, and in its fine red sandstone tower a ring of eight (tenor 28 cwt.), cast by Rudhall in 1732, the earliest eight in Devonshire outside the Cathedral. Curfew has been rung continuously since the Norman Conquest, and the fire alarm is still given by jangling the two trebles. After short touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, we moved on to two six-bell towers, Staverton and Broadhempston. Both have had the upper parts of their ancient screens recently restored. At both we were reminded how much the bellhanger's art has progressed, for the 'go' left much to be desired. It was at Staverton (tenor 21 cwt.) that a local ringer told us how splendid the bells sound 'when they are properly rung.' Here, after tea at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Drake-Brockman, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the lawn, the local ringer being much impressed and observing that 'that was how the tower bells ought to have been rung.' At Staverton we rang spliced Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, at Broadhempston more orthodox methods.

LOCAL RINGERS COME TO SEE WHAT'S WRONG.

The last peal attempt was on the Friday morning at Moreton-Hampstead (tenor 15 cwt.). As we started just after 10.15 on a peal timed for 9.15, we reflected that our programme had been drawn up before summer time began and that we were therefore tolerably punctual. After 40 minutes of Kent we stopped, much to the surprise of those listening below, fearing that two bells had shifted, only to discover that all was well. With one change in the band we started again, but things never went quite as well, and after 45 minutes the second attempt came to grief. The rest of the party had gone on first to Drewsteignton, where the Rev. A. R. W. Peck kindly provided them with refreshment, both liquid and solid, and then to Throwleigh, an out of the way little church notable for a remarkably fine priest's door and now possessing a delightful ring of six (tenor 8¾ cwt.).

Lunch was eaten shortly after 2 o'clock on the lawn at Okehampton, by the Vicar's kind permission, and none of the party showed any disposition to hurry over it. Okehampton has a tuneful eight (tenor 16 cwt.), with one of the most strangely clappered tenors ever hung. After repeated experiments, we succeeded in ringing Bob Major tolerably well. And so on to Bridestowe, the last tower of the tour. Here our efforts brought in some of the local band to see what was wrong, but one of them, a former change ringer from up-country, joined us in Grandsire Doubles. Here was rung the only completed course of London of the tour. After a final short touch of Bob Minor, we adjourned to the Rectory, where the Rev. C. S. and Mrs. Fairhurst had very kindly provided tea. To them and to all who entertained us and welcomed us to their towers we owe a big debt of gratitude.

J. H. B. A.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT MABLETHORPE.

A meeting of the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, May 13th. It was a lovely day to be by the seaside, and some members spent the day there. It was a record meeting for Mablethorpe, members and friends attending from far and near, Alford, Bigby, Barton-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Ulceby, Grimsby (St. James' and St. Andrew's), Old Clee, Killingholme, Waltham and the local tower being represented, while ringing friends were present from Gainsborough (including Mr. Leslie Lunn, secretary of the Gainsborough District), Billingborough, Lincoln and Surfleet (including the Guild Master, Mr. R. Richardson, and Mrs. Richardson), and, if our information is correct, a honeymoon couple from the same district.

The very handy peal of six, although a bit noisy in the ringing room, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. W. Sutton), who gave an interesting address. Councillor Drury kindly presided at the organ in the absence of the official organist. At the Cafe Regent, 47 sat down to tea. In the absence of the president, the Rector presided over the business meeting which followed.

Mr. J. Parker, of St. Andrew's, Grimsby, was elected a performing member.

The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 11s. 1½d.

Mr. J. Bray referred to the sad death of Mr. Bernard Gillatt, of Burton Stather, at a very early age. Well known in North Lincolnshire, he was a very able ringer.—Members stood in silence to show their deepest respect.

Mr. Barber referred to the first ladies' peal of Minor in the country, rung at Isham 17 years ago that day, as a result of which the Guild Master excelled as a poet. Mr. Barber said he was very glad to see the Guild Master and Mrs. Richardson, and also their daughter, Enid, who was making good progress in ringing.

Mr. C. McGuiness proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his address, to the organist for ably filling the gap at short notice, also to Mr. F. Barber for all he had done in making the meeting such a success. This was replied to by Councillor Drury, the Rector and Mr F. Barber.

Nice touches on the handbells by some of the 'cream' of Lincolnshire's handbell ringers brought this part of the proceedings to a close, and the members then adjourned to the tower again for further ringing.

RAMPTON BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Through the generosity of the sons of a late Rector of Rampton, we are able to entertain the provision of the fifth bell of our little peal, but I do not think that the offer made will cover the whole cost of the 5th bell. Furthermore I should like to see the possibility of the sixth.

May I take this opportunity once more to thank all ringers who have so far answered my appeal by bell books. There must, however, be still 1,600 books out, and they are coming in slowly. Now is the time to give us a leg up and support this generous offer.

THOMAS L. HAVERS.

Rampton Rectory, Cambridge.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It must be due to my defective intellect, but I am invariably puzzled by the Rev. Herbert Drake when he 'takes the floor.' In your last issue he is reported as having spoken about peal totals in Suffolk and Norfolk, but there seems to be something wrong with his arithmetic.

The old Norwich Association in the years 1909 to 1913 inclusive scored 136, 151, 181, 265 and 291 peals. The 291 in 1913 is, of course, still the record 'bag' for any ringing organisation. Even in fateful 1914 the total was 156. These figures do not agree at all with the conclusions drawn on this particular matter by Mr. Drake in his speech at Ipswich.

'OLD RINGER.'

RINGING MASTERS.

We regret that for want of space we are compelled to hold over a letter on this subject from Mr. P. Amos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Continued from page 337.)

Mr. J. H. Swinfield said he trusted that the Peak Society would now be re-formed as an active branch of the association as it was when Mr. J. E. L. Cockey was secretary.

The General Hon. Secretary explained that this branch was actually arranging the next quarterly M.C.A. meeting, to be held at Bakewell on June 17th.

This concluded the business, after which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by J. Pagett 1-2, C. Harrison 3-4, E. Morris 5-6, W. Allwood 7-8. Further handbell and tower-bell ringing terminated a very happy and successful meeting.

NOTICES.

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ALPHINGTON, EXETER, DEVON.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, May 27th, at 2.15 p.m. Garden fete in the Rectory grounds during the afternoon. A ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church, followed by tea and a short meeting.—Mr. F. Kendall, 30, Lee Road, Lee Wood, Bacup.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting is at Ticknall on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Please note: The Ringing Master will arrange methods as required, and members should make every effort to start the holiday well. Your presence will be appreciated.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Farringdon, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, May 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Manchester Branches.—Meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available 3 p.m.—Peter Crook and J. H. Ridyard, Hon. Secs.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m.—E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster, Yorks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Please note. Next meeting will be held at Hamer, not Healy as intended, on Saturday, May 27th. All ringers welcome.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—On Whit Monday, a meeting will be held at Halesworth. The bells (8) will be available all day, also the six-bell towers of Chediston, Wissett and Wenhaston. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m., at the Church Rooms. Please advise Mr. F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth, of number for tea.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — The 60th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m., with address by the Venerable E. N. Gowing, Archdeacon of Southend. Lunch in the Corn Exchange 12.30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood

(8), Great Waltham (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Boreham (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6). A good attendance is requested.—L. J. Clark, Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit-Monday, May 29th. Central Committee meet at 10.45 a.m. in St. Mary's Reading Room. Service in the Cathedral at 12 noon, with address by the Very Rev. the Dean, President of the Guild. Luncheon at the Angel Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Woodston (6) from 10 a.m. throughout the day and after the meeting. Stanground (5) and the Whittlesey towers (8) will be also available.—Robert G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Plymouth on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in St. Andrew's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at Goodbody's Restaurant, Bedford Street, at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available: St. Andrew's (10), Charles (10), St. George's, Stonehouse (8), and Stoke Damerel (6).—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 29th, at Bridgnorth, Salop. 3.30 p.m., service at St. Leonard's Church, with address by Rev. Preb. J. S. Jobling. 4.15 p.m., tea at Swan Hotel, followed by annual general meeting. Following bells will be available: St. Leonard's (8) from 12 noon, also Chetton (6), Quatt (6) and Chelmarsh (6) for parties making own arrangements. Several districts hope to arrange buses; for these apply to district secretaries. — Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Southwark Cathedral, May 30th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, June 1st. — A. B. Peck, Sec., 1 Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.—Prittlewell's 10 bells will be open for ringing on Wednesday, May 31st, 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., when all ringers will be welcome, including Ladies' Guild. Service at 8 p.m. for dedication of three peal boards.—F. B. Lufkin, Tower Master.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Annual Festival will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4. Tea at 5, 2/- each (1/6 to members). The bells at Runcorn and Daresbury will be available from 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; and Frodsham from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and after 6 p.m. Will those who intend to visit Frodsham during the morning please communicate with Mr. W. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham. There is a good bus service between Warrington, Runcorn, Chester and Frodsham. Tickets for tea are obtainable from the Branch Secretaries before June 1st. Any further information can be obtained from H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, East Molesey, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the New Inn at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Ringing again in the evening. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. Brown, 4, Cul-de-Sac Road, East Molesey, not later than Thursday, June 1st. All ringers welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY ST. MARY'S, CAMBS. — The bells will be rededicated on Saturday, June 3rd. A ring of 8 bells restored by John Taylor & Co.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby district.—The next meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. Charles Davies, Castle Street, Melbourne. All ringers welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hethersett on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8), rehung and recast by John Taylor and Co., available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) in Church Room 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Special method, Double Mancroft Bob Major. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Wednesday, May 31st, as I shall book tea only for those members of whom I secure names or numbers. Good bus service from Norwich (Castle Meadows). Leave 1.35, 2.4, 2.34, 3.4, and 3.30.—Henry Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting of this division will be held at Belchamp St. Paul's on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. It is essential that all who intend to be present for tea should notify Mr. W. Cutmore, Olive Cottage, Belchamp St. Paul's, Sudbury, Suffolk, not later than Wednesday, May 31st. All ringers welcome.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday June 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those who require tea please inform me by Wednesday, May 31st?—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea Kindly notify Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, near Cheadle, Staffs, not later than May 31st.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—A combined ringing meeting will be held with the Bristol 'Rural and Wotton Branches on Saturday, June 3rd, at St. James' (10) and St. John's (6). Bells open from 3.30 p.m. Please advise for tea to 5, Addison Road, Bristol 3.—A. M. Tyler, Branch Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Horningsea on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Please support this meeting at a fresh town with bells lately rehung.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Special meeting will be held at Clipston (5 bells) on Saturday, June 3rd. Usual arrangements.—H. H. Shrives, Hon. Branch Sec., The Mill, Long Buckby, Rugby.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will take place at St. George's, Jesmond, at 3.15, on June 3rd. The Osborne Road trolley bus from the town stops at the church.—Jack Roach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — CHANGE OF DATE.—Meeting at Cound (6 bells) on June 3rd. Visitors will be very welcome at this delightful village, if notice for tea is sent to W. A. Tanner, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District) AND CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.—By the courtesy of the Dean and Chapter, a joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday, June 3rd. The fine peal of ten bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be served at the Black Bull Hotel at 5 p.m. at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head. Names for tea to Mr. E. Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon, before June 1st. A short business meeting will be held after tea. Please try to be present.—E. Hudson and J. Reed, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A combined meeting with the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Bells of St. John's, Surrey Road, at 6.30 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting will be held at Hunton (six bells) on Saturday, June 3rd. Usual arrangements. Learners especially welcomed, also visitors. Kindly advise me for tea not later than June 1st.—R. G. Rayfield, Hon. Dis. Sec., Downsview, Spring Lane, Ightham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Everybody welcome. Secretary to be elected. Numbers for tea in good time.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Marham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. A welcome for all.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks Church (6 bells), near Worksop, on Saturday, June 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. H. Hall, Meersham House, Shireoaks, Worksop.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Next practice meeting will be held at Langdale, Holy Trinity (6 bells), on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available at 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—The ring of eight bells, St. Mary's, Ely, restored by Taylors, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely on Saturday, June 3rd, at 3 p.m. Tea free to those who notify Mr. H. Cole, 84, West Fen Road, Ely, Cambs, by June 1st. Will all association members and friends make special effort to attend?—F. Warrington and A. R. Paul, Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Brant-Broughton (6 bells, tenor 24 cwt.) on Saturday, June 3rd, available at 2.30 until 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Tea at moderate charge to those who inform me by Wednesday, May 31st. Beckingham bells (6, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available after tea.—Kenneth W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Rowde (6 bells) on Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please advise me early how many will attend the tea and oblige.—W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on June 3rd at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting as usual. Please come and see the noted tower, and have a ring on the Bennington bells.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined practice of Andover and Basingstoke Districts will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells from 2.30 Tea at 4.30 p.m. in Church Room. Names for tea to Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be free, for which please notify Mr. A. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall, nr. Ormskirk, by Wed., May 31st.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Wednesday, June 7th. Bells available from 5 p.m. All welcome.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The memorial window to the late Canon Elsee, at St. George's, Bolton, will be dedicated on Saturday, June 10th, by the Rev. Arthur Scott, M.A. (President). Service at 3.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Bertram Jones, M.A. (Vicar). Tea, at a nominal charge, in Schools, at 5 p.m. Please inform Mr. E. Ford, 384, Chorley Old Road, Bolton, how many will require tea before June 8th.—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

CHEADLE PARISH CHURCH, STAFFS. — The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Lichfield on Saturday, June 10th, at 2.30 p.m. A ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea 1s. per head. Fares allowed to members attending this meeting (maximum 2s.). Numbers for tea should reach me not later than Wednesday, June 7th.—B. J. Ruck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at a small charge of 6d. each. It is essential that all who require tea will let me know not later than THURSDAY, JUNE 1st, as the caterer cannot provide for any whose names are sent after that date.—Herbert Sheppard, 17, Grange Road, Dudley.

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