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VICTORY PEALS

More and more are church bells becoming a recognised expression of national feeling. While in different parts of the country opinions varied as to the appropriateness of the Victory holiday, there was little criticism of the national parade. To quote from 'The Times,' it was 'another epoch of danger triumphantly surmounted, another affirmation in the face of death of the faith in liberty, another service rendered by the British peoples to the universal cause, were being laid away with the battle honours of their ancestors.' Throughout the country, in city and village, the church bells were justly rung, and the people heard them gladly.

At the time of writing 'The Ringing World' has been notified of 56 peals, apart from a large number of quarter-peals. Sweetest of all notes were those which came from our magnificent Cathedrals. Those who visited Norwich for the Central Council meeting have fresh in their minds the damage of the 'Baedeker' raids. Our Cathedrals still stand. In the list of peals published this week are those from the Cathedrals of Leicester, Lincoln, Birmingham, Chester and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Another building of historic interest which figures in the list is the Curfew Tower of Windsor Castle. To the world these are the answer: 'England yet shall stand.'

While the bells were rung in honour of victory, the thoughts of many went to those brave men and girls by whose courageous sacrifice it was accomplished. Doubtless there were a number of towers like that at Burnham, Bucks, where the peal was rung in remembrance of two local ringers who were members of the Royal Cumberland Youths and gave their lives for the cause of world democracy. At other towers the local band was just completed by recent demobilisations. One can picture the true Lancashire pride at Moorside, Oldham, where this was accomplished by two ringers having returned within the last week or so. The happiness of reunion made the occasion memorable.

Glancing through the list of peals, the writer was struck by the number of first peals. More than 25 ringers had that experience; that initiation in a true sense into the art of change ringing. Some Guilds and Associations make a feature of a message of congratulation to those who have rung their first peal during the year. Such a course is to be commended. A first peal is an occasion, and when it is rung as a Victory peal, in the

mind of the individual it remains a double commendation. We are so apt to ignore individual achievement in these days—it is a modern British cult—that we do well to remind ourselves that the Victory for which the bells were rung was the outcome of the individual achievements of thousands of men and women. To ring a first peal requires grit, determination and a sense of discipline, the national characteristics that were the foundation of Victory.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN & GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIE GREEN Treble	ERNEST SHORT 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	FRANK REED 6
*HAROLD CHANT 3	ERNEST PADGETT 7
PETER WOODWARD 4	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Composed by H. CHANT. Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal in these methods spliced on tower bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	*THOMAS SHEPPARD ... 5
RONALD DOVE 2	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 6
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by L. TREVOR.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF ST. LAURENCE LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ROBERT W. BARBER ... Treble	ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 5
GEORGE SAYER 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ALBERT HANCOCK ... Treble	*GERALD M. DARE ... 5
PAUL BIRKETT 2	W. GEORGE TURNER ... 6
MISS E. H. BASTOW ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

SELLINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Hereward Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH Treble	*RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD
*PERCY PAGE 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in seven methods.

LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Mon., June 3, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. E. GRAY ... Treble	*ERNEST W. BATTERS ... 4
HARRY MORGAN 2	JOSEPH H. LUNN ... 5
JOHN T. BARTRAM 3	G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. MORGAN.

* First peal.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ARTHUR ROLFE ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

BLYTH, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Notts Branch.)

On Fri., June 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

W. TOMLINSON ... Treble	F. FENTON 4
*S. S. HURST 2	J. B. BAILEY 5
*W. WILKINSON 3	A. F. EASTLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by J. B. BAILEY.

* First peal. First peal by local service ringers since the bells were rehung.

HANDBELL PEAL

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT SWAN STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

RONALD SUCKLING 1-2	THOMAS BIRD 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE 3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLOPE. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.



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VICTORY PEALS



LINCOLN. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (Northern Branch.)

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL, A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES; Tenor 24 cwt.

RAYMOND F. SMITH ... Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 7
LEWIS SNELL ... 2	HERBERT LOWMAN ... 8
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 10
JOHN WALDEN ... 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 11
JOHN FREEMAN ... 6	H. LESLIE PASK ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN, A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES; Tenor 25 cwt.

JILL POOLE ... Treble	*HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	*J. FREDK. MILNER ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
ERNEST RAWSON ... 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
*ALFRED BALLARD ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES; Tenor 26½ cwt.

*MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... Treble	*GERALD FARRER ... 6
ARTHUR CHALLINOR ... 2	†CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 7
WILFRED MATTHEWS ... 3	WILLIAM GAYES ... 8
JACK TIPPER ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... 9
*ALAN A. POTTS ... 5	†GORDON HENSHAW ... Tenor

Composed by H. COOPER.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP, A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES; Tenor 31 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	S. GEORGE CHAPLIN ... 8
*EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
JAMES F. HARVEY ... 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. C. SPENCER.

* First peal of Stedman and of Caters.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; Tenor 25½ cwt.

HAROLD W. ROGERS ... Treble	STANLEY FENN ... 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ... 2	JAMES SPALDING ... 7
EDWIN R. GOATE ... 3	GODFREY WALPOLE ... 8
MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 9
MISS D. CONSTANCE ... 5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES; Tenor 33 cwt.

*GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
*ARTHUR B. CLOSE ... 2	JAMES S. WEBB ... 7
JOHN W. BEST ... 3	HARRY PYE ... 8
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 9
JOHN HAYES ... 5	*THOMAS GRIFFITHS ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on ten bells as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

THOMAS H. BENT ... Treble	*GORDON A. OLLIFFE ... 6
C. RAYMOND HILL ... 2	EDWIN CATTELL ... 7
*JOHN BRAMLEY ... 3	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 8
ERNEST MORRIS ... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 9
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 5	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal on ten bells.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES; Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... Treble	JOHN HEDLEY ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ... 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... 8
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 4	KENNETH ARTHUR ... 9
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 5	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

FRANK LAWTON ... Treble	GERALD DARE ... 5
MARY DARE ... 2	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 6
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 3	IVAN KAY ... 7
FRED MELLOR ... 4	ISAAC GARSIDE ... Tenor

Conducted by I. KAY.

All members of the local band.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
ROBERT RICHES ... 2	FREDK. W. MANNINGS ... 6
*ERNEST A. HEAD ... 3	EDWARD L. ETHERIDGE ... 7
WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON ... Treble	DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 5
JOE HOBBS ... 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 6
HERBERT GATES ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... 7
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 4	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

LINSLADE, LEIGHTON BUZZARD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

*VICTOR W. CONQUEST ... Treble	FREDERICK VICKERS, SEN. ... 5
HENRY B. WHITNEY ... 2	*FREDERICK VICKERS, JUN. ... 6
FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 3	LEONARD HEAD ... 7
EDGAR J. CONQUEST ... 4	EDWIN A. BELSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN A. BELSON.

* First peal of Major.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	
*STANLEY THAIN ... Treble	*RAYMOND THAIN ... 5
GEORGE LATHAM ... 2	WILLIAM DEAN ... 6
TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 3	THOMAS WITTS ... 7
BASIL LATHAM ... 4	RUPERT SHARPE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WITTS.

* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. PARTRIDGE Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 5
MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY ... 2	HARRY HALL ... 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7
EDGAR C. PIZZEY ... 4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

* First peal.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... Treble	GEORGE TALBOT ... 5
*JENNY PYM ... 2	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 6
THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 3	†LEONARD DERRICK ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	‡EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First tower-bell peal in the method. † First of Major ‡ First of Bob Major.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, STREATHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.	
*LEONARD W. BULLOCK ... Treble	JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	THOMAS W. WELBOURNE ... 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
CHARLES POTHECARY ... 4	†SIDNEY HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(The St. Peter's Society.)

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS HILDA M. TAYLOR ... Treble	*MISS FREDA D. MURKITT ... 5
MISS JOYCE HEARN ... 2	GORDON W. LIMMER ... 6
MISS MARY PEMBERTON ... 3	GEORGE H. LIMMER ... 7
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Major. In memoriam, Bryan O'Neill and Peter A. Blamey, R.A.F., of above societies.

WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CURFEW TOWER, WINDSOR CASTLE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.	
R. RENN ... Treble	RONALD C. NOON ... 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 2	FRANKS H. HICKS ... 6
E. S. T. FARR ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 7
A. JAMES GLASS ... 4	A. J. PAINTER ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. E. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN ... Treble	JOHN H. HUNT ... 5
*CHARLES W. PHILPOTS ... 2	ERNEST A. JURD ... 6
HAROLD A. NOBES ... 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
STANLEY E. COOK ... 4	JOHN O. NEVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

RICHARD KENDALL ... Treble	*THOMAS HARRIS ... 5
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	HAROLD BURTON ... 6
†C. HENRY HARDING ... 3	EDMOND J. HOBBS ... 7
*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb in E.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
FRANK VARTY ... 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
*THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (103).

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... Treble	HAROLD MARCON ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*SIDNEY CHAMBERS ... 6
*CYRIL WARD ... 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
*JACK F. HODSON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BERNARD DITCHER ... Treble	EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
*MRS. DORICE E. KELLY ... 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 6
JOHN E. TURLEY ... 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 7
*JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... Treble	CYRIL WANDER ... 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 2	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 6
AUBREY D. MILLS ... 3	ARTHUR J. FARR ... 7
GEORGE W. MILLS ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.
MARY E. DAVIS ... Treble	*HAROLD ROBERTS ... 5
PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 2	JOHN V. DAVIS ... 6
BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 4	JOHN COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal of Triples.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
EDWIN BARNETT ... 3	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by G. V. MURPHY.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	*VERNON J. BENNING ... 5
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 6
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ENGLISH MARTYRS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... Treble	MANFIELD GINN ... 5
STANLEY E. DARMON ... 2	HARRY L. MARTIN ... 6
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*AUDREY B. DISERENS ... Treble	GEOFFREY E. FOWLER ... 5
MRS. A. DISERENS ... 2	ALBERT DISERENS ... 6
†NOEL J. DISERENS ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 7
HENRY LAWRENSEN ... 4	*REGINALD F. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.

* First peal. † First in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

FRANK W. PERRENS ... Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 2	*HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of London. First in the method as conductor.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SYSTON DELIGHT, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

WM. H. HUMBERSTONE ... Treble	RICHARD F. ROE ... 5
*ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE ... 2	EDWIN LLOYD ... 6
JOSEPH S. CARTER ... 3	FRANCIS W. LLOYD ... 7
ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	KENNETH A. ROE ... Tenor

Conducted by K. A. ROE.

* First peal. First peal in the method.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'	Tenor 17½ cwt.
MRS. DORA EVANS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HURFORD ... 5
THOMAS F. KING ... 2	*HARRY ANDREWS ... 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 3	*GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 4	*HERBERT J. MERRITT ... Tenor

Conducted by G. J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 10 cwt.
WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
HERBERT J. ELDERED ... 2	*GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 6
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 3	RICHARD A. POST ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

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

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SOUTHBROOM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents with ten different callings.	Tenor 9 cwt.
*PETER V. FLINDERS ... Treble	JOSEPH S. WEEKS ... 4
PETER J. F. HUNT ... 2	*F. JOHN BEALING ... 5
*EDWIN J. POTTER ... 3	DAVID J. LYE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH S. WEEKS.

* First peal.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SOUTHBROOM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN W. H. SMITH ... Treble	JOSEPH PRENTICE ... 4
†DAVID E. SMITH ... 2	JOHN N. LINDON ... 5
†WILLIAM H. HAYNES ... 3	†THOMAS W. CHAMBERS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN N. LINDON.

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

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*HAROLD HARRISON ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 5
†TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 2	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 6
ARTHUR SHARPE ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 4	EDWARD J. WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

**PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*LESLIE W. D. ATFIELD... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 2	†EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 6
†ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 7
CECIL H. WOOD ... 4	†HARRY J. DOICK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by L. STILWELL.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

**SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*EDWARD W. PALMER ... <i>Treble</i>	†JOHN F. P. LLOYD ... 4
†PATRICK J. F. CROSS ... 2	HENRY S. WILSON ... 5
†NISSANKA K. FERNANDO ... 3	HARRY TURNER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal.

**TUXFORD, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY BARNES ... 4
MISS KATH BURCHNALL... 2	ERNEST SHORT ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.*

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's London, two 720's Norwich, three 720's Cambridge.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE E. CRISP ... <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY E. DARMON ... 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 2	MANSFIELD GINN ... 5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

**SEPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and one of Oxford Single.

SIDNEY FLINT ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN LUNHAM ... 4
JAMES TAYLOR ... 2	GEORGE SKELLAND ... 5
WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 3	THOS. S. HORRIDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by T. S. HORRIDGE.

First peal as conductor.

**HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

W. CORE ... <i>Treble</i>	*MISS M. RIDYARD ... 4
J. POUNDS ... 2	C. ACKERS ... 5
R. CRITCHLEY ... 3	A. MAWDSLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

* First peal.

**NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*FRED WELLS ... <i>Treble</i>	*RON HARDING ... 4
FRED SLATFORD ... 2	LAURIE HITCHINS ... 5
ROY HARDING ... 3	PERCIVAL HARDING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by P. HARDING.

* First peal in the method.

**WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)**

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob Minor.

PERCY RICHARDS ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK HANDLEY ... 4
JOHN BASS ... 2	HAROLD COOPER ... 5
*CHARLES RICHARDS ... 3	SAMUEL THOMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD COOPER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

**WATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK C. JOHNSON <i>Treble</i>	WALTER J. HOUGHTON ... 4
*GEOFFREY W. SMITH ... 2	ARTHUR T. POTTER ... 5
†CYRIL J. BURNS ... 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by L. W. HOUGHTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

**CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS FOSTER ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 4
SYDNEY FLINT ... 2	GEORGE SKELLAND ... 5
JACK HALE ... 3	ROBERT GUY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. H. DEACON.

**BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 26 six-scores of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt.

*DAVID J. PIPE... <i>Treble</i>	TERENCE A. GOODEY ... 3
FRANCIS R. GODDARD ... 2	HERBERT G. GODDARD ... 4

DESMOND G. MAYELL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by D. G. MAYELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

**LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. COOK ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD A. TIDY ... 4
*MISS DORIS E. COLGATE 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... 5
FREDERICK H. BUDGEN... 3	JAMES W. KNIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by L. A. TIDY.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

HERBERT W. LIDBETTER... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE H. ALLEN ... 4
MISS PEARL E. GRAPES ... 2	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5
GEORGE BAILEY ... 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

COOMBE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 wt. 15 lb.

*JOHN V. LONSBROUGH ... Treble	BETTY SPICE ... 4
*FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 5
HARRY P. FLOYD ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*ERIC SMITH ... Treble	STANLEY MURPHY ... 4
ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ... 2	CLAUDE GIMBERT ... 5
WILFRED E. YOUNG ... 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

* First peal.

BATHWICK, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bath Branch.)

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 19 cwt.

*E. FRY ... Treble	T. HAYWARD ... 4
E. WHITE ... 2	S. S. WOODBURN ... 5
R. FRY ... 3	K. MEDWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

* First peal.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN CHALLENGER ... Treble	WILLIAM J. POWELL ... 4
*MISS MARION STEPHENS ... 2	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... 5
*MISS LINDA DAVIES ... 3	*DAVID CHALLENGER ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

* First peal.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Netherseale, York, Beverley Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprises. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON ... Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 2	HERBERT GATES ... 5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Came round at 8.59 a.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.

When the Luton District held their monthly meeting at Husbome Crawley on May 18th it was a pleasure to the members to meet Canon Rust, late president of the association, at the entrance to the church. It was regretted that owing to ill-health he was unable to take part in the ringing. Canon Rust kindly entertained the company to tea at the White Horse. Four new members were elected at the business meeting.

Various Major and Triples methods were rung from Grandsire to Cambridge.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Saturday, June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mayes 1, A. Pratt 2, J. Church 3, A. Dilley 4, L. Bywaters 5, E. Dilley 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

While opening our Victory Week postbag of over 120 letters a half-
crown rolled out of one envelope. The identity of the sender has not
been traced. Any claimants?

Victory Day produced some special ringing. The peal of Bob Major
at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, Cambridge, was the
first peal of Major on the bells. The only other peal on the bells,
Stedman Triples, was rung 42 years ago, and was conducted by the
late Mr. F. Pitstow.

First peals as conductors were scored by the following on Victory
Day: T. S. Horridge (Sefton, Lancs), John N. Lindon (Knowle,
Warwickshire), G. J. Hawkins (Bath), Desmond G. Mayell (Bentley,
Essex) and Thomas Witts (Stroud, Glos.). Congratulations!

Mr. James M. Bailey, who rang the tenor at Leiston, Suffolk, to a
Victory peal of Bob Major, has now 'completed the circle' 12 times
in this tower. An encouragement to Mr. W. A. Partridge, who rang
his first peal on that occasion.

To shepherd four members of the local band through their first peal
was the joy of Mr. R. Smith, of Llanfrecfa, Monmouthshire, on
Victory Day. The ages of these ringers were John Challenger 13,
Marion Stephens 14, Linda Davies 15, and David Challenger 15.

Have you tried in this? Two touches on handbells rung simul-
taneously in the same room with a piano blaring forth popular
melodies. This took place at the Cricketers Arms, Norwich, during
the Central Council visit. The four ladies completed their touch; not
so the men.

When the clapper came out of the ninth at St. Peter Mancroft,
Norwich, on Victory Day, there were many long faces. The man for
the emergency was there in the person of Mr. Rupert Richardson. A
telephone call was put through to the local blacksmith at Caister-on-
Sea, and Rupert motored over with the clapper, which was welded by
the waiting smith. Result—the beauty of St. Peter Mancroft bells
was a joy to latecomers to the conference.

Newly-appointed honorary member of the Central Council is Mr.
Charles Kippin, who since his removal to Southampton feels he cannot
represent the Surrey Association. His next-door neighbour, the Rev.
W. H. K. Felstead, proposed him. We can picture these two making
a formidable combination at the next conference. The maiden
speeches of Mr. Felstead were well thought out. He had the task of
defending 'the Basingstoke peal.'

There are two names in connection with the Norwich visit whom many
would desire to thank. The Rev. A. C. G. Thurlow, Precentor of the
Cathedral, who is hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Guild, was
a most informative guide to the two parties of visitors on the Mon-
day. Peal arrangements were in the hands of Mr. F. N. Golden, and
the fact that there was not a 100 per cent. record was not his fault.

Just as we were going to press an air letter arrived from the second
hon. member elected at Norwich, Mr. W. Rowe, hon. secretary of
New South Wales Association of Change Ringers. He informs us of
a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) rung at All Saints'
Church, Parramatta, Sydney, on April 14th, by the following: Lyndon
Kent (first quarter) 1, J. B. Watts 2, G. Williamson 3, W. M. Rowe
(conductor) 4, E. B. McDonald 5, T. Howell 6.

Wot! No conductor, Everton, Notts? Please notify before next
issue.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT NORWICH

BELLS NOT A NOISE ON THE AIR, BUT A REMINDER BROADCASTING PROBLEMS
THE BASINGSTOKE 'PEAL' SURPRISE METHODS READY FOR PRINTERS

In the magnificently appointed City Hall of Norwich, the 49th annual meeting of the Central Council opened with pleasing dignity on Whit Tuesday. The 100 delegates stood as the Lord Mayor (Ald. S. A. Bailey), accompanied by the Lord Bishop of Norwich (Dr. Herbert), entered the hall, accompanied by the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis).

Proceedings had been delayed for 10 minutes to enable the Press to take a photograph of popular appeal. The Bishop, the Lord Mayor and our President were snapped with the oldest ringer present, Mr. George Williams, aged 89, of North Stoneham, and the youngest, George Pipe, aged 11, of Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

The Lord Mayor, in his welcome, referred to this and said it was a long while since the Central Council came to the city. The year 1899 was the last occasion, at the beginning of the Boer War; and now they had come at the end of another war. The city had suffered terribly; they were in the front line and some of their ancient churches were completely destroyed.

He thought it was fitting that an association like theirs should visit this city because Norwich from a bellringing reputation stood very high, and also for more than five centuries they had a thriving industry of bell founders. Bellringing had its attractions and gave joy to many people and also to those who indulged in that particular science, because when they found lads of 9 to 12 and elderly gentlemen up to 90 ringing together there must be something very fascinating.

Personally he liked to listen to bells, but not too close as they were rather overwhelming. In Norwich Market Place they used to hold political meetings, and he remembered on one occasion trying to compete with his piping treble against the bells of St. Peter Mancroft. He had to close down and not the bells (laughter).

The Bishop of Norwich in his welcome said bellringing was one of the things on which the world was divided between those who knew and those who did not know. While he had no practical knowledge of ringing, all his ministerial life he had been in close contact with ringers and bells.

He supposed one reason why it was nearly 50 years since the Council last met in Norwich was because of the difficulties of travel. It was extraordinarily difficult to get to Norwich from any other part of the country except London, and that was more true in the days before railway travelling. East Anglia had for centuries a life of its own which accounted for many characteristics of its people. It was said that all through the Middle Ages there were 1,000 parish churches in Norfolk; it was said there were still 750 churches, the rest being in a state of ruin. Whether those figures were accurate he did not know, but it was quite true there was a larger proportion of interesting and beautiful churches than anywhere else.

'INTEGRAL PART OF CHURCH LIFE.'

'I found it a very real joy last Easter Monday to meet the bell-ringers of Norfolk; to be present at their annual gathering and to say something to them in the historic Church of St. Peter Mancroft. Now you have gathered to consider the problems and interests of bell-ringers generally. I like to think that bellringing is not just a thing by itself, but is and ought to be an integral part of church life. I look to the bells, as in the generations gone by, to do something to instil into the hearts of the people generally a love for the Church and a realisation that it has a claim on them. The sound of the bells ought not to be a noise on the air, but a reminder of religion—a voice from God to the people who listen to them. I am most anxious that bellringers' associations should link up with the life of the Church and take their part as workers for the Church and for God.'

The President, on behalf of the Council, thanked the Lord Mayor and the Bishop for their welcome. In both speeches of welcome, he said, there were one or two points in common. He might say how glad the Council was to come back to Norwich, as they looked upon the city as one of the great centres of the art of change ringing.

'During the last year we, as ringers, have been particularly proud that we have been able to express the feelings of the nation in its joy on three special occasions which we have done in addition to our normal church work, but at the same time on these occasions we were expressing the feelings of the Church as well as our own in giving our share of thanksgiving to God for victory celebrations.'

'The Lord Mayor referred to the rather overwhelming noise in the square outside St. Peter Mancroft. There are people who find the noise of bells a great nuisance, and they certainly did in the days when there was great competition between St. Peter Mancroft and St. Michael Coslany. I will quote to you the lines then written:

Ye reckless ringers, inveterate foes,
Disturbers of those who are fond of repose,
I wish, for the quiet and peace of this land,
Ye had round your necks what ye hold in your hands.

'The researches of science have shown us it is quite possible to so modify the sound of bells that they are no trouble to those in the immediate vicinity. All of you know what has been achieved, and the best example, I think, is Lincoln Cathedral. It is up to you to see that something is done so that the ringing of bells is a joy to the people.'

Going back to the days in Norwich when bellringing was more of a sport than these days—they all knew that change ringing originated as a form of sport—but all that has been changed and to-day change ringing plays its part as a function of church work reminding people of religion and the Church. And in that connection it was very remarkable that, compared with the earlier days of the Council, that morning 40 members attended a celebration of the Holy Communion, where they prayed for the guidance and success of that meeting. That marks a very great change; we hope it will continue so that change ringers become 100 per cent. church workers, while retaining that spirit of competition which gives us most zest to our art.

Canon G. F. Coleridge then said prayers.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) reported that the Council consisted of 52 affiliated societies entitled to a representation of 139 members, who, with 16 honorary members, made a total of 155.

Of the 52 societies, 23 were entitled to four members each, 4 to three members, 10 to two members each, and 15 to one member. This was an increase of four in the associations affiliated.

By the division of the area previously taken in by the Midland Counties Association they had three new associations, i.e., Leicester Diocesan Guild with four representatives; Southwell Diocesan Guild with one representative; Derby and District with one representative. The North Notts Association was again included on the roll. All affiliation fees had been paid.

ATTENDANCE ROLL.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck.
Bath and Wells Diocesan: Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. Williams.
Bedfordshire Association: Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.
Coventry Diocesan: Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.
Devon Guild: Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. F. C. Smale, Mr. W. C. Wakley.
Durham and Newcastle: Mr. W. H. Barber.
East Derbyshire and Notts: Mr. C. Evans.
Ely Diocesan: Mr. C. W. Cook, Mr. F. Warrington.
Essex Association: Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan: Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Waite.
Guildford Diocesan: Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.
Hertford County: Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. G. Cashmore.
Kent County: Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. T. E. Sone.
Ladies' Guild: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson.
Lancashire Association: Mr. P. Crook, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.
Leicester Diocesan: Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.
Lincoln Diocesan: Mr. J. Bray, Mr. Feirn, Mr. R. Richardson.
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan: Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stith.
London County Association: Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. O. L. Rogers.
Middlesex County: Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. W. G. Wilson.
Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.
Norwich Diocesan: Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.
Oxford Diocesan: Mr. A. D. Barker, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. R. A. Post.
Oxford Society: Mr. W. F. Judge.
Oxford University Society: Mr. J. E. Spice.
Peterborough Diocesan: Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose.
Salisbury Diocesan: The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.
Shropshire Association: Mr. G. L. Hewitt.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. J. Parker, Mr. G. W. Steere.
Southwell Diocesan: Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.
Suffolk Guild: The Rev. H. Drake, Mr. O. W. Pipe, Mr. C. J. Sedgely.
Surrey Association: Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. Cooper.
Sussex County: Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippetta.
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan: Mr. A. Hoare.
Truro Diocesan: The Rev. A. S. Roberts.
Universities' Association: Miss M. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan: The Rev. W. H. K. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. G. Williams.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. S. T. Holt, Mr. J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association: Mr. P. J. Johnson, Canon C. C. Marshall, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. T. Palmer.

Honorary members: Miss L. K. Bowling, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. E. Alex. Young.

Apologies were received from Mr. F. Colclough (Dudley and District), Mr. W. J. Davidson (Durham and Newcastle), the Rev. E. G. Benson and Mr. L. Evans (Hereford), Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish), Miss E. Steel (Ladies'), Mr. J. A. Freeman (Lincoln), Mr. T. H. Taffender (London County), Mr. A. Thompson (North Staffordshire), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Oxford University), Mr. H. Baxter and Mr. G. S. Valentine (Peterborough), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (St. Martin's Guild), Mr. H. Knight and Mr. C. Wallater (Stafford Archdeaconry), Mr. F. W. Rogers (Winchester and Portsmouth), Mr. A. E. Lock (Oxford Diocesan), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (Kent County), Mr. C. W. Woolley (Hertford County), Mr. G. E. Debenham, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. A. Walker, Capt. W. H. J. Hooton (hon. members).

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were presented to the President: The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, C. W. Pipe, F. B. Lufkin, Miss L. K. Bowling, S. G. Coles, H. J. Sanger, A. L. Bennett, G. H. Harding, F. E. Collins, W. F. Judge, L. Hewitt, F. G. Waite, A. Hoare, C. Evans, A. C. Sinfeld, H. Harding, W. C. Duffield, the Rev. A. S. Roberts, T. Groombridge, jun., Capt. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. O. Rogers, T. J. Lock, J. P. Fidler, A. Ballard, A. E. Rowley, J. Cotton.

ELECTION OF HON.

AUDITOR.

The Hon. Secretary reported a vacancy through the death of Mr. C. T. Coles. The Standing Committee decided to recommend the name of Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Mr. G. R. Newton proposed and Mr. P. Crook seconded that Mr. E. C. S. Turner be elected the second hon. auditor. — Agreed.

NEW HONORARY MEMBERS.

The Hon. Secretary reported that there were four vacancies.

The Rev. W. H. K. Felstead said there was a member who had come into their parts who was a member of the Council for many years, Mr. Charles Kippin. He proposed his election as an hon. member.

Mr. G. Pullinger seconded. — Agreed.

Mr. E. A. Barnett suggested as an act of courtesy the secretary of the New South Wales Association, Mr. W. M. Rowe, be elected an hon. member. He realised that Mr. Rowe could not attend meetings, but he thought it would be an encouragement to ringers in Australia if they were associated in that way. He moved, Mr. A. D. Barker seconded, and the Council agreed that Mr. W. M. Rowe be elected an honorary member.

LOSS THROUGH DEATH.

A silent tribute to the memory of the following members was paid by all members standing: Mr. C. L. Routledge, Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. F. W. Romaine, Mr. O. T. Coles, Mr. E. W. Marsh, Mr. R. T. Hibbert and Mr. J. T. Rickman.

Mr. P. J. Johnson, in a tribute to Mr. Routledge, said his great work was better known in the North of England than in the other parts of the country. He occupied a unique position in the northern counties and they felt they had lost an honoured friend by his death.

THE MINUTES.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the minutes had been published in 'The Ringing World,' and the Standing Committee suggested that they be taken as read.

Mr. Turner proposed and the Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded that the minutes be passed as a correct record.

Mr. A. H. Pullinger said regarding the suggestion of Mr. A. Walker that the name of the late Editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, be inserted in a convenient place in 'The Ringing World' to indicate that he was the founder of the paper, his impression was that Mr. Goldsmith's name should appear on the front page of 'The Ringing World.'

The Hon. Secretary: According to my notes of the meeting, the first proposal was that it should appear on the front page, but some doubt was expressed as to whether it would be possible without seriously upsetting the wording. It was left to the discretion of the committee of 'The Ringing World' to find a convenient place.

Mr. A. A. Hughes: I can confirm that.

The minutes were then signed as a true record of the proceedings.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The report of the Hon. Librarian (Capt. W. H. J. Hooton) was read by the hon. secretary, which stated that the sales of publications had been steady with a considerable increase in the demand for the Stedman and Grandsire sheets. The stock was very low and would be exhausted in a short time. Sales amounted to £27 11s. 9d.; expenses 19s. 3d., postages £3 17s. 9d., and the balance paid to treasurer was £22 14s. 9d. Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded the adoption of the report. — Carried.

The Hon. Secretary reported that steps were now being taken to reprint certain sheets and they hoped that by the next meeting these low stocks would be replaced. A lot depended on how much paper was available.

Mr. J. P. Fidler asked if the book on the care of bells and belfries would be brought up to date.

The Chairman: I would be glad to see the Bells and Belfries Committee go through that book.

Mr. Fidler: From what I remember of it it was a little out of date.

The Chairman: I will bear that in mind.

THE ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Secretary presented the accounts of the Council as follows:—

To balance, Whitsun, 1945, £258 11s. 4d.; affiliation fees, arrears, 1944-45, £8 10s.; affiliation fees, 1945-46, £34 5s.; subscriptions, hon. members, £2 1s.; sale of publications, balance £22 14s. 9d.; total £326 2s. 1d.

By expenses: Library insurance, 12s. 6d.; grant to Tyrwhitt-Drake memorial, £3 3s.; life subscription, Noise Abatement League, £5 5s.;

wreaths, £2 10s.; stationery and printing, £3 19s.; telephone and postage, £6 2s. 8d.; expenses, 1945 meeting, £1; balance, Whitsun, 1946, £303 9s. 11d.; total £326 2s. 1d.

Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Newton seconded that the accounts be adopted, subject to audit. — Agreed.

On matters arising, the Hon. Secretary said in 1938 a book on Surprise methods was being prepared. They were now in the happy position of being able to repay to associations £6 4s. 3d. paid in advance for copies. He proposed and Mr. L. W. G. Morris seconded that this sum be returned. — Agreed.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young, as a trustee, reported that Mr. Hughes and himself were keeping a close watch on the machine. It had been brought back from the Welsh mountains to the Victoria and Albert Museum. It had not been unpacked, but it was hoped that it would be in October or November. At the present time they had only one of the two demonstrators; they had no one to replace the late Mr. Driver. He proposed and Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded the adoption of the report. — Agreed.

The report of the Standing Committee was formally presented by Mr. Fletcher and adopted.



THE YOUNGEST AND THE OLDEST.—A happy picture from Norwich taken just previous to the Council meeting. The Lord Mayor (Mr. S. A. Bailey), the Lord Bishop of Norwich (Dr. Herbert) and the President (Mr. E. H. Lewis) are 'snapped' with George Pipe, aged 11, of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, and Mr. George Williams, aged 89, of North Stoneham, Hants. [Eastern Evening News' photograph]

PEAL COLLECTION.

Mr. H. G. Cashmore presented the report of the Peal Collection Committee, which stated that with the co-operation of Mr. C. W. Woolley they had undertaken the revision of the compositions submitted to the 1939 meeting. Certain sections were not up to date, particularly that devoted to Spliced Surprise. They did not consider that the present collection was ready for publication. He proposed the adoption.

Mr. Newton, in seconding, expressed the gratitude of the Council to Mr. Cashmore for the work he had done.

METHODS.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner said he had the collection of Surprise methods and it should be ready for printing. It contained 239 Surprise methods and certain other material of interest.

In reply to a question as to whether the book would contain all the Major methods known, Mr. Trollope replied in the negative and said that some were not worth ringing. It was a book designed and prepared for the sake of practical ringing of the future.

Mr. Turner said that only the best were included.

Mr. F. N. Golden: Is there any proposal to extend these Surprise methods to Royal or Maximus? The reason why Cambridge is so popular is because it can be extended.

Mr. Trollope: The book is primarily one of Surprise Major methods and does not deal with Royal or Maximus. The question of extension is rather a technical affair and is no use to the ordinary ringer. You may take it with one or two exceptions, in which Cambridge, Yorkshire and Pudsey are outstanding methods, that there is practically no Surprise Major method that will produce on 10 bells anything like the quality of eight. Secondly, it is far better for anybody who wants to ring on 10 bells to get a 10 bell method and not to try and get a method of eight bells 'screwed up.'

Mr. H. F. Poole: Is anything to be done to make the Royal methods available for those who wish for them?

Mr. Turner: If there is a sufficient demand I have no doubt that the committee will produce such a book.

The report was adopted.

PEAL ANALYSIS.

Mr. C. Dean presented the report, which stated that 1,304 peals were rung during the year, including 178 on handbells. The report would be published in 'The Ringing World' as soon as room could be found for it.

Mr. R. Richardson seconded and the report was adopted.

Mr. Dean said the secretary had received a letter from Mr. F. W. Rogers, hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, asking for the peal of Grandsire Caters rung on February 16th, 1946, without a cover bell to be recognised as a peal by his Guild. It should be noted, stated the letter, that it was rung in a tower with nine bells only.

The Chairman: In the rules and decisions of the Council it says in regard to 9 and 11 bell peals that there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval, in each case with the addition of a cover bell. This decision was come to in 1892 and in 1925. I think that gives you your instruction.

Mr. Dean moved and Mr. W. Ayre seconded that the secretary reply accordingly.

The Rev. W. H. K. Felstead thought the matter raised was of a much bigger issue. It was very obvious that the rule quoted did not imagine that there would ever be a tower of nine bells in the chromatic scale where such a performance could be carried out. As there were only nine bells and 5,000 true changes were rung without interval, it seemed to him that this peal ought to be recognised. If Doubles and Triples were recognised, why not other odd bell methods? He moved as an amendment that the peal be recognised.

Mr. A. A. Hughes denied that the bells were in a chromatic scale. These bells were put in in two peals—the top eight for ringing on sad occasions and the bottom eight for ordinary ringing.

Mr. G. Pullinger seconded the amendment. He was sorry that the peal was not rung by some other society than theirs. The band with two exceptions were members of the College Youths. He wished it was rung for them.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: I think there is too much fuss about this. I have heard seven bells rung and it is an awful row. . . . This was rung as a stunt and a practical joke, and we ought to abide by the rule.

Mr. Pullinger: Why should 9 and 11 have to have a cover bell when 7 and 5 can be rung without?

The Chairman: As regards seven bells, 'a performance on seven bells without the addition of a cover bell is to be discountenanced.' On the question of five they form a very fine musical peal.

There were six votes for the amendment and the resolution was carried.

The Secretary said the Standing Committee felt that the present Rules and Decisions were not up to date, and they undertook to bring them up to date and submit them to the Council at the next meeting. A resolution to this effect was moved by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs and carried.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Fletcher stated that no peals in new methods or progressive lengths had been reported to the committee in 1945. The work of typing was progressing and they hoped to show them what the final book would be like, but owing to difficulties in binding they had not

been able to do so. In the event of new methods rung this year it would greatly help the committee if the conductor would send the composition direct to the secretary of the Council.

Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded and the report was adopted.

The conference then adjourned for lunch.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The Chairman reported that the committee had been consulted in 15 to 20 cases and had given advice. The question had been raised by one parish in regard to lightning conductors that the Ministry of Works stated that there ought to be a branch conductor to the metal bell frame. Unfortunately he had not succeeded in contacting the Ministry of Works. In regard to Liverpool Cathedral, the bells would not be hung until the roof was put on the tower. The Ministry would not grant a licence for the roof. He moved 'that the Council hears with great regret the report of Mr. Newton that the hanging of the bells at Liverpool Cathedral is hung up indefinitely owing to the refusal of the Ministry of Works to put a roof on the tower despite the fact that all the members are fabricating.'

The Rev. L. Edwards said he had an inquiry on the same point as regarded lightning conductors.—The report was adopted.

LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING.

The report of the committee was as follows:—

Such references to bells and bellringing as have been observed in the Press by members of the committee have almost all been of a favourable nature, and appear to indicate that the subject appeals to popular sentiment and is regarded by editors and press correspondents as making 'good copy.' To judge by reports in the London and provincial Press, the pealing of church bells last August to celebrate the end of the most terrible war in human history was hailed with universal joy as the recognised expression of national feeling.

Numerous paragraphs on bells and ringing have appeared from time to time, and have been for the most part well informed. A notable instance was an article in the 'Manchester Guardian,' the writer of which told the story of a friend becoming a ringer. The 'West Briton' published an admirable photograph of the veteran Cornish ringer, Mr. Sam Quintrell, on his ninetieth birthday, standing in the belfry with a young ringer of 15. Another journal stated that Nolan Edwards, who at the age of six rings at Shepshed, is believed to be the youngest bellringer in Britain. A Midland newspaper records the revival of the curfew at Maidwell, Northants, after a lapse of 140 years, as well as its suspension at Shaftesbury through failure to find anyone to undertake the duty. Obituary notices of members of the Central Council in the provincial Press have included carefully compiled accounts of their ringing activities.

Another subject commanding considerable attention in daily and weekly publications has been the measures taken to collect and restore to continental churches bells looted during the war. A welcome announcement in the London papers stated that the church bells of Moscow were rung at Easter for the first time in 20 years. It remains to say that 'The Ringing World' continues to flourish and the inevitably restricted supply of copies is insufficient to meet the demand.

With regard to broadcasting, ringers distinctly occupied pride of place last summer, when a message broadcast by Government authority recommended the celebration of victory over Japan with 'bells, bands and bonfires.' Actual broadcasts of bells have been chiefly as an introduction to religious services. The B.B.C. state frankly that they use the bells only as a background, but this practice is very often carried beyond reasonable limits, and the bells no sooner become audible than the voice of a parson or layman breaks in and the bells are faded almost into silence. A typical instance recently occurred when St. Mary Redcliffe bells were put on the air, and within 30 seconds a stentorian voice rendered them almost inaudible with the ironical remark, 'I hope that you can hear the bells ringing out over the city!' When ringers take the trouble to exert their best efforts for the purpose of broadcasting, it is only reasonable to ask that they should be allowed three minutes of uninterrupted ringing, at the end of which the bells could be brought into rounds and then faded into the background, while introductory statements are made. It is satisfactory to be able to report that in most cases of broadcast ringing the striking has been quite good. That is, which we have happened to hear.

Another criticism to make is that broadcasting of bells is too haphazard. There have been quite a number of such broadcasts in recent weeks, but there was none at all on Easter Day, though at Christmas the bells of several churches were to be heard.

We may and our report with one cause for gratification. The B.B.C. are preparing a broadcast on change ringing for the benefit of young people, and a lady in charge of this feature has actually asked advice of the Central Council!

(Signed) F. L. Edwards, A. Paddon Smith, Albert Walker.

Mr. J. Spice, in seconding the adoption, said one broadcast on bells was given by the niece of the president, Miss Monica Richardson, with the assistance of the University and Bristol bellringers.

Mr. Tom Groombridge, jun., said Miss Monica Richardson gave a good broadcast.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said a short time ago the Rev. W. Martin Wilson, religious broadcasting assistant, Midland Region, wrote that he was very anxious that there should be peace between the B.B.C. and the bellringers broadcasting, and asked for his views. Mr. Thurlow said he would be very grateful if members of the committee would tell him how to answer the letter.

Mr. P. J. Johnson thought the Broadcasting Committee might give their earnest consideration to the matter and, if time allowed, the President in conjunction with Mr. Thurlow should frame a reply. What they had to realise was that the people at the Broadcasting Corporation, with the best will in the world, knew very little about bells, and it was important that the broadcast coming over should serve them best from a propaganda point of view.

The President agreed that Mr. Thurlow should get in touch with the Broadcasting Committee. 'I am certain that the ordinary person who is not a trained ringer cannot listen intently for longer than two or three minutes. It is up to the local band to come into rounds then and not give the B.B.C. a chance of fading us out.'

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee, moved by Mr. W. G. Wilson, stated:—

It would now seem possible for us to resume the task laid on us by the Council—that is to compile a record of all peal records contained on tablets and boards in the church towers of the country and of dates up to 1825.

In 1939 the Council agreed our proposal that we should appoint 'district representatives,' to be associated with the committee, in order to obtain details of old peal boards in particular localities. In our last report, that for 1940, we stated that we did not propose at that time to operate the scheme, as it would not, in the conditions then prevailing, have a fair chance of success.

We consider that we can now ask members of the Exercise in general and of the Council in particular to help us to bring our work to completion. We shall, therefore, be glad to receive offers of help from any person who is willing to be associated with our committee in obtaining details of old peal boards in his part of the country. The details we require are full particulars of the type of tablet or board, its condition and the exact wording thereon.

(Signed) Wilfrid G. Wilson (convener), Walter Ayre, C. Elliot Wigg.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards asked how far back before a board was considered old.

Mr. Wilson: Anything before 1825.

Mr. N. Golden: How many peal boards have been recorded?

Mr. Wilson: In 1939 we reported that we had so far received details of 177 boards recording 283 performances in 83 towers. I think there may be anything up to 500 boards in the country. About two-thirds we have. We desire a note on the condition of the board. When we have finished our work these will be kept in the Council's records.

(To be continued.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—At the Central Council meeting I inquired whether the Surprise Major Methods Book would contain all the methods which have been rung to date, and, if not, whether it was considered desirable to include them.

The reply given was 'No,' one reason put forward being that many of these methods were not, in fact, worth ringing. From this reply one might assume that no such criticism could be made of the methods in the collection.

Mr. Turner subsequently kindly permitted several members to inspect the manuscript book, and it was with considerable surprise, therefore, that on a cursory examination I noticed three methods which have the accepted defect of bringing 8-2 together in 7-8 in the plain course, a defect which few methods so far rung—I can think only of Lancashire Surprise—have contained. These three will no doubt form part of the 50 per cent. which, as Mr. George Cross observed, will probably never be rung.

However, perhaps the Methods Committee would be kind enough to explain what, in their opinion, constitutes a method worth ringing.

E. A. BARNETT.

26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent.

Dear Sir,—It is quite true Mr. T. W. White did not say one word about ropes. He told us of the belief at Guildford that a heavy fall of rain makes ringing at Holy Trinity Church more enjoyable. He adds that it is argued that rain consolidates the tower and makes the 70 of the bells run smoother, and quotes a ringer's remarks that the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields would go better if a fire engine played on the tower.

Mr. Norman Bagworth rightly diagnosed the complaint, viz., that a damp atmosphere takes the elasticity out of the ropes and the pull on the rope is immediately transferred to the wheel.

Mr. Pulling now introduces the question of swaying towers, of which I have had bitter experience. The swing of the bells causes the tower to sway, and a swaying tower of stone (I have had no experience of wooden towers) will sway whether the weather is wet or fine, together with the frame. At Moulton we cured this by lowering the bells 15ft. into a thicker part of the tower.

A swaying tower and frame affects bell control, and the tight rope caused by damp weather is preferable to the elastic rope of dry weather.

I cannot tell Mr. Pulling how a bell rope affects a swaying tower (if it really does so), but I can tell him, without asking a Brains Trust, how a swaying tower affects a bell rope. J. M. TURNER.

Washfield, Tiverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A NEW HON. SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday. The Cathedral bells were available from 10 a.m. and the service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford (the Very Rev. W. E. R. Marrow), who also gave the address.

Dr. P. T. Spencer (the Master) presided at the meeting in the Chapter House, supported by the Provost. The minutes of the last meeting and the statement of accounts were accepted after discussion.

Two nominations were received for the office of Master, and Dr. P. T. Spencer was re-elected. There were also two names for the office of hon. secretary and treasurer, and the meeting elected Mr. Robert C. Heazel, of 44, Western Road, Brentwood.

The retiring hon. secretary, Mr. Leslie J. Clark, was thanked for his valuable service over the past 12 years, and on the proposition of Mr. George J. Joyce was unanimously elected an honorary life vice-president.

A proposal to change the day for the annual meeting from Whit Monday to Easter Monday was discussed, and it was decided by a good majority to keep to Whit Monday.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Provost of Chelmsford for his address and his presence at the meeting, also to the Provost and the incumbents of the district churches for the use of their bells.

An excellent lunch was provided at the County Hotel, 90 members and friends being present. The Cathedral bells and the bells of the nearby churches were available during the afternoon and evening; these were all in demand and some good ringing obtained.

WISBECH VISITORS AT LOUGHBOROUGH

A party of ringers of the Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association, together with their wives and friends, had an outing to Loughborough on May 29th. Travelling by bus, they made a call at Melton Mowbray, where they were met by some of the local ringers, and touches were rung on the bells of the Parish Church. Resuming the journey, Loughborough was reached in time for lunch at the King's Head.

By permission of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., the party spent the afternoon looking round the bellfoundry and ringing on the foundry peal. Tea at the King's Head was followed by a visit to the Parish Church, where for an hour the bells were made good use of. The methods rung throughout the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major.

Those taking part wish to tender their sincere thanks to Mr. Taylor and his staff for their kindness in conducting them round the foundry and to all who helped to make the outing such a success.

A LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR

On Whit Monday the bellringers from the Parish Churches of Alford and Mablethorpe held what is hoped to be their first annual outing to visit churches in Lincolnshire. The outing was made possible to a large extent by the financial help of Mr. F. Graves, the Alford Parish Church organist, who gave the proceeds from an organ recital to the funds of the Alford ringers, and Mr. Graves was in the party as guest of honour.

The churches of Horncastle, Bardney, Washingborough, St. Giles' (Lincoln), Blankney, Old Bolingbroke and Raithby were visited during the day, and methods ranging from rounds to Grandfire Triples were rung in the towers of the various churches visited. Lunch was partaken of at Lincoln and tea at Mareham-le-Fen, and the party finally arrived home at 10 p.m. after a most enjoyable day in spite of the atrocious weather conditions.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Northampton on Whit Monday. Service in Holy Sepulchre Church was conducted by the Rev. G. F. Turner, who also gave the address. One hundred and fifty-five sat down to tea, which was followed by the business meeting. The Rev. E. S. Powell presided, supported by Messrs. H. Baxter, G. W. Jeffs and G. S. Valentine, Central Council representatives, Miss H. M. Smith and Messrs. R. S. Cowley and A. Bigley, branch secretaries, and R. G. Black, Guild secretary. All the officers were re-elected.

Next year's annual meeting is to be at Peterborough. The maximum grant from the Bell Restoration Fund was raised from £10 to £20.

All the bells in the town were open and good use was made of them. Among the many visitors from a wide area was the band from Lincoln Cathedral, who were touring the district.

BROADCAST RINGING TO AMERICA

Eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers took part in ringing which was broadcast to America prior to the broadcast memorial service from St. Andrew's Church, Quidenham, Norfolk, on May 30th. A touch of Bob Major was rung by the following ringers: R. Grant (North Lopham) 1, F. W. Middleton (Mulbarton) 2, C. Goodman (Mulbarton) 3, A. G. Harrison (Diss) 4, W. G. Saunders (New Buckenham) 5, W. A. Lock (Yaxley) 6, S. Holman (Kenninghall) 7, E. G. Bennett (conductor) (Garboldisham) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, L. P. Cook 2, Miss E. M. Landon 3, E. Jurd 4, C. Philpotts 5, H. A. Nobes 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, F. Barron 8.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Coomes 1, Miss J. Grant 2, W. G. Mortimer 3, G. Winter 4, F. W. Hale 5, F. A. Wilshire 6, S. G. Grant (conductor) 7, G. Oram 8.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—May 30th, 1,232 Double Norwich: Eileen Bastow 1, Alan A. Potts 2, S. L. Parry 3, G. Dare 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, A. J. Brown 6, D. Vincent 7, J. Worth (conductor) 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On June 3rd, on handbells: 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: G. V. Murphy 1-2, A. G. Williams 3-4, C. Brett-Smith 5-6, E. A. Barnett (conductor) 7-8, E. Barnett 9-10.

CHATHAM.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Pat Holmes 1, R. Norris 2, F. Richardson 3, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 4, H. Springate 5, E. A. G. Allen 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, J. Evans 8.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 240 each Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, 120 each Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob: E. Smith 1, A. J. Abrams 2, W. E. Young 3, S. Murphy 4, C. Gimbert 5, W. Seekings (conductor) 6.

DEVIZES.—On Sunday, May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. H. Culley 1, Miss B. J. Davis 2, W. G. Mortimer 3, J. Romain 4, G. Winter 5, S. G. Grant (conductor) 6, F. W. Hale 7, H. Sturgess 8.

DINDER, NEAR WELLS.—On Saturday, June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. Frampton 1, P. H. Hull (conductor) 2, F. D. Rickards 3, A. Callow 4, J. White 5, A. Bown 6.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Turner 1, C. A. Read 2, J. H. White 3, R. P. Gardner 4, G. E. Coldman 5, L. G. Leach 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, G. H. Coldman 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On May 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, C. Turner 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, B. Pidgeon 4, E. Retter 5, A. G. Betts 6, G. Retter (conductor) 7, A. Holway 8.

LEYTON.—On Sunday, June 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. W. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, Charles H. Hughes 4, R. Begrie 5, H. G. Andrews 6, Frank C. W. Knight 7, James Bullock 8.

MAPERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pam Sparks 1, Ivor Sparks 2, F. G. Sparks 3, Lloyd McCreadie 4, H. P. Sparks (conductor) 5, J. Bartlett 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Bavin 1, G. E. Crisp 2, F. B. Speed 3, S. Darmon 4, A. W. T. Ginn 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, M. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

PUDESEY.—On June 3rd, 1,264 Bob Major: Alan Chapman 1, Keith Brayshaw 2, Patricia Barton 3, Molly Ambler 4, Samuel Ward 5, Robert Butterfield 6, Gordon Benfield (conductor) 7, William Barton 8.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Mundell 1, C. H. Taylor 2, A. R. Ward 3, W. Upton 4, E. Long 5, F. Taylor 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, A. White 8.

RUGBY.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman): Mrs. W. Vann 1, C. Underwood 2, D. Pistow (conductor) 3, A. Barlow 4, W. Vann 5.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Calcutt (conductor) 1, Miss J. Winterbourne 2, H. C. Farmer 3, J. A. Church 4, T. Bond 5, B. Costar 6.

SOUTHGATE.—On May 31st, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Foster 1, Miss F. Miller 2, J. G. Nash (conductor) 3-4, H. Miller 5-6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wacey 1, H. J. Watts 2, H. White 3, W. Prior 4, W. T. Prior 5, F. C. Thurby 6, P. A. Chalk (conductor) 7, F. P. Morton 8.

THEALE.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Atkins 1, S. Allen 2, Miss D. Churcher 3, L. Vince 4, R. Aberly (conductor) 5, W. Brooks 6.

THORNE, YORKS.—On May 29th, 720 each Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. Gerrard 1, J. Thorley 2, J. Martin Thorley 3, F. Reed 4, E. J. Padgett 5, C. Thorley (conductor) 6.

WINSOMBE.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Hancock 1, G. Westlake 2, E. J. Avery (conductor) 3, G. Lilley 4, A. Westlake 5, J. Vincent 6.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Davies 1, H. Bailey 2, T. Reynolds 3, A. D. Collins (conductor) 4, C. Wallater 5, J. Luck 6, H. Smith 7, A. E. Reed 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Marlow 1, C. N. Pearson 2, Mrs. A. D. Pearson 3, R. A. Tudgav 4, E. F. White 5, W. A. Theobald (conductor) 6, N. G. Knee 7, T. E. Mallard 8.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1,280 Bob Major: Miss N. Shorter 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, W. Shepherd 3, W. A. Goldstone 4, R. Lathbury 5, G. Caroe 6, A. J. Glass 7, N. V. Harding (conductor) 8.

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HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—Commencing June 16th for the summer months. Sunday ringing, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Practice, Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., as usual, except July 31st.—F. E. Cruttenden.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Annual, Hedon (8), Saturday, June 22nd. Service 4.30. Business meeting following tea.—H. S. Morley, 45, Green Lane, Selby.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Guildford District) and **SURREY ASSN.** (North-Western District).—Saturday, June 22nd. Bells: Clandon (8) from 2.30. Merrow (6) from 3 p.m. Service at Merrow 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Merrow Church Hall.—A. C. Hazelden and D. Cooper.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch.—Claverden Parish Church (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—D. Stanley.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Buckland Newton, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Bring food. Numbers to M. M. Godley, Stratford, Dorchester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—North and East District.—Harrow Weald, Saturday, June 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.—June 22nd. Re-opening of bells after being rehung as memorial to the late J. W. Hopkins. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 3.30.

—A. E. Rowley, Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock.

KENT ASSN.—Victory Meeting, Canterbury, June 22nd. Ringing at Cathedral 1.30 to 2.45. Service 3 p.m. Tea in King's School (close by Cathedral) 4.15 p.m. After tea, ringing at Cathedral, St. Alphege's, St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's.—G. H. Spice.

ELY ASSN.—Watlington, Saturday, June 22nd. Dedication of memorial to Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. Service 3.30, followed by tea. Bells from 2 p.m., and in the evening.—W. W. Cousins, Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Melbourne (8), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Committee meeting in Church House 3.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names to L. Warren, Potter Street, Melbourne.—Wm. Lancaster.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Watford District.—Abbots Langley (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mr. C. Ridgeway, Marston, Abbots Langley, Herts.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 22nd, 2 p.m. Tea shop opposite church.—Stedman H. Symonds.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Southern District, Barnsley and District, Doncaster and District.—Conisborough, Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Buses from Sheffield and Doncaster.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Westoning (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. C. Hill-yard, Westonville, Half-Moon Lane, Dunstable, Beds.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery. — Cheddar (8), Saturday, June 22nd, 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Mrs. Knee's Cafe, Cliff Street.—E. J. Avery, Sandford, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch. — St. Francis Xavier's, Salisbury Street, Liverpool, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. to 4 and from 4.30. Committee meet 3.30. Tea (2s.) for those who notify Mr. T. Egan, 27, Canton Street, Liverpool 6.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District. —North Mymms, June 22nd, 3 p.m. It is hoped to arrange tea.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division. — Quarterly, Easebourne (8), June 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. (Stedham (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.) Names for tea to Mr. Etherington, P.O., Easebourne, Midhurst.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN. — Northern District.—All Saints', Gosforth, Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—H. P. Cliff.

PEAK SOCIETY. — Buxton Burbage (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food. Meeting in local Institute 5.30 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Hillside, Darley Dale.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Semley (6), Saturday, June 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Names for tea to W. A. Theobald, 243, Essex Square, Salisbury.

DEVON GUILD.—Practice, Cullompton (10), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Grandsire and Stedman. Tea.—Fredk. C. Smale.

CHESTER GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Wistaston (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 2.30 p.m.—R. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

CHESTER GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—Frodsham, Saturday, June 22nd. Please advise Mr. J. E. Bibby, Church Street, off London Road, Frodsham. — John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Wool, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Bring food. Not at Buckland Newton, as previously arranged.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Enville (8), Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at 'The Cat,' at 4 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Send names before June 25th. Buses leave Stourbridge 1 and 2 p.m.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

ISLEWORTH (10). — Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 5.15, Church Hall. Names to H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Hughenden, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Note altered date. Names for tea by June 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Solihull, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, for those who notify Mr. E. C. Shepherd, 2, Witley Avenue, Solihull, near Birmingham, by June 26th. — T. H. Reeves.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Fulbeck, Saturday, June 29th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., for those informing K. W. Mayer by June 25th. Business meeting follows.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Camp-sall, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh (8), June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) and meeting, White Lion, 5 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by June 26th. — J. T. Corder, 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Haddenham (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

LADIES' GUILD.—London District. — Stanford-le-Hope, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5.15. Names by July 26th to Miss C. Chinery, Brick House, Orsett, Grays, Essex.—E. E. Davis.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. — Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 29th, at Seaford. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Notifications to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by June 26th.

GLOUCESTER ASSN. — Bristol Rural.—Marshfield (8), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Card for tea by June 24th to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Idle.—Saturday, June 29th. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, June 29th, at the Priory Church, Lancaster. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD and SUSSEX ASSN. — Eastern Division. — Joint meeting, Brightling (8), Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John Downing and James G. Powell.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Loughborough District. — Copt Oak (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—H. Myatt, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Little Mundon (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by June 26th.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, nr. Hoddesdon, Herts.

A RINGING FESTIVAL FOR DORSET RINGERS will be held at Blandford on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at Hicks' Cafe will be provided free of charge at 5.30 for those notifying the Town Clerk, Blandford, by Monday, 24th.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Leicester District. — South Wigston (8), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by June 26th to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. — South and West District. — Staines, Saturday, June 29th. St. Mary's bells from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m. No arrangements for tea. St. Peter's bells 7 to 7.30 p.m. and after evening service.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec. Perivale 5320.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Combined practice at St. Mary's, Chatham (8), Saturday, June 29th, from 6.30 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Bedford District. — Elstow (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Loughton (8), June 29th, 3.30 p.m. Competent band will help any who want progress from rounds up. Only ringing. With interval for cups of tea and questions. Potential conductors look up touches limited to ten minutes. Look for white badge and ask.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Old Brampton (6), June 29th, 3 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. J. Collis, Old Brampton, by Wednesday, June 26th.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Meeting at Stockbridge (6), Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Also available: Kings Somborne (6) and Leckford (5). Names for tea by 26th instant to W. G. Goodchild, 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Bugbrooke, Saturday, June 29th. Usual arrangements.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

DEVON GUILD.—Ashburton, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) at Barnes' Cafe, West Street, 5 p.m. Names by June 26th to A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. (Phone 3121.)

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—St. David's Cathedral (8), June 29th, 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 21st to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelli, Carm.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by 28th.—L. E. Pitstow, 21, Debden Road.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Westoning (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Note revised date.—H. C. Hillyard, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fleet, June 29th. Bells available at 2. Service 3.30. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided at 4. Business meeting afterwards.—W. A. Richardson.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Meeting at Amport, Saturday, June 29th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Parish Room. Business meeting follows. Names for tea by June 26th to Rev. B. E. Russell.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowden Branch.—Bredbury, Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Overton, dedication of two new trebles by the Archdeacon of Basingstoke, Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Tea for those who notify Mr. A. Taylor, 15, Sapley Lane, Overton, by Wednesday, June 26th.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—Burton-on-Stather (8), Saturday, June 29th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by June 26th certain to J. Bray, Trentwood, Flixborough Road, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe.

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Lower Peover, on Saturday, June 29th. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—Miss D. Osborn, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—West Stow (6), Saturday, June 29th. Own arrangements for tea.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Adderbury (8), Saturday, July 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Summer Festival.—Woburn, Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. (inclusive) at the Bedford Arms Hotel for those who notify Mr. H. D. Harris, 37, Leighton Street, Woburn, Bletchley, Bucks, by July 4th.—F. J. Plummer, Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Lymstone, Saturday, July 6th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by July 1st to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Wath (8), July 6th, at 3 p.m. Cards for tea, at the Church House, to Mr. W. Green, 9, Moor Road, Wath-on-Deane, by July 3rd.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Greasley (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Tea in the School for those who notify Mr. W. Ratcliffe, Post Office, Giltbrook, by July 2nd.—T. Grobbridge, jun.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting at Lichfield, Saturday, July 6th. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.15 and 6 to 6.45. Service 3.30. Tea at Minster Cafe 4.30, 1s. 9d. (members 1s.). General meeting to follow. Names by Tuesday, July 2nd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORWICH ASSN.—East Norfolk.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse, Saturday, July 6th. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Walpole, Norton, Norwich. Conveyance meet Norwich and Lowestoft bus, Service 17, at Hales Garden House.—J. Hurwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at Warfield (8), on Saturday, July 6th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, July 13th. As important matters are to be discussed members are asked to make every effort to attend. Fuller details later.—Edith K. Fletcher.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Lenham, Saturday, July 13th, 2.30. Service 4.30. A cup of tea and business after service. Bring own food. Names to C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSN.—Secretary's address: Robert C. Heazel, 44, Western Road, Brentwood, Essex.

PERSONAL

The correspondence address of Lieut. C. Glenn, R.N.V.R., is now c/o S.T.O., Trinity House Chambers, Hull.

BIRTH

BAGWORTH.—On Saturday, June 15th, at the Nelson Hospital, Wimbledon, S.W.19, to Elsie, wife of Norman S. Bagworth, a second son—Terence.

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