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EASTBOURNE

ALL Central Council representatives who attended the Eastbourne Council meeting returned home with exceedingly happy memories. Nothing was lacking on the part of the Corporation to make the conference a success. On the day of the conference there was bowls, tennis, golf and archery and seats on the front available for the delegates, all free. The day was spent in more serious vein. Whatever might be the attitude of other conference members, with ringers business comes first and the normal pleasures of mankind take second place to bells. Local belfries made the visitors welcome — the three eights available in the county borough were all cast by Warners. Other towers in the surrounding countryside were visited, but peal attempts were not numerous. A Lincolnshire band secured a peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Rotherfield and there was a peal at Croydon by members making their way south.

The social side of this year's Council was a strong point. Each evening preceding the Council meeting there were animated scenes at the Imperial Hotel, the conference headquarters, where a large room was placed at the disposal of the visitors. On the Sunday evening an invitation was extended to other guests at the hotel to witness the handbell ringing. The President of the Council explained the principles of change ringing to the many visitors, and the programme was continuous for an hour and a half. The listeners were almost as enthralled as the ringers.

Of the business of the conference, the morning was largely occupied by the revision of rules—always a tedious matter. The Standing Committee felt particularly happy on achieving two points—an increase in the number of honorary members from 20 to 24, and the creation of life membership as a reward for those who had served well as officers of the Council or had rendered distinguished service to ringing. But the Central Council is proud of its democratic principles, and the floor of the house would not tolerate the suggestion of the Standing Committee that they should be the nominating body for honorary membership. There is to be nothing in the nature of *ad hoc* committees in control.

Why is there this urgent need for more honorary membership? A new spirit is abroad in many Guilds and Associations in a desire to change their Central Council representation. Key men of the Exercise, who take a prominent part in committee work and in the abstruse problems that come before the Council for unravelling,

are not being returned by certain Guilds and Associations, who desire representation to go round. The solution for the retention of their services is honorary membership. Guilds, when they elect their representatives, should seriously ask themselves: Is our member able to make a contribution to the advancement of ringing nationally, and, if so, in what particular capacity? The Council wants workers—men and women capable of service and leadership, and willing to give of their leisure in advancing its work.

Preliminary work has been accomplished in codifying the Decisions of the Council. The recommendations of the committee will be published in our columns in the form of an interim report. The time has now arrived for those who have a desire for an amendment as to the constitution of a peal on any number of bells from 5 to 12 to present their viewpoint to Mr. Frank Smallwood, the convener of this sub-committee. It is hoped that at the next Council meeting at Chester the Decisions will be passed. In the meantime the loosely-worded code, with its loopholes which the freak peal collector likes to explore, still operates to the concern of the Peal Analysis Committee.

An important ruling was the recognition that a six place bob in Cambridge Surprise Major did not constitute a new method. The Peal Analysis Committee put a query against this peal for guidance as to classification. As one of the learned members of the Methods Committee pointed out, the structure of the peal unit remained the same. Nobody asked a question as to what would happen if the two types of Bobs were introduced into the same peal! It would indeed be a conundrum of composition and proof if such an excursion into fantasy was introduced. The Methods Committee were able to report a certain measure of progress into the question of the extension of methods. There is a conciliatory atmosphere in their approach to the problem. An attempt to give added strength to the elbow of the Methods Committee that a unanimous recommendation on their part should operate at once was not acceptable to the Council as a whole. Again the democratic surge came forward, and there was a determination that the Council should not surrender its rights and liberties to one of its committees even if it was composed of experts in a particular field. This is a direct outcome of the Shipway-Steadfast controversy; it should be noted that no voice was raised at the Council to dispute the unanimous ruling that they were the same peal.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

Mrs. P. LEWINGTON ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 7
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 8
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	EDGAR HUMFREY ... 9
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 4	CYRIL WATTS ... 10
ALBERT M. TYLER ... 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 11
RAYMOND P. BURTON ... 6	PERCY J. DYKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
An 80th birthday compliment to Edgar Humphrey.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN SCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	H. JAMES TURNER ... 8
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... 9
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ... 10
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 5	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 11
HENRY H. FEARN ... 6	LEONARD TREVOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5230 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... <i>Treble</i>	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	*THOMAS G. MYERS ... 8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 9
ALFRED BALLARD ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 10
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
No. 3 Version. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

JILL BRITAIN ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN H. HUNT ... 6
*JOYCE A. ENGLAND ... 2	†WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
†C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	DAVID E. PARSONS ... 8
†JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	FRANK E. DARBY ... 9
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.
* First peal of London Royal 'inside.' † First peal of London Royal.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... <i>Treble</i>	*REGINALD C. CHAPMAN ... 6
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 2	*C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 8
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... 9
*VIVIAN B. HUNT ... 5	*DEREK STANLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by Jos. D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 6
Mrs. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 7
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 8
*JOHN H. HUNT ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 9
*A. RONALD LING ... 5	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. To celebrate the wedding of Mr. Thomas H. Francis and Miss Margaret Addison, which took place at the Church of St. Paul, Thornaby-on-Tees, the same morning.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SUREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 6
*HILDA OAKSHETT ... 3	*EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 7
†HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
*Mrs. F. I. HAIRS ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 6
FRANK WALKER ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 4	WALTER J. LEMON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
* 300th peal.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Mrs. J. THOMAS ... <i>Treble</i>	*ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	*CLAUDE COUSINS ... 7
*WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.



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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN R. SMITHTreble	T. EDWARD HARROLD ...	5
*BRIAN AUSTIN 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	PETER J. STANFORTH ...	7
†RICHARD J. CARTER ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLETenor	

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted P. J. STANFORTH.
* First peal in the method on working bell. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. In honour of the wedding of Margaret Doreen Hibbert, daughter of the Vicar, Canon H. V. Hibbert, to James Ian Mitchell, M.C.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 24, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALICK CUTTERTreble	JOHN G. NASH 5
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 6
*MRS. M. O. L. MANCHIP 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
*PHILIP J. COWARD ... 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Transposition of Dexter's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE MAIDMENT ...Treble	HENRY W. LLOYD 5
*MARGARET BURGE ... 2	ISAAC FARMER 6
SIDNEY WYBURN 3	ARTHUR R. TUDBALL ... 7
HORACE ARSCOTT 4	JIM HERROD Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.
* First peal. First peal of Stedman Triples for all the band, who are all Dunster ringers. Believed to be the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung by a Dunster Deanery band without a conductor from outside.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2lb.

CLEMENT GLENNTreble	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ... 5
REGINALD ALEY 2	FREDK. A. SALTER 6
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF... 7
FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
In memoriam Thomas Groombridge jun.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,880 London, 800 Bristol, 800 Superlative and 640 Cambridge, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 25 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	*JACK BRAY 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSE ...Treble	GIBSON JACKSON 5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	ERNEST A. THORPE ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
* First peal in the method.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN PEARCETreble	HAROLD A. NOBES ... 5
E. JOAN SALMONS 2	PATRICK PAGE 6
JOHN H. HUNT 3	ERNEST A. JURD 7
†ERNEST BROWN 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. A farewell to Rev. Keith, who is leaving for New Zealand, and also as an 83rd birthday compliment to Queen Mary.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

ALEC E. RICHARDSON Treble	ROBERT COLLINS 5
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 2	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
*†CHARLES A. BASSETT... 3	†ALBERT RELFE 7
BERNARD V. COLLISON 4	ERNEST J. LADD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 25th tower for peal and first peal of Cambridge Major. † 25th peal together. First peal of Surprise as conductor. For Queen Mary's birthday.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BARKERTreble	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 5
*ERIO BALDWIN 2	†THOMAS TURNER 6
*†IAN JONES 3	JAMES BLACKBURN ... 7
†ARTHUR RIGBY 4	JOHN CHARNOCK ... Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.
* First peal. Both aged 14 years. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ROGER LEIGHTreble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	EDWARD IDDON 6
CHARLES CLEGG 3	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 7
FRED E. DUKES 4	JACK CLEGG Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

CHURCH KIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...Treble	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 2	*FRED E. DUKES 6
CHARLES CLEGG 3	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... 4	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL...Treble	*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
MARK W. MARSHALL ... 2	RALPH BIRD 6
WILFRED W. RING ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 7
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

RAYMOND OVERY Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
*MARY HOWELL 2	†JAMES W. JEFFERY 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	ERIC H. KNAPP 7
HORACE E. LILLEY 4	GEORGE W. CECIL ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* First peal of Major with a bob bell. † First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL Treble	JOHN HARTLESS 5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 2	COLIN W. REED 6
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
DAVID R. REED 4	RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDNA M. SILLS Treble	LUTHER HONESS 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	REGINALD L. SILLS 6
*MARGARET H. BAKER... 3	PETER C. WRIGHT 7
WILLIAM R. MANSER ... 4	ALFRED CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	CYRIL J. HIBBERT 5
NOEL J. DISERENS 2	JAMES GORDON 6
*JOHN N. MONEY 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
†GEORGE W. BISHOP ... 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell.
First peal as conductor.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb.

*DEREK M. SEVILLE ... Treble	STEPHEN LL. PARRY 5
JOHN T. WALMSLEY ... 2	DEREK OGDEN 6
†WILLIAM HARRISON ... 3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 7
FRED PRITCHARD 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. HOWLETT. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PATRICIA S. M. LEWIN Treble	HERBERT LEWIN 5
RALPH W. CARLISLE ... 2	REUBEN E. CARLISLE ... 6
SAMUEL PINDER 3	HORACE SEAGRAVE 7
MAUREEN PINDER 4	W. P. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by SAMUEL PINDER.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALFRED WILKINSON ... Treble	REGINALD W. WORRALL... 5
†BERNARD J. ONGLEY ... 2	ALBERT H. BOOTH 6
†ERIC HORNBY 3	DAVID SMITH 7
DENIS MADDOCK 4	HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. CLEGG.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal away from treble. ‡ 50th peal. A birthday compliment to Queen Mary.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

CYRIL J. BARBER Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 5
WILFRID G. SAUNDERS... 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 3	HARRY MOSS 7
CLEMENT J. MORE 4	W. ARCHIE LOCK Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST TURNER Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
WILLIAM C. DOWDING... 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY 6
JOHN LLOYD 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
HAROLD V. COOPER 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PRITCHARD.

For the wedding of Mr. Derek H. Watson, Northern Branch Ringing Master, and Miss Marie Keeley.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY, JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

*MRS. L. D. SUCKLING... Treble	HENRY PRATT 5
*SHIRLEY BARRINGER ... 2	DR. P. SPENCER-PHILLIPS 6
*ALFRED LITTLE 3	RONALD SUCKLING 7
RONALD BOYKETT 4	ERNEST BRIGHT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	*PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 6
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM... 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*MAURICE BAILEY ... Treble	JACK BAILEY 5
†MRS. S. H. JONES ... 2	ALFRED MOULD 6
WALTER SOAR 3	BENJAMIN BARKER 7
†WILLIAM GARNER 4	SIDNEY H. JONES Tenor

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside'. ‡ First peal of Major. The conductor's 150th peal and 50th as conductor.

**HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,*

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ANNE WORTH <i>Treble</i>	ERIC J. GILBERT 5
*R. JOYCE PETT 2	JOHN WORTH 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
JAMES FERNLEY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal.

**WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

PETER C. WRIGHT ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 5
*MARGARET H. BAKER ... 2	*WILLIAM R. MANSER ... 6
LUTHER HONESS 3	†GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 7
EDNA M. SILLS 4	REGINALD L. SILLS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Major and 25th peal. A 17th birthday compliment to Edna M. Silles.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

**HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two different extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*WILLIAM GRAVES <i>Treble</i>	*RONALD COLDWELL ... 4
HORACE S. MORLEY 2	*THOMAS W. TUNE ... 5
FRED TERRY 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in six methods. A last token of respect to Mr. Fred Cryer, aged 91 years (Selby Abbey), a ringer for many years.

**EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)**

*On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*JOHN AMER <i>Treble</i>	*JAMES R. TURNER ... 4
†PHILIP C. HOLMES 2	A. LENNARD SHEPHERD 5
ANDREW J. H. SCOTT ... 3	THOMAS H. WOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. LENNARD SHEPHERD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' This is the first peal ever rung on the bells by an all-Eastham band.

**LANE END, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*JOHN D. KAPE <i>Treble</i>	*ANTHONY E. COX ... 4
*DOREEN COKER 2	ROLAND BIGGS 5
*WALTER AVERY 3	WALTER LEE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER LEE.

* First peal in more than one method.

**NORTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, twelve 120's of Plain Bob and twenty 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM KILSBY <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST G. ORLAND ... 3
*HAROLD HAYNES 2	VICTOR A. PERRY 4
SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal of Doubles.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DONALD C. ANDREWS...Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN ... 4
CHARLES A. ANDREWS... 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 5
ROY DUESBURY ... 3	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal, age 12. The ringers of 6, 2 and treble are respectively father, son and grandson.

APPLEFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*H. ANTHONY TREADGOLD Treble	CHARLES COLES ... 4
M. ANGELA CARTER ... 2	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the treble ringer.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 24 extents of Grandire and 18 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*BARBARA CANDLER ...Treble	DERYCK TALBOT ... 3
HENRY PRATT ... 2	RONALD SUCKLING ... 4
STANLEY BONES ... Tenor	

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal (age 14 years). Farewell peal to the Rector on his leaving the parish for Leigh-on-Sea. Also a compliment to Mr. D. Talbot and Miss B. Felton, of Billericay, on their engagement.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MRS. G. R. G. BUTLER Treble	†GEORGE SISSON ... 4
†E. SCOTNEY SETH ... 2	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER... 5
†ROBERT A. BENNETT ... 3	†HAROLD WALTHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. G. BUTLER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Rung by the pupils of Mr. J. B. Halifax, esteemed captain at this tower, in honour of his 76th birthday, and to commemorate his 51 years' service at Fleet.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt (approx.).

*DONALD MILVERTON ...Treble	JOHN FOWLER ... 4
†HENLEY HAWKINS ... 2	†GILBERT POMEROY ... 5
DAVID HOARE ... 3	*CHARLES FRANCIS ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Mary.

NEWTON PORTHCAWL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Stedman, 10 six-scores of Plain Bob and five 240's and 10 six-scores of Grandire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED HANNINGTON ...Treble	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 4
ROBERT E. COLES ... 2	GWYN I. LEWIS ... 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 3	EDGAR COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS ...Treble	AMOS INGALL ... 4
*BERTIE BEE ... 2	LOUIS WILLDERS ... 5
EVELYN M. WRIGHT ... 3	JOHN E. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal in seven methods. A birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Mary, also Mrs. B. N. Billings, wife of the ringer of the treble.

CLIFTON-ON-TEME, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENELM,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD ...Treble	†FRANK WOODYATT ... 4
*DONALD R. HINKSMAN... 2	FRDERICK MERRICK ... 5
WILLIAM HINKSMAN ... 3	THOMAS COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal on the bells for 23 years.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

HERBERT C. BOGGIS ...Treble	REGINALD H. DRANE ... 4
CEDRIC F. C. PHILIPPO ... 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 3	LIONEL A. LESTER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

The ringers of treble and tenor, both of Bergh Apton, have completed the circle.

ELMLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN ...Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	CYRIL TANSELL ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

In honour of Queen Mary's 83rd birthday.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Single Oxford Bob, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ...Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	*ERNEST J. LADD ... 5
*CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* 25th peal together. Rung after the wedding of Mr. C. D. Swift and Miss N. Marshall, daughter of Mr. Andrew Marshall, a local ringer.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

MAURICE BENNETT ...Treble	FRED BRIGHTMAN ... 4
WILLIAM DUFFY ... 2	*THOMAS H. CHARLTON... 5
*FREDA OLDERSHAW ... 3	FRANK TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* The first peal in seven methods.

**BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*PETER MAYLE Treble	*WALTER PERRY (16) ... 4
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK (14) 2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT... 5
*OWEN C. BALLARD ... 3	WILLIAM CUTMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BURLESCOMBE, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

GORDON WALFORD ... Treble	DAVID T. NORTH ... 4
JEAN TATTERSALL ... 2	CYRIL J. STEVENS ... 5
*GEOFFREY J. GAMMON... 3	*ALBERT E. HAWKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY COMMINS ... Treble	FRANK L. MORRIS ... 4
*REGINALD W. STONE ... 2	CLAUDE TARR 5
FRANK BLANCHFLOWER... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Minor 'inside' and first peal of Plain Bob Minor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in D.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., May 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE COUNTY HALL, WESTMINSTER BRIDGE, S.E.1,*

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
*WILFRID G. WILSON ... 3-4	*MAURICE HODGSON ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 25. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER... 9-10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

A compliment to Mr. James George, upon attaining the age of 96 years and 6 months.

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LATE NEWS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr.
William H. Barber at Tamworth General Hos-
pital on May 30th. The funeral was at Sutton
Coldfield Cemetery last Saturday.

Mr. Arthur H. Blakeley
has completed 50 years' service to Bengeo Church,

Hertfordshire, and in honour of this event, and also of 25 years' service of Mr. H. Palmer as verger, a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on May 2nd, with the 7 and 8 covering. Unfortunately, under the decisions of the Central Council, this is not a recognised peal. We regret that the performance cannot be published in our peal columns. Had the peal been recognised it would have been the first for Mr. Blakeley, who rang the treble. We congratulate him on his long service to the church, and trust that he will have many more enjoyable years of ringing ahead of him.

The peal of Double Court Minor for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers reported last week was rung at Buckerell and not Buckwell.

We regret to learn that Mr. William H. Barber, late of Newcastle-on-Tyne and now of Birmingham, is seriously ill and in hospital for an operation.

As a compliment to Mr. Walter Read, of Little Waldingfield, on his 82nd birthday and 46th year in bellringing, the bells of Acton Parish Church, Suffolk, were rung in various methods.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Trull, Somerset, on May 6th, was the first of Minor for Robert W. Shire, Benjamin J. Burton and R. George Perry, and not the first peal as stated in the report. The weight of this tenor is 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

Two youthful members of St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, James E. Daniels and Michael J. E. Best, who were taught their initial ringing by Mr. Herbert A. Mitchell, the tower captain, have shown their dexterity in handbell ringing by a peal of Spliced Royal in three methods.

BELFRY GOSSIP

To help in the raising of £300 necessary for the re-hanging of the bells of Sutton-on-Hull, members of the Beverley and District Society visited Sutton-on-Hull last Saturday and rang the tower bells. They also rang handbells in the streets while collectors solicited contributions for the Bell Fund.

Congratulations to Mr. Tom Myers, who rang his first peal of Surprise Maximus without any previous practice.

Hearty congratulations to Mrs. F. I. Hairs, now of Crayford, Kent, and late of Burgess Hill, Sussex, on ringing her 300th peal at Dartford, Kent, on May 22nd.

The treble ringer in the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, on May 13th, was Katharine Burchnall and not Kathleen Burchnall as stated in the issue of May 26th.

Cambridge University Guild officers for next year (1950-51) are as follows: President, Rev. A. C. Blyth (Selwyn); Master, A. S. Watt (Pembroke); treasurer, Rev. C. F. D. Moule (Clare); secretary, A. W. T. Cleaver (Downing).

In connection with the installation of Ald. A. Paddon Smith as Lord Mayor of Birmingham on May 23rd, the happiness of the proceedings was clouded by an accident to the Mayor's aged mother on the Sunday previous. Mrs. Paddon Smith, sen., who is 93, had a fall and fractured her femur. She has since died.

The hospitality of the Eastbourne Corporation made a deep impression on the Central Council. At the conclusion of the Council meeting a civic reception was held in the Winter Gardens, where the guests were received by the Mayor and Mayoress. As the Mayor took his seat the orchestra played the refrain of 'Dear Old Sussex by the Sea.' This was also played as the Mayoral party left the hall.

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EASTBOURNE gave a great welcome to the Central Council for its 53rd annual meeting, held in the spacious Town Hall Assembly Rooms on Whitsun Tuesday. The president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) requested the Mayor (Ald. E. J. S. Croft) to take the chair at the opening of the proceedings. With the Mayor was the Bishop of Lewes, who was deputising for the Bishop of Chichester, and also the representatives of the Sussex County Association. With the President were Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary), Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (hon. librarian) and Mrs. Fletcher.

In his speech the Mayor regarded the occasion as memorable to him, as it was the first conference he had welcomed to the county borough since his installation as Mayor the previous Tuesday. He recalled youthful memories of Robertsbridge bells on a Sunday evening.

Eastbourne, he said, was proud of its three rings of bells in use. As to the town, they prided themselves that they were the sun trap of the South—at any rate, that was what the publicity manager told the world (laughter), and they hoped that the warmth of their welcome would equal the sunshine outside.

The Bishop of Lewes mentioned in his greetings to the Council that the previous day he was at Lords watching the cricket, and he told his neighbour that he had to welcome the Central Council of Church Bellingers and asked him for a few hints. His reply was that a most proper address would be on the nature and habits of bats (laughter).

He had had a good deal to do with ringers, having been in charge of two churches that possessed rings of 10 bells. One was Grantham and three years ago he had the great joy of rededicating the bells. During the whole of his parochial life his relationship with ringers, in the words at the end of the King's speech, 'continued to be friendly.' Not only friendly, but very warm indeed, for he used to hear about it if he did not go up the belfry on most Sundays.

A CRAFT OF THE COUNTRYSIDE.

This was an age of machines and a great many people were disturbed that the craftsmanship of the countryside was being laid aside. He was glad to see that the craft of ringing was still flourishing and as he went about Sussex he found quite a number of young ringers. He thought of one particular belfry full of bright young things all under 20 who had been trained by an old ringer.

'I once asked, as my father was a ringer, how long it would take to learn to ring. An old ringer replied, "You'll learn something in the first five years and you might be a ringer in ten."

'I hope that in this materialistic age, which has produced two world wars, that this nation and the world at large will think again; I am certain we are at the beginning of a return from the things that are purely material to the things that are eternal.' Thus to the bells they turned in a national emergency to express the nation's thanksgiving and rejoicing and also to express things parochial. It would be a sad day if this craft were to die out and they were not to hear church bells calling out all over their land.

Thanking the Mayor and Bishop for their welcome, the President said those who had come early had learnt to appreciate Eastbourne. A suggestion had been made that instead of holding the first meeting of each triennial session at London it should be held at Eastbourne (hear, hear).

The Bishop had mentioned Grantham bells, continued Mr. Lewis. He had a set of dining room chairs made from the old oak frame of Grantham Church in 1885.

Prayers were then said by the Bishop of Lewes, and the President presented him with a copy of 'College Youths' as a memento of the occasion.

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL.

The Hon. Secretary presented the return of representatives, which showed that there were 54 societies affiliated to the Council, an increase of one over last year, in respect of the National Police Guild.

There were 24 associations with four members, 5 with three members, 13 with two members, and 12 with one, making a membership of 149. Three vacancies had been notified. There were 18 honorary members. Subscriptions had been paid by all associations and societies.

ATTENDANCE ROLL.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. G. W. Cecil, Mr. E. G. Fenn, Mr. A. B. Peck. Bath and Wells Diocesan.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.

Cambridge University.—Mr. E. M. Atkins. Chester Diocesan.—Mr. J. E. Bibby, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. C. K. Lewis.

Coventry Diocesan.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. G. C. Briggs. Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. E. W. Biffin, Mr. T. G. Myers.

Dudley and District.—Mr. F. Colclough. East Grinstead and District.—Mr. A. Relfe. Ely Diocesan.—Mr. E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. V. Gant, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan.—Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. S. T. Price, Mr. F. Skidmore, Mr. W. Williams.

Guildford Diocesan.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan.—Mr. G. J. Lewis. Hertford County.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. G. Cashmore, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. 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. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stith.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. O. L. Rogers, Mr. T. H. Taffender, Mr. T. W. Taffender.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. W. H. Coles, Mr. F. A. Finch, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton. National Police Guild.—Mr. T. R. Butler.

North Staffordshire.—Mr. R. S. Anderson. Norwich Diocesan.—Mr. W. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Peterborough Diocesan.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine.

St. Martin's Guild.—Mr. F. E. Haynes. Salisbury Diocesan.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. F. C. W. Knight.

Stafford Archdeaconry.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe. Surrey Association.—Mr. D. Cooper.

Sussex County.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Truro Diocesan.—Mr. H. Miles, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Roberts.

Universities Association.—Miss M. Cross. Winchester and Portsmouth.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcester and Districts.—Mr. B. C. Ashford. Yorkshire Association.—Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. G. E. Debenham, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. W. Osborn, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. W. Viggers, Mr. E. Alex. Young.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

These were received from Miss J. Southerst and Mr. H. Denman (Southwell Diocesan Guild), Mr. F. Smale (Devon Guild), Mr. C. J. Sedgley and Mr. G. E. Symonds (Suffolk Guild), Mr. H. Bennett (Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild), Mr. H. J. Mansfield (Essex Association), Mr. W. N. Park and Mr. F. Ainsley (Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association), Rev. C. O. Ellison (Yorkshire Association), Mr. G. E. Oliver and Mr. W. F. Moreton (Hereford Diocesan Guild), Alderman A. Paddon Smith (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. C. Dean and Mr. T. Groombridge (honorary members), Miss E. Steel (Ladies' Guild), Mr. C. W. Cook (Ely Diocesan Association).

Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge University Guild), Mr. G. L. Hewitt (Shropshire Association), Mr. B. C. Key (Midland Counties Guild), Mr. C. Evans (East Derbyshire and Notts Association), Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Oxford University Society), Mr. R. G. Bell (Hertford County Association), Mr. O. Sippetts (Sussex County Association), Mr. J. D. Johnson and Mr. S. T. Holt (Worcestershire and Districts Association), Miss B. Spice (Oxford University Society), Mr. F. Precev (Salisbury Guild), Mr. A. J. Hughes (North Wales).

WELCOME TO MIDDLESEX.

Before the presentation of new members the President said he extended a particular welcome to the three new members of the Middlesex Association. They had received a letter from that Association expressing regret that there was an irregular election last year, and assuring the Council of the Association's whole-hearted desire to co-operate with the Council. He had promised the Rev. P. Gough that he would convey to the Council his personal regrets that he was the culprit for the irregular election which took place.

'I want,' continued the President, 'to express on behalf of the Council our regret at the fruitless journey to York of three members of the Middlesex Association, which was due to the delay in getting a letter from the

secretary pointing out that there was a probable infringement of the rules.'

The following new members were presented: Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, F. A. Finch and W. H. Coles (Middlesex), C. H. Kippin (Winchester and Portsmouth), Peter N. Bond and F. E. Hawthorne (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), W. Viggers (hon. member), F. E. Haynes (St. Martin's Guild), Insp. T. R. Butler (Police Guild), Rev. J. Kingdon (Chester Diocesan Guild).

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President announced that there were three vacancies for honorary members. Mr. Osborn, who was elected in 1947, retired and was eligible for re-election. They had lost by death Canon Coleridge and Mr. C. F. Johnston. The Standing Committee had considered the position and recommended the re-election of Mr. Osborn and the election of Mr. C. K. Lewis, who would drop out of the representation of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and Mr. F. I. Hairs, who ceased to represent the Sussex County Association.

On the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Dallaway, these three members were elected.

LOSS THROUGH DEATH.

The Council stood as the President read out the list of the following members of the Council who had died during the past year: Mrs. Edwards (honorary member), 1919-1929; J. Morgan (Chester Diocesan Guild), 1915-1918; Canon G. F. Coleridge (Oxford Diocesan Guild, honorary member), 1891-1948, 1948-1949; C. F. Johnston (Surrey Association, honorary member), 1912-1926, 1927-1949. Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), 1903-1914; G. W. Steere (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), 1936-1950; W. Andrews (Winchester and Portsmouth), 1943-45.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been published in 'The Ringing World,' were taken as read on the proposition of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN.

The report of the Hon. Librarian stated that the following books had been presented by their authors and others: 'Scottish Rings of Bells' (Ranald Clouston); 'Acoustical Measurements on Church Bells and Carillons' (Van Heuven, per Mr. F. H. Lewis); 'Towers and Forces' (Mr. E. H. Lewis); MS. on article on bells for new edition of Chambers' Encyclopædia (Ernest Morris); Vol. 1, 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire' (F. Sharpe); 'Among the Bells,' Robinson, bound in red leather (by Mr. F. White); 'Elementary Change Ringing,' by Rigby (purchased).

Sales of publications continued at a steady level. The Librarian asked if ringers would see that their cash with orders was correct. Prices were given in the current number of 'The Ringing World.'

The following publications were in the press: 'Collection of Major Method Compositions' and 'Card of Instructions on the Care of Bells' (revised).

The report acknowledged the services of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley in dealing with orders during the librarian's illness.

Sales during the year amounted to £60 18s. 8d. Mr. Hooton, in moving the adoption of the report, said there was one matter in which he would like the help of associations. Shortly he would be receiving a considerable quantity of books which had been left to the library by the late Mr. J. F. Shepherd, and the result of this would mean a considerable duplication. The Standing Committee had considered the matter, and upon their recommendation he proposed to ask associations or guilds with libraries to let him know and choose from the list such books as they would require. He hoped to publish a list of books received in 'The Ringing World.'

This was seconded by Mr. Walter Ayre and agreed to.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

The statement of accounts of the Council showed that the year started with a balance in hand of £187 9s. 9d. and ended with a balance of £245 4s. 10d. Receipts included affiliation fees £36 10s., subscriptions hon. members 5s., sale of publications (balance) £54 2s. 11d.

By expenses: Library and publications, 12s. 3d.; Biographies Committee, £3 8s. 6d.; expenses of York meeting, £2; stationery, £12 8s. 6d.; postage, telegrams and telephones, £10 8s. 4d.; wreaths, £4 4s.; diocesan map, 1s. 3d.

The Secretary, in moving the adoption, said that their total income from associations was £37 5s., and the expenses were creeping up, and if they were to continue to send out great sheaves of papers their expenses would increase. The accounts were discussed by the Standing Committee and they recommended that they be adopted.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded and the accounts were adopted.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The report stated that during last summer enquiries were made for a suitable electric motor and geared reduction unit which would run silently and give a variable range of speeds for operating different numbers of bells. These had been supplied and were tried out during the first week in May, and the results were highly satisfactory. Some alterations in the box under the machine were necessary and it was proposed to renew it and enclose the controls behind a drop out panel at one end.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, in moving the adoption of the report, expressed great admiration for Mr. Douglas Hughes and Mr. Brian Price, who had care of the machine, for its working and efficiency.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded and the report was adopted.

REVISION OF RULES

The remainder of the morning session and the first hour of the afternoon were occupied with the revision of rules. These were presented to the Council by Mr. G. E. Debenham, a number of amendments having been made by the Standing Committee the previous evening.

The rules as adopted by the Council were as follows:—

TITLE.

1. The Council shall be known as 'the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.'

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

2. The Council shall consist:—
(i) Of representative members, elected by affiliated societies.

(ii) Of honorary members, not exceeding 24 in number, elected by the Council on the nomination of the Standing Committee.

(iii) Of life members.

[The increase from 20 to 24 honorary members gave rise to a long discussion. An unsuccessful amendment was moved by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, limiting the number of honorary members to 20, and life members to 10. The Hon. Secretary emphasised the importance of increasing the number of honorary members, pointing out that they rendered special services to the Council. This was supported by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who said it was essential that they should have people capable of undertaking specialised work, and if a specialist failed to secure election from his own association, the Council was placed in a difficulty. The administrative work of the Council would end in chaos without them. Mr. John Freeman pleaded a limitation to the number of life members of 10, but this was not accepted.]

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

3. (i) Any society, association or guild of church bellringers (hereinafter referred to under the general term 'society'), numbering not fewer than 75 members, shall, upon application and subject to election by a majority

of two-thirds of the members present and voting, be affiliated to the Council and shall subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council.

(ii) Societies hereafter applying for affiliation shall be classified as either territorial or non-territorial. In deciding whether such a society is to be classified as territorial or non-territorial, the Council shall regard as non-territorial a society whose members are drawn from an unlimited area or from an area already represented by one or more territorial societies.

(iii) The societies who are affiliated to the Council at the date of the passing of these rules and the number of their permitted representatives at that date are specified in the schedule to these rules.

REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS.

4. (i) Societies hereafter applying for affiliation shall be entitled to elect representative members as follows:—

(a) A territorial society, the number of whose members is 75 or over, but does not exceed 150, one representative member; exceeds 150, but does not exceed 300, two representative members; exceeds 300, but does not exceed 450, three representative members; exceeds 450, four representative members. Four representatives shall be the limit of representation allowed any one society.

For the purpose of this rule the basis of the calculation of membership for territorial societies shall be the number of honorary and ringing members, and resident life members at the time of the election of representative members. That number in respect of either the year of election or (if more readily ascertainable) the year preceding the election shall be certified in writing by the secretary of the territorial society to the secretary of the Council on demand.

(ii) (a) Those societies hereafter affiliated who are classified as non-territorial shall be entitled to one member per society. The representation of the societies now affiliated to the Council shall be as specified in the schedule to these rules unless modified on application to and by permission of the Council.

(iii) No representative member shall be eligible as an honorary member.

(iv) The election of representative members by affiliated societies shall take place triennially, and the names and addresses of those elected shall be forwarded to the secretary of the Council not later than four weeks before the commencement of each triennial session. In the event of a vacancy the new member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the triennium, and his name and address shall be forwarded to the secretary of the Council.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

5. Honorary members shall be elected for three years and, on retiring, shall be eligible for re-election (retirement and election taking effect as from the end of the annual meeting), provided that any honorary member who during his term of office may be elected a representative or life member shall, *ipso facto*, vacate his honorary membership. The Council may fill a vacancy among the honorary members at any annual meeting of the Council.

LIFE MEMBERS.

6. (i) Life members shall consist of—
(a) Past and present holders of the office of president, hon. secretary or hon. librarian of the Council, and

(b) those who in the opinion of the Council (expressed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting) by reason of their services to the art of ringing merit the conferment on them of the honour of life membership.

Life membership shall cease only on death or resignation.

(ii) All nominations for life membership under sub-paragraph (i) (b) of this paragraph shall be sent to the hon. secretary signed by two members of the Council not less than two calendar months previous to a meeting of the Council unless notice of motion has been

given at the previous meeting. Such nominations shall appear on the agenda paper.

[Mr. John Freeman again pressed for a limitation of the number of life members to 10, and pointed out, while the president and officers were extremely efficient, they might get a secretary who was not and they might be saddled with him for life. Mr. Dunwoody seconded an amendment to this effect. The Hon. Secretary explained that life membership was created so that they would not clutter up the honorary membership class with those who were too old to undertake the work of the Council. The amendment was defeated by a substantial majority.]

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

7. All affiliated societies shall subscribe annually, on January 1st for the year commencing on that date, 5s. on behalf of each representative member to whom they are entitled, to meet the expenses of conducting the business of the Council, and no representative member shall be entitled to speak or vote at a meeting of the Council until the subscription of the Society he represents be paid.

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

8. The Council shall meet once annually, about Whitsuntide, in some convenient centre, as decided upon by the Council at the previous meeting or (in the event of unforeseen circumstances) as the Standing Committee of the Council shall decide. Any meeting of the Council may be extended to additional sittings on the same or the following day on a motion for adjournment being put and carried. The president shall have power, in case of emergency, to call special meetings of the Council, and he shall at any time summon such a special meeting on receipt of a requisition signed by twelve members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

9. At the annual meeting next after each triennial election, a president, an honorary secretary (who shall also act as treasurer) and an honorary librarian shall be elected from among the members to serve for three years. In the event of the president, honorary secretary or honorary librarian vacating office before the expiration of the three years, the ensuing meeting shall elect a member to fill the vacancy during the remainder of the period. The retiring president, honorary secretary and honorary librarian shall be eligible for the re-election at the expiration of their term of office. The president shall retire from the chair immediately his successor in office is elected, but the honorary secretary and honorary librarian shall continue in office till the business of the meeting is concluded. All nominations for these offices shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary, signed by two members of the Council, not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting, and such nominations shall appear on the agenda paper. The next business after the election of the president, honorary secretary and honorary librarian shall be the election of honorary and life members.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS.

10. The Council shall triennially elect from amongst the members of the Council two auditors who shall audit and report upon the annual accounts of the Council with power to employ the services of a professional accountant at the expense of the Council to audit the whole or any particular part of the accounts of the Council.

COMMITTEES

11. The Council shall appoint a standing committee and shall have power to appoint committees for any purpose for which it may appear desirable; and also, if the state of the funds permit, to allow the necessary expenses of holding the committee meetings. Each committee shall appoint a convener and shall report annually to the Council. All reports, except that of the standing committee, shall be made in writing to the hon. secretary at least 28 days before the meeting. Such reports as have not previously been published or circulated shall be read at the meeting.

VESTING OF PROPERTY.

12. The property funds and assets of the Council shall be vested in the president, honorary secretary and honorary librarian for the time being. They shall have power to invest money and adopt such measures as seem to them necessary in the interest of the Council, subject to the approval of the Council.

NOTICE OF RESOLUTIONS.

13. All resolutions to be proposed shall be sent to the honorary secretary in writing signed by two members of the Council, not less than six weeks previous to the meeting, and shall be placed by him on the agenda, together with the names of the proposer and seconder of the resolution. But it shall be competent, on a vote of the majority of the meeting, for the Council to discuss a subject not upon the agenda paper, provided such subject does not affect the rules or constitution of the Council.

[This rule was amended on the motion of Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher from two months' calendar notice to six weeks' notice being required for resolutions, in order to meet with societies that hold their annual meeting at Easter.]

PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS.

14. At the meetings of the Council the president shall take the chair, and in the event of his absence the members present shall elect a chairman for that meeting. The chairman shall have a casting vote. Twenty members shall form a quorum. Every new member, whether representative or honorary or life, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by a member to the president, or, in the absence of the president, to the chairman of the meeting.

VOTING RIGHTS.

15. Each member, whether representative, honorary or life, shall have one vote.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

16. Provisional notice of the date and items for discussion at the annual meeting shall be given approximately nine weeks previous to such meeting. Full notice of the date, arrangements and agenda for each meeting shall be given not less than five weeks previous to such meeting, such notices shall be given in the ringing paper, but it shall be incumbent on the honorary secretary to send notice to each member. The names of the members present and the business transacted at each meeting shall be entered in the minute book and reported to the ringing paper. Copies of the resolutions passed by the Council and of the decisions of the Council shall be forwarded to the affiliated societies as soon as is convenient after the meeting.

SUBMISSION OF ACCOUNTS.

17. At each annual meeting the honorary secretary and treasurer shall submit the audited statement of accounts for the year to the previous 31st December and the auditors' report for adoption by the meeting.

ALTERATION OF RULES.

18. Alterations in the rules of the Council shall be made only at the annual meetings, and every notice of a proposed alteration shall be sent to the honorary secretary as laid down in Rule 13. All alterations in the rules of the Council shall be passed by a majority of two-thirds.

Mr. R. S. Anderson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. G. E. Debenham for his work in revising the rules.

In acknowledging the compliment, Mr. Debenham said it was not the work of a committee of one, and he had received very able assistance from the hon. librarian.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The report on the Ringers' Roll of Honour stated that there were 25 associations whose lists had not come to hand. The average number of casualties per association in the 1939-45 war, from the lists received, was six, and if this average was maintained, the total for the Roll of Honour, now in the course of production, would be about 300.

The report was presented by Mr. H. Miles, who expressed the hope that representatives

would remind the secretaries of their associations to complete their lists at the earliest possible moment. He would have to fix a closing date and names not included would be deleted from the roll.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded, and the report was adopted.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The report of this committee, presented by Mr. H. G. Cashmore, stated that the committee had collected the proof of the collection of Major Method compositions and the book was now in the hands of the printers. Work had been commenced on a similar collections for Royal and Maximus, which the committee hoped to present to the Council in due course.

Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded and the report was adopted.

RECORD COMMITTEE.

The report of this committee, which was proposed by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. L. K. Marshall, gave the following new records on tower bells:—

5,184 Wye Surprise Major, Kent County Association; 5,056 Biddenden Surprise Major, Kent County Association; 5,184 Spalding College Bob Major, Hereford Diocesan Guild; 5,280 Lindsey Surprise Maximus, St. Martin's Guild; 5,056 Bennington Surprise Major, Middlesex County Association; 5,000 Norwich Little Bob Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; 5,280 Bedford Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Bedford Surprise Royal, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Lindsey Surprise Royal, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Spliced Grandsire and Double Grandsire Triples, Southwell Diocesan Guild; 5,280 Albanian Surprise Maximus, St. Martin's Guild; 5,184 Wordsworth Surprise Major, Lincoln Diocesan Guild; 5,056 Doncaster Surprise Major, Yorkshire Association; 5,280 Prittlewell Surprise Maximus, St. Martin's Guild; 5,056 Tavistock Surprise Major, Yorkshire Association; 5,088 Deva Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan Guild; 5,152 Radnor Surprise Major, St. Martin's Guild; 5,152 Darlington Surprise Major, Yorkshire Association; 5,004 St. Clement's Bob Caters, Cambridge University Guild; 5,280 Wigston Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,086 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal, Surrey Association; 5,280 Leicestershire Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Leicestershire Surprise Royal, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Herefordshire Little Surprise Major, Hereford Diocesan Guild; 5,088 Conisborough Surprise Major, Yorkshire Association; 5,280 Aldenham Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan Guild.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Rochester District held its second quarterly meeting in St. John's Church, Meopham (8), on May 13th, and, favoured with excellent weather, about 85 ringers and friends met in this very pretty and interesting old village.

The meeting came at the end of a week's celebrations of the 625th anniversary of the church, and during this week over 3,500 people had attended the various services in the church.

Ringing commenced promptly at 3 p.m. and continued in various methods to suit all tastes until the ringers' service at 4.30 p.m., which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Vernon S. Nicholls, who gave an inspiring address.

Tea in the Village Hall was kindly given by Mrs. Worthington, the wife of one of the churchwardens, who was that day celebrating her birthday. It is interesting to note that it was Mr. Worthington who last year paid the whole cost of adding the two new trebles to the old ring of six in this tower.

At the business meeting no less than 52 new members were elected (is this a record for a district meeting?). The new members came from seven towers in the district, which included three new bands from Milton Regis, Stockbury and Meopham.

The meeting concluded, the ringers returned to the belfry.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BELL-RINGER

Dear Sir,—To my mind, as a printer, the very basis of our art is on a shaky foundation. I write concerning the word 'bell-ringer.'

In the heading of 'The Ringing World' it is given as one word, and taking this as a standard I have spelt it as one word in my recent publications for ringers. However, at Eastbourne the constitution was given as 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' (two words), and this form of spelling was used throughout the papers handed out at the conference.

I therefore took (printer's) professional advice and ascertained that when used alone it should be hyphenated (i.e., bell-ringer), but that when used in the special context 'Church Bell Ringer' (i.e., a ringer of church bells) it should be separated to Church Bell Ringer in three words.

The above information may be of interest to fellow-ringers and it would certainly help if the word could in future be standardised for all printed matter connected with our Exercise—or has anyone else any other views on the subject?

W. VIGGERS.

Aldershot.

RECORD LENGTH OF DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—With regard to the claim that 8,040 changes of Doubles is the greatest number recorded with the Central Council the following may be of interest.

In the belfry of Whaplode Church in Lincolnshire is an old peal board recording 10,080 changes, being 84 extents. Methods are not specified, but five ringers' names are on the board and in those days I believe there were only five bells there.

The performance, as far as I can remember, is stated as having taken 7 hours and 25 minutes, including the raising and 'settling' of the bells in what is described as a 'masterly fashion.' Local ringers can no doubt supply fuller details, as I myself only noted it briefly during a short visit.

I should, however, like to congratulate our Australian friends on their fine achievements, since in my opinion the ringing of even only 5,040 of Doubles requires a considerable amount more concentration than Surprise and they are no doubt justly proud of their feat. Well done, Australia!—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

Holloway.

WILLIAM BANISTER'S BOOK

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Newcombe's query, I likewise possess a copy of William Banister's book, printed in 1874. It originally belonged to the late Charles Herbert, one of the founders and the first secretary of the Bedfordshire Association. On the fly-leaf, written in the author's own handwriting, appears 'With W.B.'s compliments and thanks.'

In addition to the various quotations noted by Mr. Newcombe, it might be added that pages 150 to 165 inclusive contain a 'Tabular List of Performances achieved by the Society of College Youths from the year 1724, at which date the custom of recording change ringing performances commenced.'

I also have a copy of Hubbard's 'Campanologia' mentioned by Mr. Albert J. Hughes, but as this copy is a fourth edition, revised, printed in 1876, the book he refers to may have been an earlier edition, as I cannot trace the piece of poetry quoted by him in the issue of 'The Ringing World' for April 14th last.—Yours truly,

H. DOUGLAS HARRIS.

Wohurn, Beds.

LARGEST PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Hunt's query as to the largest parish church in England, I am able to give you the following:—

(a) Largest south of the Thames probably is St. Mary's, Portsea, of campanological fame, which must be at least 900ft. long, and has a seating accommodation of nearly 2,000. When I used to ring there it also had a staff of 16 curates.

(b) Runner-up in Portsmouth was St. Matthew's, a triple-naved building with an accommodation of nearly 1,500. This church was blitzed in 1940.

(c) Outside Portsmouth the biggest one in the district is probably St. Philip Neri, R.C., at Arundel, a French Gothic building of cathedral proportions.

(d) Lancing College chapel, on the road to Brighton, though not a parish church, is probably the biggest public school chapel in the country.

(e) Another giant is St. Bartholomew's at Brighton.

(f) The biggest parish church in Somerset is reputed to be St. Cuthbert's, Wells, but I should think Yeovil church must be a hot favourite (also Taunton and Glastonbury).

(g) Of other large churches I can list Dorchester Abbey, Oxon, Wimborne Minster, Beaminster, Dorset, Tewkesbury Abbey, Glos., Bolton Priory, Yorks, Selby Abbey, Yorks, Wymondham, Christchurch Priory, Hants, Malmesbury, Maidstone, Froome - Selwood (whose bells I look for in vain in 'The Ringing World'), and Southwold, Suffolk.

Your other readers will doubtless supply the remaining three-quarters.—Faithfully yours,

F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

BEHAVIOUR OF TOURING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I understand there was an occasion last year when a party of touring ringers caused considerable annoyance at a certain village by carrying on with a peal attempt until well after 10 p.m. I have discovered that there are other places, apart from the tower, in which ringers can cause annoyance to the public.

I have recently been on holiday at Looe, Cornwall, and on Whit Monday night a party of touring ringers arrived at 10.30 p.m. at the hotel where I was staying. After partaking of refreshment the ringers proceeded to engage in handbell ringing until near midnight. From my bedroom I could hear, to the ringing, sounds of applause and laughter. The members of the party went to their rooms at 12.30 a.m., accompanied by the usual opening and shutting doors, flushing of lavatories, etc. I should say few of the forty odd other guests in the hotel got much sleep that night before 1 a.m.

The next day, following the departure of the tourists, I heard guests complaining of the noise made by the ringers the previous night.

The pity of it was that the handbell ringing was excellent, and would no doubt have been enjoyed by the hotel guests if performed at a reasonable hour, but few people other than perhaps some most ardent ringers are likely to appreciate handbell ringing at midnight.

Such thoughtless behaviour can only further antagonise and even add to the numbers of those who are opposed to bells, ringing and ringers.—Yours faithfully,

F. C. A. BENNETT.

Wombourne, near Wolverhampton.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX. — On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Blew 1, R. P. Crump 2, D. H. Kingston 3, Miss E. M. Fadden 4, W. G. Kingston (cond.) 5, J. Crump 6. First quarter in the method by all except 1.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES P. CUNNINGHAM, J.P.

The death occurred on May 25th, five days before his 92nd birthday, of Mr. James P. Cunningham, J.P., of Rostrevor, Co. Down. He had been in failing health for some weeks past, although up and about a week before, and his death came very quickly.

James Cunningham became one of the original ringers at Kilbroney Parish Church, Rostrevor, Co. Down, when the ring of six bells was installed in 1880. There is now only one survivor of that band, the Rev. John Bushell, of Toronto. Mr. Cunningham had been ringing his beloved bells right up to last New Year's Eve, when he conducted the mid-night ringing and afterwards entertained the other ringers to the tune, 'Believe me, of all those endearing young charms,' on the handbells in the tower. It was a very bitter disappointment to him to be absent from the rededication ceremony of his bells last April after their rehanging by Messrs. Taylors.

He became a member of the Irish Association of Change Ringers in 1904, and took a deep interest in its affairs. He was rewarded by being elected president in 1946, and in the following year the honour of life membership for services rendered was conferred upon him. Early this year his great generosity, for which he was noted, reached a climax when he presented a magnificent silver challenge cup for competition among the towers in the Northern District for good striking.

Some years ago he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Co. Down. He was also a very keen member of the Orange Order, in which he reached high offices and proudly led the district contingents on July 12th to their festivities.

James Cunningham loved his bells and the bellringers. They in turn held him in very high esteem. The Irish Association in general and Rostrevor in particular will be the poorer for his passing.

His funeral, which was very largely attended, took place on Whit Sunday amidst beautiful surroundings in Knotty Ash Cemetery. Bellringers from Holywood, St. Thomas' and St. Donard's, Belfast, Lurgan and Hillsborough, as well as from the local tower, attended the funeral.

The bells of Kilbroney Church were rung fully muffled, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. J. Rush 1-2, W. Pratt 3-4, H. Brown 5-6, F. G. Burrows 7-8, as a last token to Ireland's oldest and much beloved bellringer.

MRS. KATE SMITH.

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Ald. A. Paddon Smith) has been bereaved by the death in Dudley Road Hospital on May 30th of his mother, Mrs. Kate Smith, at the age of 94. She had a fall at her home just over a week ago and fractured her left leg. Complications set in and she died from pulmonary embolism.

At the inquest the Lord Mayor gave evidence and said his mother, despite her age, was fairly active, and it was while she was carrying her breakfast tray on May 21st that she fell and broke her leg.

CLAIM REFUTED

Dear Sir,—The claim to the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in the East Riding in the footnote to the peal at Hull and published in 'The Ringing World' of May 26th is not correct. A peal of Cambridge was rung at Escrick on October 27th, 1928, and although that may have been the first, no claim was made at the time.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. CAWSER.

Rotherham.

TOWER CORNER (10)

'THE ART OF STRIKING.'

Dear Learners,—This week our instructor, Tom Truetouch, is to set us on our way towards acquiring the art of striking; and, as we enter the ringing chamber, we see that he has prepared the blackboard on the wall thus:

STRIKING

- A. Knowing the method and finding one's place is only part of the job. The other, and more important, part is correct striking, ALWAYS.
- B. Every ring of bells has its optimum compass for change ringing, and the ringing, to be good, must quickly settle down to the relevant beat.
- C. Each ringer must act on the precept: 'My ringing can make or mar the striking, so it's up to me to keep the beat.'
- D. Within the beat, then, good striking involves—EYE plus HAND plus EAR.

The PROCESS may be analysed under five heads:—

1. Compass audibility. (Once the beat is attained.)
2. Registration of pull-off point within that compass.
3. Ear-check.
4. Consistent maintenance of bell-control, 100 per cent.
5. Applied control-adjustment, using eye, hand and ear.

Now, just as Tom is about to speak on this, Will Wellstruck, our most promising pupil, you may remember, steps forward with his copy of 'The Ringing World,' No. 2,038, and, referring to a letter on page 268 about the open hand-stroke lead, asks if Tom would accept what it says.

'Well now,' says Tom, 'that's a fair question; and as a matter of fact the subject enters into our lesson just now. The writer of the letter is a well-known, experienced ringer, and though he questions what I've said about the gap before the hand-stroke lead, I think I may be able to show you that there are more ways than of expressing the same thing, and that what we have already said about it is not incorrect. Let us see how it works out.'

'First consider the five factors of good striking,' he continues, pointing to the blackboard (see above). 'I mentioned them earlier in the course and promised, then, to deal later with them in detail. Take the first, "Compass audibility." Before we can fully appreciate just what this involves we must consider this.' He pauses and points to B on the blackboard (see above).

'By "optimum compass" we mean the best speed at which the bells can be struck as a complete ring. This, in turn, depends principally upon the natural periodicity of swing of the larger bells of the ring. We could prove our conclusions, to be reached, by delving into a little of the arithmetic of the mechanics of the whole matter, and considering the angular velocity of the bell-masses, as governed by the radius of movement of the centres of mass of the bells themselves.

'But let us try to stick to simple statements in everyday language. The periodicity of which we spoke can be varied in the hanging according as to how the bells are hung in their stocks, i.e., whether they are "tucked up" in highly arched stocks or hung low on flat or near-flat ones. The question of weight enters only in so far as a heavier bell, being normally longer from crown to lip, has its mass-centre further from the bearing axis than a lighter bell.

'So that, when Mr. Dyke says that on 12 bells the gap would be too little and on five

bells too great, we have only to realise that it all depends on the mechanics of the ring, to perceive that we could have rings of five and twelve in which actually the reverse could be the case. The key to the problem lies in seeing it as a simple one in mechanics, and the optimum compass is predetermined, in spite of all the argument that has gone on about the expert heavy-bell ringer and the way he should or should not ring the bell!

'Consider this long pendulum of the church clock here in the ringing chamber. Notice that its periodicity is about three seconds. Now recall the small bracket clock at home with its short pendulum of about three inches, and its rapid "tick-tock, tick-tock" of about half a second. In the same way, if we had a very light ring of twelve, with a tenor of, say, 10 cwt., and a heavy ring of five with a tenor of, say, 30 cwt.; then the tenor of the five, being a much "longer" bell than the tenor of the twelve, would have a longer periodicity of natural swing, the compass of the whole ring being set accordingly; and if the two tenors were pulled off the balance simultaneously, that of the twelve would strike before that of the five. This simple fact has to be allowed for in practice, when a heavy bell, striking after a light bell, will be pulled off simultaneously with it.

'But to return to the example just considered, fortunately bell-founding has resolved into the making of rings to certain standards of weight for number, and, though there are exceptions, the smaller the number the lighter the ring, within limits. The heavier the bell, the greater its inertia when on the balance, and the less easily pulled-off. Hence in a larger ring, say, of twelve, the heavier bells, to be well struck within the narrow margin of the fraction of the second allowed, will be best rung so that they do not reach "top-dead-centre." The lighter bells, not having the inertia and thus allowing easier pull-off, are rung well up to top-dead-centre and allow for the "beat" or periodicity of the heavier bells. This determines the compass.

'Naturally, on higher numbers, the bells are rung closer together, to get them all within this natural periodicity. But on rings of smaller numbers (e.g., five) the bells are, as we say, "opened up," a bit, i.e., they "strike wider." From this you may see that we conceive an average time of compass, even for all rings; and, within this period, the bells are spaced out. The average time of this spacing

is the gap of the pause of the open hand-stroke lead. Other factors may vary it—"go" of the bells, length and "shoot" of ropes, etc., but in the main this holds good.

'As a matter of fact, the gap would not be too short for rings even up to 16, as I am going to demonstrate on these handbells which I have hung up, to be struck round with a tapper. I have heard some excellent Plain Bob on 14 handbells, rung so fast that the notes almost merge, yet with only a one-beat gap.

'Now listen carefully as I tap these 16 bells round. I shall run them "fast" and after the second round I shall strike the support at the end next the tenor, at exactly the same beat as all the others, and run straight round again, and so on. This will make the gap. Note how distinctive it is.'

Suiting action to word, Tom taps the bells round and we note the rhythm. With closed eyes and concentration on the sound only we realise the truth of what he has been so carefully explaining to us. 'Finally,' says Tom, 'listen to change-ringing on twelve, even good broadcasts, whenever you can. Check the time of the gap. And prove for yourselves what I have tried carefully to explain. It is of the utmost importance to you as ringers in training.'

'So you may see that the gap is not a constant; it varies according to both the number of bells and the way they are hung; but, once the correct compass has been obtained for the ring, it is positively determined. The time for the whole pull round (handstroke and backstroke) is divided into $(2 \times n)$ plus 1 intervals, where n is the number of bells, and the "1" is the gap before the handstroke lead.

'So far we have been speaking only of the precise *sounding* of the bell, rather than exactly when it is to be pulled off to attain the precision of sounding to time. The position of the guide pulley for the rope as it leaves the wheel affects the position of the "bottoming" of the rope's fall—sometimes spoken of as the amount of "draw" of the rope from vertically under the wheel-sheave. But even this does not affect the critical instant of time at which the bell must be pulled off, nor the height of the swing of the bell (not the rope), for that is fixed by other considerations, as we have shown. This timing for pull-off, and/or for height of swing allowed to the bell according to its size, requires precision that comes only with practice; and the due appreciation of the compass of the ring is essential before you can start that practice.

'So listen carefully to the compass, first of all, in rounds. Get the rhythm into your head. Then listen particularly to the sound of your own bell amongst the others. Note its sounding position within the whole compass. Now check whether, allowing for the slight pause as the rope comes up at handstroke, your bell is sounding at a regular beat within the compass. As soon as you are satisfied you can approve or disapprove of how you are "fitting in" amongst the others, you have acquired "compass audibility." Every time you ring rounds concentrate on this until it becomes automatic with you.

'Now for the second of the five factors. . . . (Sorry to interrupt, Learners, but we've used up our space again.) Continuing next time, Yours ever, CORN. R. STONE.

SPALDING, LINCS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. T. Newington 1, S. E. Bennett 2, G. W. Mills 3, J. K. Mounfield (first of Stedman) 4, M. E. Bennett 5, A. D. Mills 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, L. H. Wright 8.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: A. Beasley (first quarter) 1, G. K. Dodd 2, J. F. Scott 3, M. J. Dodd 4, J. W. Berry (cond.) 5, T. Oram (first quarter) 6.

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BARNSELY, YORKS.—On May 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. Willan

(first quarter) 1, Miss M. Perkins 2, S. Dance 3, D. M. Hall 4, E. Stainrod 5, E. Atkinson (first as cond.) 6.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.—On May 16th, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Warden 1, H. E. Ashley (cond.) 2, Miss R. Ashley 3, S. Carter 4, H. F. Ashley 5, C. Iluges 6, A. J. Hinde 7, T. Elson (first quarter) 8. Half-muffled in memoriam the wife of the people's warden, interred that day.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSELY, YORKS.—On May 7th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (240 each of Royston Delight, London Scholars, College Pleasure, New London, Duke of York and Violet): K. H. Wood 1, A. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wynne Keys 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, Stella M. Wickens 3, R. G. Blackman (first as cond.) 4, N. J. Smith 5, J. T. Piney 6, P. R. Blackman 7, H. F. Dunford 8.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On May 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. Wilson 1, G. E. Large (cond.) 2, Miss J. A. Southerst 3, R. G. Morris 4, Miss C. A. Harding 5, C. Tansell 6, A. Morgan 7, W. H. A. Compton 8, R. Woodvatt 9, T. W. Lewis 10. A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Percy Thomas, donor of this restored and augmented ring and clock.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.—On May 14th, 1,440 Bob Minor: P. Etherington 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, Jean Curtis 3, R. G. Blackman 4, N. J. Smith 5, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Marna Taylor (first quarter) 1, J. A. Alexander 2, W. Swaller 3, W. Atkinson 4, M. J. Cooper 5, H. Short (cond.) 6. S. R. Elwick 7, T. N. Tindale 8.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 240 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): E. Thorne 1, S. Hollis 2, C. Callaway 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4. C. Denness 5, C. Morris 6. For the visit of the Archdeacon, Ven. E. K. Roberts.

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. G. Townsend 1, E. Smith 2, H. Haynes 3, V. Perry 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5, S. Manning 6. In honour of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Althorp.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 14th, 720 London Surprise and 720 Wells Surprise: W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. W. White (cond.) 1, Miss S. M. White (first of Kent 'inside') 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, E. Lish 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, E. W. Morey 7, E. P. Packham 8. A farewell to the curate, the Rev. A. T. Waterer.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. A. Brooks 1, B. C. Stirling 2, P. E. Dodd 3, M. J. Dodd 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, D. A. Johnson (longest length on eight) 6, W. Kewel (first quarter) 7, J. F. Smith 8. 7-6-8 covering.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. Fidler 1, W. F. Todd (first 'inside') 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, D. C. Mears 5, E. Winters 6, W. Croft 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene on May 14th, 1,344 Bob Major: N. G. Hollingworth 1, R. W. Green 2, R. Newman 3, A. E. Hoare 4, C. Finch (first in the method) 5, E. E. Holman (first in the method as cond.) 6, H. Kirby 7, R. H. Begrie 8.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Booth 1, F. R. P. Booth 2, R. Hughes 3, Iris G. M. Jarvis 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, Robert Booth 6. First quarter by 4 and 6.

QUARTER PEALS

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rev. C.

C. Cox 1, J. Morris 2, C. W. Powell 3, R. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Grant 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Peter's on May 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. L. Slack 1, J. Worth (cond.) 2, D. Heapy 3, Miss A. Worth 4, F. Horsefield 5, J. Whittaker 6, S. Naden 7, H. Wood 8. A welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Richards, who was inducted the same evening.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. R. Cockell 1, C. F. Andrews 2, Miss M. Hunt 3, A. Angel 4, Miss R. Gibbons 5, H. Prout 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, A. W. J. Hunt 8. Half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. R. H. Legg, a ringer for 73 years.

OTTERSASHAW, SURREY.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. Sleet 1, R. Andrews 2, R. Monk 3, D. Sleet (cond.) 4, J. Ribbans 5, W. Horn 6. First of Grandsire by 1 and 3.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Turner 1, B. Pidgeon 2, J. Glanvill 3, E. Rowe 4, C. Deem 5, F. Wreford 6, J. Arbury (cond.) 7, E. Marks 8. In honour of the wedding of Mr. G. E. Retter and Miss Queenie Pring.

OXFORD.—On May 14th, at St. Ebbe's, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss C. M. Trist 1, Miss A. M. Dickinson 2, Miss R. M. K. How 3, W. G. Thomas 4, M. E. H. Barrow 5, F. P. Wright 6, N. G. McCrum 7, R. B. Meadows (first as cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire 2, 4 and 6.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. G. Clements 1, F. Jones 2, J. Clements (cond.) 3, F. J. Bedford 4, C. Jones (first 'inside') 5, E. Davies 6.

PINCHBECK, LINCS.—On May 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. M. Chenery 1, F. Taylor 2, Miss G. D. Robinson 3, H. Barsley 4, Rev. A. Muxlow 5, H. Bennett 6, C. R. Burrell 7, C. H. Whitton (cond.) 8. To mark the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Richardson.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On May 14th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. W. Howlett 1, C. J. Barber 2, E. A. Head 3, C. A. Thompson 4, E. Whiting (cond.) 5, F. M. Munnings 6, R. W. M. Clouston 7, W. J. Flatt 8.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On May 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Barbara J. Mayers (first quarter) 1, F. T. Hoad (cond.) 2, W. Claydon 3, V. Look 4, P. T. Hoad 5, A. P. Cannon 6, K. Snelling 7, A. T. Shelton 8, G. Oliver 9, W. Slaughter 10.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On May 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Brown 1, O. E. Broyd 2, B. W. Pettitt 3, C. J. Barker 4, S. Dace 5, A. Catterwell 6, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, E. W. Pye 8. In honour of christening of a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pye, also a granddaughter of Mr. O. E. Broyd.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Irene Marrows 1, Mrs. D. Wray (first quarter) 2, F. R. Mitchell 3, H. P. Collin 4, D. A. Frith 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Winifred E. Chaplin 1, J. Webb 2, E. Elton 3, N. Pratt 4, G. Peers, jun. 5, H. J. Dakin 6, G. Peers, sen. (cond.) 7, S. Dunkley 8. Birthday compliments to S. Dunkley (age 82) and E. Elton, and for choir festival.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Minor (720 Norwich, 360 Cambridge, 180 St. Clement's): Joan Newman 1, A. Broyd 2, D. Knox (first 'inside') 3, J. Sinfeld 4, J. Scott 5, J. Newman (cond.) 6.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. C. Hall 1, G. G. Salmon 2, R. H. Gardiner 3, B. Weare 4, V. G. Roberts (first as cond.) 5, A. E. Carver 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and **MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Ashby, June 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Radford's Cafe.—C. Hall/J. Cotton. 7102

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddington (5), June 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.—C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 7100

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Meeting, Clay Cross (6), June 10th, 3.—A. B. Cooper. 7104

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, North Cave (6), June 10th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. 7117

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Balcombe on June 10th. Names to Mr. A. Laker, 4, Barnfield Cottages, Balcombe.—C. A. Bassett. 7123

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Gawsorth (8), June 10th, 3. Service in church 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. 7105

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, June 10th, meeting, St. Mary's, Woodford (South Woodford Station, Central Line). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Memorial Hall, ringing after. Names for tea early to A. Boyack, 58, Grove Hill, E.18. (WAN 1575). 7095

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham-by-Sea (8), June 10th. Tower open 2.30.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 7116

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Thatcham (8), June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 7115

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Wotton Underwood (6), June 10th, 2.45. Service 4. Tea, meeting after.—E. P. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 7111

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, June 10th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Giles', Camberwell, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. 7108

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead (6), Saturday, June 10th, 3 p.m. 7107

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 10th, at Hawley. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 and business meeting. Numbers for tea to C. E. Barrett, Warsash. 7125

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Mortimer, June 10th. St. John's (6), 3 to 5; St. Mary's (8), 6 to 8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—T. N. Lanaghan. 7157

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Summer meeting at Childe Okeford on June 10th. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. W. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 7124

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—The annual meeting to be held at Bulkington in conjunction with Nuneaton District, Coventry Diocesan Guild, Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea available.—J. M. Griffiths, Hon. Sec. 7165

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Queenborough (6) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, which is by kind invitation. Names for tea to Mr. S. Ravfield, 35, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7085

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—By-meeting, Staunton-in-the-Vale (5), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30. Tea at Staunton Arms 5. Notifications by Monday, 12th.—P. N. White, 151, London Road, New Balderton, Newark. 7094

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting, Hook Norton (8), Saturday, June 17th, 3. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon. 7101

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Haddenham (6), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7132

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Chad-desley Corbett, Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 7121

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Piddlehinton, June 17th. Usual arrangements. Names to Mrs. Walden, New Inn, Piddlehinton, Dorchester, by June 14th. No name no tea. Buses from Museum, Dorchester, 2.30 and 3.30. Return 7 and 10.20 p.m.—Hayne, Abbotsbury. 7129

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Sherfield English, June 17th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by June 13th to M. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 7133

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Meeting at Denholme, Bradford, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea, apply before June 13th Mr. V. Bairstow, 22, New Road, Denholme—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7126

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at Northaw on Saturday, June 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Cheshunt bells available in evening. No. 242 bus passes both churches.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7143

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Blackrod, June 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Sec. 7158

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Burton (6 bells), Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only provided. Special bus (1s. 6d. return) leaves Woodside Hotel 2 p.m.—A. J. Martin. 7155

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Worsley, June 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d.; names by 14th to P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley.—R. Benson. 7160

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston (6), June 17th, 2.30 p.m. Names by 13th, please.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 7162

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Over, June 17th. Tea only for those sending their names by June 12th to Mr. Sadler, Bungalow, Over Hall, Winsford. 7163

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual joint meeting with Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield District Societies at Barnsley, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Hagenback's Cafe, 3s. per head. Business meeting in Royal Hotel 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley, by 17th.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 7161

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Oatlands Park, Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3, followed by service. Names for tea to Miss J. Smith, 5, Pantiles Road, Oatlands Park, Weybridge. All ringers welcome. 7164

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, June 17th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 7154

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Dundry, June 17th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7152

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7151

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, June 17th, St. Mary's, Holloway, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. George-in-the-Borough 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea arrangements later. Everyone welcome.—D. E. Lidbetter. 7150

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Durligh on Saturday, June 17th, from 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Hon. Sec. 7147

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Annual outing, June 17th. Members taking part please note: Bus starts Willoughby 8 a.m., calling at Daventry 8.10, Staverton 8.20, Byfield 8.35, Newnham 8.50, Weedon 9, Lower Heyford 9.10, Hugbrook 9.15. Please be on time.—F. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 7146

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Northleach, June 17th. Bells (8) from 3.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by June 13th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos. 7145

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Toddington on June 17th. Bells 3. Tea 4.30.—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 7144

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—South Kilworth, Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Royal Oak.—L. W. Allen. 7141

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Arundel, June 17th, 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 7140

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Darley Dale (8), June 17th, 3 p.m. Bring own food.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 7139

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Epworth on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at the Red Lion Hotel for those who notify me by Tuesday, June 13th.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 7164

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 24th. Bells, Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) from 3.30 p.m. Cathedral service 3.30. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Room 4.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 20th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 7110

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Ringing meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, June 24th. St. Mary's bells 3 p.m. Service and dedication of plaque 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Notice for tea to Hon. Dis. Sec., R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 7138

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Folkestone, June 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by June 21st to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 7142

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery.—Meeting, Stoke-under-Ham, June 24th. Names for tea by June 20th to Mrs. Powell, East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham. 7149

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7153

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Ledenham (6) on June 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 7159

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Elsham, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 20th to Rev. D. M. Tindall, Elsham Vicarage, Brigg. 7137

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, June 24th, at Somerleyton (6). Service 3. Tea 5.30, Duke's Head. Names or numbers for tea to E. W. Brown, Margrets Cottages, Herringfleet, Lowestoft.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 7136

ELY, ST. MARY'S.—Third Annual Ringers' Sunday, June 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 6.30 evensong. Tea at St. Mary's Hotel 5 o'clock. Come and join us and help make this a real ringers' service. 7127

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Alcester, Saturday, June 24th, at 3 p.m. All who require tea contact me at Shottery Grange, Stratford-on-Avon, not later than June 17th. No name, no tea definitely. These 8 bells must be rung well; so really good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 7135

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival on Saturday, July 15th, at Oxford (n.v.). Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. C. F. Sherwood (Vicar of Mapledurham). Business meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30. Tickets 5s. Applications for tickets with remittance to General Secretary by July 8th. Usual towers available. Times of ringing later. Choristers, please get in touch with Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, near Bicester.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 7130

QUARTER PEALS

RAINHAM, KENT.—On May 14th, for Confirmation service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Patricia Smee 1, E. Naylor 2, F. J. Cheal 3, T. A. Cross 4, B. Edwards (first of Stedman) 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, W. Hollands 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Edward the Confessor on May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. C. Roome 1, J. Aspinall 2, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 3, Mrs. J. C. Northam 4, Miss S. Booth 5, A. Langstone 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. W. Roome 8. 7.6.8 covering. For anniversary of Coronation.

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