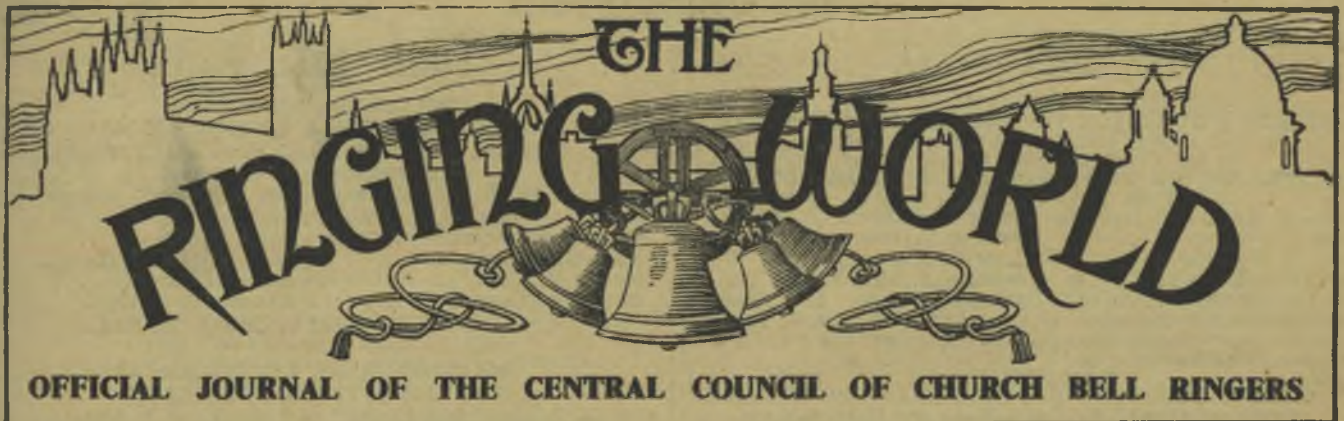




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A FULL SIZE JOB

MR. E. A. BARNETT, the new secretary of the Central Council, very rightly said after his election that the position is no sinecure. To follow on after that wonderful team, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, who have served the Exercise for 21 years with such extraordinary efficiency, will indeed be no light task, and the goodwill and best wishes of the whole ringing fraternity will be extended to the newcomer in carrying out his very onerous duties.

Fortunately, Mr. Barnett is equipped with a ringing background, knowledge and experience which will fit him for his work, and the Exercise would probably like to have some particulars of his achievements to date.

Born on October 15th, 1918, at Bexley Heath, Kent, into a famous ringing family, he learned to ring at Crayford in 1927 and rang his first peal at the same place in 1929. By 1934 he had rung 100 peals, and was and still is the youngest ringer to accomplish this. Before reaching the age of 21 he had rung no less than 355 peals. His present total is 566 peals in 80 methods, combinations of methods or extensions, of which he has conducted 117. He has taken part in 173 peals at Crayford and has rung 145 on handbells.

Before reaching 14 years of age he called a peal of Cambridge, and before he was 15 he called London, both from the third. He was the youngest to ring Spliced Surprise, and in 1947 called Carter's Odd Bob one-part as his 100th as conductor. He also took part in the record length of Double Norwich Major (13,664) on handbells in 1948.

In the field of composition he has also been very active and has produced a number of peals with high qualities: Superlative, with the maximum number of pairs reversed in 5-6 at course ends, a three-part peal of Pudsey having 15 of the 18 4-5-6 course end combinations, and also several compositions of Spliced Surprise.

In the literary field he contributed the history of the Kent County Association to 'The Ringing World' in 1948 and many articles, letters and obituaries. He also collaborated with the late A. J. Corrigan.

On the Central Council he has done useful work, too. First elected as a representative of the Kent County Association in 1945-47, he was afterwards made an honorary member, and served on the Peal Collection, Methods and Biographies Committees.

He is a veritable mine of information and has even supplied information to the New South Wales Association on early ringing in Australia. He traced and wrote up a

complete list of peals at Crayford from 1877 onwards—this must have been a colossal task, seeing that over 500 peals have been rung there. Then he analysed the first 6,000 peals by the Kent County Association for tabulation in their reports.

Mr. Barnett is a member of Crayford Parochial Church Council and secretary and treasurer of the Parish Magazine, and is very interested in the sports of cricket and Rugby football. With such a background, it seems certain that, given good health, he will succeed in his new task, for he is a hard worker and will take infinite trouble to perfect anything to which he sets his hand.

He is fortunate in having a most charming wife, Olive, and daughter, Jean. Most of the members and friends of the Central Council will no doubt have seen them and (dare we say) admired them at Lincoln. To Olive will fall a similar task to that of Mrs. Fletcher, who so ably assisted the previous secretary. Like Edith, Olive comes of good ringing stock, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs and granddaughter of that grand old veteran of the Exercise, Frank Bennett.

She is an accomplished ringer, both on tower and handbells, and will prove, we have no doubt, an able assistant to her husband. Unfortunately, she has no seat on the Council at present, but probably this difficulty will be overcome next year by electing her an honorary member.

They commence their duties in difficult times, but they may be assured that they have the backing and support of the whole Exercise, and we wish them Godspeed with their work.

J. F. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of June 28th, 1912
TROWBRIDGE BELLS

The renovation of Trowbridge Parish Church bells has just been carried out, the contract having been very satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Llewellyn and James, of Bristol. The bells, originally a heavy ring of six, were recast into a peal of eight and rehung by Wells, of Aldbourne, and in 1800, and for over a century, they had peeled out, until at last their condition required attention. . . . The ringing which took place during the [dedication] service was done by W. McCaffrey (captain) 1, H. Butcher 2, C. Raisen 3, A. K. Harrison 4, J. Francis 5, S. Aldom 6, G. Harding (conductor) 7, S. J. Hector 8.

[Trowbridge now possesses Wiltshire's only ring of twelve bells. Mr. G. H. Harding is the present captain of ringers.]

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	WILFRID F. MORETON 9
LEONARD TREVOR 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal of Staffordshire Surprise Royal. Method No. 574 in Corrigan's Collection.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., June 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 SALTLEY DELIGHT ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY 3	HENRY H. FEARN 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	JOHN R. MAYNE 9
BRIAN G. WARWICK 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Believed to be the first peal of Delight Royal.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in C sharp.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT 6
ERNEST W. RAZZELL 2	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES 7
*PAMELA STEERE 3	WILLIAM F. OATWAY 8
†PETER G. W. HUMPHRIES .. 4	DANIEL D. COOPER 9
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Humphries; also a birthday compliment to their son, who rang the fourth.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR B. WIFFEN .. Treble	THOMAS E. DAVIES 6
R. JOYCE PETT 2	SQUIRE CROFT 7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP 8
*CHARLES T. RICHARDS 4	†VICTOR W. GRIMWADE 9
H. LESLIE PEARSON 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † First peal in the method. All members of the Isleworth Company, except the ringers of 1 and 9.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE .. Treble	FRANK WHITE 6
EDWIN DREWITT 2	HENRY C. WHITE 7
GEORGE BISHOP 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 8
RICHARD WHITE 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE 9
ALFRED H. WEBB 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

Rung on the 70th birthday of tenor man, this being the 116th peal rung by him on Appleton tenor; also on 59th birthday of W. Holifield, brother of conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
MRS. G. DODDS 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER 6
ERNEST H. KILBY 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
GEOFFREY DODDS 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON 2	†HAROLD MARCON 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	LESLIE W. G. STEVENS .. 7
JOHN P. FIDLER 4	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † 150th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Pitstow's Variation.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
JOHN FREEMAN	 Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON	.. 5
RAYMOND F. SMITH	.. 2	H. LESLIE PASK	.. 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	.. 3	JOHN CRAGG	 7
JOHN WALDEN	 4	CHARLES E. BROWN	.. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Frederick W. Stokes, who learned to ring in this tower.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

A Variation of J. J. Parker's Four-part.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
EDWIN BARNETT	 Treble	RALPH BIRD	 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	.. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	.. 6
JAMES BENNETT	 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	.. 7
PHILIP A. CORBY	 4	THOMAS W. BLEWITT	.. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

The conductor's 200th peal on the bells and 100th peal of Stedman Triples.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

CYRIL EADES .. Treble	ERIC EADES 5
EILEEN S. WYLES 2	JOHN RUSSELL 6
THOMAS H. HOLMES 3	L. E. W. EVEREST 7
PETER R. JEMMETT 4	WILFRID S. PALIN .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK R. WELLER. Conducted by WILFRID S. PALIN.



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SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.
 *ELIZABETH M. BIBBY .. Treble *F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 5
 †ARTHUR G. BASON .. 2 *BERT GOGLE .. 6
 †GEORGE SAYER .. 3 *NOLAN GOLDEN .. 7
 *WILLIAM LOVE .. 4 *THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.
 GEOFFREY PEARSON .. Treble ALFRED LOMAS .. 5
 JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 2 PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6
 *ALAN PENDLEBURY .. 3 JOHN F. WOOD .. 7
 PHILIP P. CARTER .. 4 HENRY PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

*First peal 'inside.'

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
 *MRS. H. A. HAWTHORNE .. Treble FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. 5
 GEORGE MARTIN .. 2 REGINALD W. REX .. 6
 MARY R. JAYCOCK .. 3 GEORGE GILBERT .. 7
 R. J. EDDEN .. 4 WILLIAM WELLING .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

*First peal other than Doubles.

Arranged for Mr. R. J. Edden, of Leamington, and also as a wedding compliment to Miss Edna Hearn, late member of Burnham band, who was married this day.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5120 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.
 *MARY FULLER .. Treble ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
 *DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2 *†REGINALD L. SILLS .. 6
 *BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3 PHILIP A. CORBY .. 7
 *ROBERT COLLINS .. 4 RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

*First peal in the method. †75th peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett on their tenth wedding anniversary, and to Mr. Barnett on his appointment as secretary and treasurer of the Central Council.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.
 LESLIE EVANS .. Treble AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 5
 *WILFRID F. MORETON .. 2 FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 6
 WILLIAM H. SYMONDS .. 3 F. ERIC ROBERTS .. 7
 †DOROTHY HUGHES .. 4 *MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

*100th peal together. †First peal on eight bells.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 11 cwt.
 *ROLAND W. MORANT .. Treble FREDERICK OLDROYD .. 5
 †WILFRED A. OLIVER .. 2 †GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 6
 ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3 WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 7
 OLIVER GLANVILLE .. 4 GEORGE L. GROVER .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. ‡First peal in method. Mr. G. L. Grover has now 'circled' this tower.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.
 ANTHONY AGER .. Treble JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
 *JOHN McDONALD .. 2 FRANK E. HAYNES .. 6
 HENRY H. FEARN .. 3 JOHN R. MAYNE .. 7
 †BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 4 GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method 'inside.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.
 *MONICA J. WHITEHEAD (9) Treble EILEEN M. BURTON .. 5
 ALAN CATTELL .. 2 TERENCE BOLINGBROKE .. 6
 JOHN E. COOK .. 3 ERNEST MORRIS .. 7
 JOHN B. BENNETT .. 4 EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

*First peal of Major.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.
 BETTY M. VIDLER .. Treble *GEORGE KENWARD .. 5
 DORIS G. DOBBIE .. 2 THOMAS E. SONE .. 6
 STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 3 ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
 REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4 †S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

*First peal in the method. †50th peal for the above Association.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.
 *JUDY A. CARVETH .. Treble HARRY MILES .. 5
 MARION L. LIDGLEY .. 2 A. HUBERT EPLETT .. 6
 JAMES P. BLOND .. 3 ALAN CARVETH .. 7
 *MARY MATTHEWS .. 4 C. KEITH BREWER .. Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON.

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

*First peal.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., June 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.
 PERCIVAL C. RICHARDS .. Treble ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
 MURIEL REAY .. 2 ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. 6
 ANTHONY AGER .. 3 JOHN R. MAYNE .. 7
 J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4 GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.
 GEORGE E. FEARN .. Treble †MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 5
 *JOHN McDONALD .. 2 R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. 6
 †ANTHONY AGER .. 3 WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
 BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4 †PETER J. MORTON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman Triples. ‡First peal.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., June 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.
 *JAMES B. BICKNELL .. Treble ERNEST STITCH .. 5
 *MONICA WALKER .. 2 DEREK TRANTER .. 6
 †CLIVE M. SMITH .. 3 MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
 †J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 4 HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

*First peal in the method. †25th peal for the Society. ‡100th peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part, C.C.C. No. 8.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
JEAN D. DUNN Treble	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 5
DENNIS SCOTT GREGORY .. 2	*ROBERT E. EDDON .. 6
*NORMA HOWES 3	*RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 4	*JOHN HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

* First peal in method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'.	Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.
*CEDRIC CURSON Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 2	BERT GOGLE 6
WILLIAM LOVE 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 4	*CHARLES H. MOORE .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COCKERHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 11 cwt.
*ALFRED SMITH Treble	†FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. 4
†DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 5
†ROLAND F. ECCLES .. 3	ALLEN CASSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 6 callings.	Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.
CYRIL A. HURST Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
JOHN G. GIPSON 2	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY .. 5
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 3	PETER V. HARRUP Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. HURST.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the ringer of the 4th.
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the Queen's birthday.

BARKING, IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., June 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Double Court, Cambridge. Double Oxford, Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Plain Bob.

*ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	GEOFFREY PAGE 4
JOHN E. WISEMAN .. 2	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 5
*MAX P. PAGE 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

* 25th peal together.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,200 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and 1,440 Grandsire.

*WILLIAM F. RICKWOOD .. Treble	WILLIAM STANNARD .. 3
ARTHUR F. BALLAM .. 2	DOUGLAS O. ROWLAND .. 4
PETER C. WRIGHT Tenor	

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Doubles.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob.

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.	
MRS. S. H. JONES Treble	PHILIP WHITAKER 4
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 2	WALTER G. SOAR 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES Tenor

Conducted by WALTER G. SOAR.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.

*SAMUEL JACKSON Treble	AMOS INGALL 4
FRED INGALL 2	PETER MASON 5
BERTIE BEE 3	MOSES BILLINGS Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. N. Bee, wife of ringer of the 3rd.

Rung on the eve of Trinity Sunday at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Cooper.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

JEAN HORTON Treble	JOHN W. MEADE 4
NORMAN J. SMITH 2	ERNEST TREAGUS 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

Rung in honour of the ordination of George R. H. Smith in Gloucester Cathedral on the same day.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720.

EVELYN STEEL Treble	DENNIS KNOX 4
MALCOLM G. HOOTON .. 2	BRYAN F. SIMS 5
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. 3	ALAN S. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Rung to mark the ordination of Christopher Godfrey Woodhead, Deacon, at Wakefield Cathedral. Also birthday compliments to Miss E. Steel and J. M. Stephens.

WATFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 11, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve 120's of Plain Bob and thirty 120's of Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approximately).	
*FREDERICK BUSH Treble	ALBERT COOPER 4
†MICHAEL F. AMOS .. 2	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 5
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 3	STEPHEN J. SUMMERS .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents.

*GEORGE A. WALKER .. Treble	CYRIL A. HURST 4
*MARION GRAIN 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 3	*JAMES W. R. QUINNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal on the bells.

FELSHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., June 13, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's,
Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	MAX. P. PAGE 4
GEORGE WATERMAN 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

First peal on the bells for the Guild for over 40 years. A wedding
compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lester, of Needham Market.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, Cambridge
Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and
Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G sharp.

HOWARD SCOTT Treble	† F. ARTHUR STAVELEY .. 4
*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 2	*RONALD J. SANDERSON .. 5
*DENIS A. CHAPMAN .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods. † First peal of Minor.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

DENIS A. FRITH Treble	H. CECIL CAUNT 4
LORNA BRIGGS 2	J. IVOR SMITH 5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

BARNBY DUN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST J. PADGETT .. Treble	WILLIAM GRAVES 4
FRANK REED 2	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. 5
*ALLEN JEWIT 3	FREDERICK JACKSON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

* First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the treble has now 'circled' this tower.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, three extents of Plain Bob
and one extent of St. Clement's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*BETTY SYRETT Treble	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4
KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. 2	T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 5
RONALD E. BURT 3	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal.

Arranged for Miss B. Syrett, and also a welcome home to Mr.
B. H. Hyatt on leaving H.M. Forces.

DEEPIING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in nine methods, 1 London and Wells, 2 York and
Durham, 3 Carlisle, 4 Cambridge, 5 Primrose, 6 Beverley, 7 Ipswich.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	ALBERT SCOTT 4
CHARLES WOOD 2	FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 5
CECIL WADE 3	W. OLDMAN Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE



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DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*DAVID EMERSON Treble	JOHN COUZENS 4
†STEPHEN K. WHEELER 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
ROBERT ALLCOCK 3	TONY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR YOUNG Treble	*FRED BISHOP 4
*JOSEPH BAILEY 2	*LESLIE TAYLOR 5
THOMAS CUMMINS 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by THOMAS CUMMINS.

* First Surprise peal. First peal as conductor.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN AND GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and one each of Oxford, Double Court and Plain.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

BERT ELLIOT Treble	RONALD SUCKLING 4
ALFRED LITTLE 2	WALTER SMITH 5
RONALD BOYKETT 3	GEORGE SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of: Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	*COLIN J. CHAMPION 4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD 2	RALPH BIRD 5
LESLIE W. G. SKINNER 3	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of seven methods 'inside.'

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

W. CORE Treble	R. KENRICK 4
MISS M. RIDYARD 2	C. ACKERS 5
J. POUNDS 3	A. MAWDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

Rung to celebrate the christening of the son of Mrs. Ellen Parker, a local ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., June 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

IN HERTFORD COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*M. ELIZABETH ROE 1—2	†ROBIN G. TURNER 5—6
MICHAEL SLANEY 3—4	*PETER BORDER 7—8

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major 'in hand.' † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Rung for H.M. the Queen's official birthday.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

IN THE BAPTISTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 16 in B.

ERIC SUTTON 1—2	JACK R. WORRALL 5—6
ALBERT M. TYLER 3—4	*B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 7—8

REGINALD G. HOOPER 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., June 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT SALTLEY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

JOHN R. MAYNE 1—2	J. MARTIN THORLEY 5—6
WILFRID F. MORETON 3—4	BRIAN R. SUTTON 7—8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all the band.

LONDON, S.E.1.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT COUNTY HALL,

A PEAL OF 5020 SPICED ROYAL

Being 1,940 Double, 1,920 Plain and 1,160 Little Bob, 192 changes of method.

Tenor size 20 in F.

THOMAS J. LOCK 1—2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY 5—6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3—4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 7—8

WILFRID G. WILSON 9—10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

First handbell peal in three Royal methods by all the band. Rung on the 10th wedding anniversary of the ringer of 3-4.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

REGINALD G. HOOPER 1—2	JACK R. WORRALL 5—6
FREDERICK J. SAMPSON 3—4	*ROGER O. FRY 7—8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

Witness: ALBERT E. BAYERSTOCK.

* First peal of Major 'in hand' and 50th peal for the Association.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. Ambrose Guild.)

On Sun., June 15, 1952, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK R. WORRALL 1—2	REGINALD G. HOOPER 5—6
FREDK. J. SAMPSON 3—4	JOHN F. PEDLER 7—8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.

Fastest peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Jack R. Worrall, who is leaving the area. Also as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert V. Bennett.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., June 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST.

JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ARTHUR E. MOORE 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
PETER C. WRIGHT 3—4	*W. STANNARD 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS... Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 16, 1952, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 13 in E.

REGINALD G. HOOPER 1—2	ALBERT M. TYLER 3—4
JACK R. WORRALL 5—6	

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

Rung as a farewell to Jack R. Worrall, who is leaving Bristol.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT 85, DERBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

ALBERT H. WARD 1—2	JACK BAILEY 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN 3—4	*RODNEY HARRISON 7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. A compliment to A. H. Ward, 79 on the same day.

ABERGAVERN, MON.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Temlett 1, Miss J. Foster 2, A. Probert 3, Miss A. Parry 4, G. Ward (cond.) 5, M. Roberts 6. First quarter by all. First quarter by an entirely local Sunday service band. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Monmouth for Confirmation service.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Gordon 1, N. E. Smith (first quarter) 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay (cond.) 3, Miss D. R. Fletcher 4, G. Swift 5, R. Buckland 6, J. Harrison 7, A. Bridges 8.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Wheat (first quarter) 1, E. Whetton (first of Doubles) 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, Mrs. A. Smythe 4, R. J. Sanderson 5.

BRADFORD-AVON, WILTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Webb 1, Roger O. Fry 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, R. G. Hooper 4, G. R. Eyles 5, E. Naylor 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, H. Merrett 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Bartholomew, April Day, St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 60 of Grandsire): J. W. Allen 1, Miss Lucy Allen 2, Miss Elizabeth Smith 3, E. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. First in 6 methods for 1, 2 and 3. Rung as a compliment to Miss Elizabeth Smith on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. George's, on June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. L. Blewer 1, C. E. Beauchamp 2, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 3, Miss A. M. Castle, C. W. Otley 5, A. F. Udall 6, J. Bullock 7, W. D. Grainger 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the ringer of the treble and his wife, also a son to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer. Both fathers are officers of the London County Association. Also at St. Giles', on June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Williams 1, R. Charge 2, Miss M. Jackson 3, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 4, W. A. Theobald 5, F. J. Matthews 6, R. Sanders 7, B. H. Woodley (first quarter) 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On May 18th, at the Parish Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Pike (first quarter) away from T. P. Hearn 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 3, V. R. Williams 4, H. L. Cooke 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, Sergt. L. Dixon, R.A.F., 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. T. P. Hearn, who has been appointed to the living of Childswickham.

QUARTER PEALS

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Westmore 1, S. Hollis 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, C. Denness 5, C. Morris 6. Rung on the conductor's 12th wedding anniversary.

GROTON, MASS., U.S.A.—On June 7th, at the School Chapel, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. H. Perkins 1, J. H. Finley 2, R. H. Baker 3, H. B. Corning 4, W. B. Mosle 5, S. W. Wallace 6, C. Steward (cond.) 7, D. H. Fairuzn 8. First quarter for all ringers.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLEX.—On June 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, J. Phillips 2, J. B. Sansom 3, T. G. Bannister 4, F. A. Finch 5, T. J. Southam, R. F. Deal 7, H. Langdon (cond.) 8.

HENDON, MIDDLEX.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Scofield, jun., 1, R. G. Bell 2, D. T. C. Smith 3, D. R. Corning 4, E. E. Pratchett (cond.) 5, H. Arnold (first quarter) 6. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Welch).

KINGSWESTON, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (5 callings): Miss S. Lazenby 1, Miss A. Mathews 2, A. Callow 3, A. Bown 4, F. J. White (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jean Shields (first quarter) 1, W. Young 2, D. Dunseith 3, Lily Hughes 4, J. Campbell (cond.) 5, A. Fielding 6.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 of Stedman, Plain Bob and April Day, 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 420 of Grandsire): Carol Jones 1, Ruth Avery 2, Queenie Cooper 3, R. F. Jones 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, H. Trollope 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the parents of the ringers of 1 and 4, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of 3.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Greenlaw (first quarter) 1, H. J. Page 2, M. Northway (first quarter as cond.) 3, K. Jacobs 4, C. Herbert 5, W. Bell 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, Canon C. C. Cox 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, R. Keeley 5, N. Mallett 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on June 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Hollingsworth 1, Miss M. Walslow 2, F. Barraclough 3, H. Reynolds 4, B. Walslow 5, A. Ridyard 6, W. Pye 7, G. Pye 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, A. Sandford (first of Caters) 10. A wedding compliment to Mr. A. Ridyard.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Dean 1, Mrs. E. D. Poole 2, Miss M. Gibson 3, Miss S. M. Hazelby (first quarter) 4, E. D. Poole 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, J. T. Clay 8.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Cheeseman 1, J. Coombes 2, H. J. Ford 3, A. Tyers (first of Minor) 4, C. Ford 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. In memory of the parents of the conductor, the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Field (who died in 1936 and 1946 respectively), on the eve of the 54th anniversary of their wedding.

SUTTON VENY, WILTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Cave 1, T. B. Holloway (cond.) 2, E. C. Marlow 3, Miss P. Macracken 4, T. E. Mallard 5, A. G. Moore 6. A compliment to the ringer of the third, who recently celebrated his 77th birthday.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On June 8th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob: C. Dobb 1, Miss J. Smith 2, D. H. Rooke 3, R. T. Flint 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Slocombe 1, Miss J. Tattersall 2, E. B. Barrington 3, G. Walford 4, D. M. Bellamy 5, C. J. Stevens 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. Rung for the Confirmation service. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Moore 1, G. Walford (cond.) 2, D. Lentell 3, A. J. North 4, L. Alderman 5, G. J. Gammon 6, F. W. Slocombe 7, A. E. Hawkins 8.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints, on June 13th, 1,315 Grandsire Triples: K. Clarke 1, R. Ellis 2, Jane Cotterill 3, J. Cooper 4, W. D. Peart 5, J. N. Hadley 6, A. Mills (cond.) 7, W. C. Reynolds 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. E. Cotterill, for many years a churchwarden at All Saints.

WORSLEY, LANCs.—On June 15th, 1,320 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: N. Barbara Smedley 1, A. T. Royle 2, G. Pearson 3, A. Pendlebury 4, F. Grundy (cond.) 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6. First quarter of Spiced for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung on the back six for the Sunday School sermons.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

With the new half-year commencing with the issue of July 4th, the first of a series of about 36 articles specially designed for beginners will appear. New postal subscriptions (and renewals), 11s. 8d. for six months and 6s. for three months, should be sent forthwith to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent.

The ring of five at Bauling, Basingstoke, is to be augmented to six and the dedication ceremony, by the Bishop of Winchester, will take place on July 26th. The five, which were recast in 1775, have also been recast. Metal for the new treble was taken from the Diamond Jubilee school bell of 1897 and increased to two cwt. in weight. This bell is to be named 'The Queen's Bell' and is to mark the accession of Queen Elizabeth II. The contract has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Great Yeldham on May 31st (see page 373) was Mr. Stanley Bones.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have dismantled the bells of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge, for rechanging in a cast-iron frame. The bells will be away for probably six months.

We regret to learn that the eleventh bell at Cirencester Parish Church has been cracked and the back bells are, in consequence, out of action until further notice.

Scholars at Groton School, Massachusetts, U.S.A., have in this week's issue a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. Congratulations! They would be pleased to welcome any visitor to the Boston area while the school is in session.

'Beginners' Grandsire,' a copy of which has been accepted for the library of the Central Council, was written by Mr. A. Waddington, of the St. James Society, Egerton, and not as reported on page 378 in the report of the hon. librarian.

Leeds Parish Church ringers have been invited by the Vicar of Halifax to undertake the ringing of the recast ring of twelve bells during and after the dedication service on June 28th. The Lord Bishop of Wakefield is to dedicate the bells. It is hoped to hold an open 'Ringers' Day' later.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Intended primarily to mark the ordination of Mr. Christopher Woodhead, a Bedford ringer, the peal at Biddenham on June 9th was also a birthday compliment to Miss E. Steel and Mr. J. M. Stephens. Half a century all but one day separated the ages of the two ringers so complimented and both participated in the peal.

From Australia we get an inquiry as to what is the longest length of Doubles yet rung. Are our Australian friends contemplating some ringing ashes?

The late Mr. F. A. Stokes rang in the only peals of Shipway's Superlative Royal at Ewerby. There is on record a peal of Superlative Royal rung about 100 years before at Wakefield.

At the age of 87 years Mr. H. Mead has come out of his shell and rung in his own tower, Turner's Hill, Sussex, his first quarter since 1898. The quarter was called by Mr. I. Butcher who last rang a quarter in 1936.

Mr. William Denyer, of Aldershot, was recently knocked from his cycle by an Army lorry and sustained a broken ankle and cuts and abrasions to his head. He was detained at Aldershot Hospital.

Mr. Dennis Beresford writes correcting the peal of Doubles at Longdon, Staffs, on May 16th (see page 356) stating that there were seven extents rung in the six methods that comprised the peal.

Mr. F. J. Cullum's 200th peal on the bells at St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, on June 13th, was also his 100th peal of Stedman Triples. His first peal of Stedman Triples was also rung there on July 31st, 1919 and was conducted by the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have instructions to proceed with repairs on this famous old ring, to be completed in time for the restoration thanksgiving service by the Bishop of Rochester.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT LINCOLN

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MANY APPEALS FOR EXPERT ADVICE—'RINGING WORLD'S' FIGHT FOR 4d. PUBLICATION— OXFORD GUILD'S MOTION ON IRREGULAR METHODS CARRIED—NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AT BOURNEMOUTH

THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

The committee reported the following new methods rung during the year ended December 31st, 1951:—

Date.	Changes.	Method.	Association.
Jan. 4.	5,088.	Wirral S.M.	Middlesex.
Feb. 2.	5,040.	St. Lawrence B.M.	Chester
" 4.	5,120.	Spliced S.M.	Oxford.
		(25 methods).	
" 8.	5,040.	Birm. S.R.	St. Martin's.
Mar. 1.	5,152.	Vauxhall S.M.	St. Martin's.
" 10.	5,088.	St. Giles S.M.	Lincoln.
" 31.	5,088.	Lyme S.M.	Salisbury.
Apr. 1.	5,152.	Hanbury S.M.	St. Martin's.
" 14.	5,056.	Rotherham S.M.	Yorkshire.
" 30.	5,152.	Leamington B.M.	Norwich
July 12.	5,040.	Wye S.R.	Leicester.
" 28.	5,152.	Burslem S.M.	North Staffs.
Aug. 9.	5,040.	Warwicks S.R.	St. Martin's.
Sept. 8.	5,088.	Springfield S.M.	Hertford.
" 20.	5,056.	Hereford S.M.	Middlesex.
Oct. 4.	5,088.	Kensington S.M.	Middlesex.
Nov. 1.	5,040.	Harborne S.R.	St. Martin's.
" 3.	5,056.	Braunstone S.R.	Leicester.
" 22.	5,152.	Warnham S.M.	St. Martin's.
" 24.	5,184.	Brinklow S.M.	Middlesex.
Dec. 20.	5,040.	Spliced S.Max.	Leicester.
		(6 methods).	
" 22.	5,152.	Harleston S.M.	Norwich.
" 26.	5,088.	Cherwell S.M.	Oxford.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTH

Dec. 15. 15,480. Cambridge S.R. Lancashire.
This is the longest length of Royal yet rung in any method.

HANDBELLS

Date.	Changes.	Method.	Association.
Apr. 25.	5,120.	Spliced S.M.	Hertford.
		(12 methods).	
" 17.	5,040.	Kent T.B. 14	Leicester.
Feb. 6.	5,120.	Spliced Major	Lincoln.
		(42 methods).	
" 19.	5,004.	Spliced Major	Lincoln.
		(46 methods).	
Mar. 11.	5,088.	Spliced Major	Lincoln.
		(50 methods).	
Nov. 9.	5,220.	Spliced Royal	Oxford.
		(5 methods).	
Dec. 9.	5,104.	Spliced Max.	Winchester & Portsmouth.
		(3 methods).	

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the report, and this was agreed to.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES

Mr. F. J. Sharpe said they had dealt with 43 cases in the course of the year. Of these, Mr. Osborn had dealt with 15 for the Diocese of Bath and Wells, and he reported great activity in bell restoration in the whole of the West Country. In addition, Mr. Osborn had written articles on bell restoration and preservation for the Bath and Wells Diocesan publication. Mr. Lewis had dealt with one case. He (Mr. Sharpe) had dealt with 27 cases, all of them involving rehanging or recasting of the bells. He had visited 21 towers, and the remaining six were sent to him by various diocesan faculty committees for vetting. In one case he was able to persuade the Vicar and Parochial Church Council in a Welsh parish not to install amplifiers, but to restore and rehang a ring of bells, and in another case they were fortunate enough to persuade the authorities to install a ring instead of a chime. The 27 cases he had dealt with were in 13 counties. He drew no fees and in only one case in seven years had a Parochial Council offered to pay his expenses. They needed

some additional members on the Towers and Belfries Committee. Mr. Osborn did the Bath and Wells Diocese, and Mr. Clarke the North of England. He would like to propose that Mr. F. E. Collins be appointed a member of the committee to undertake S.E. England.

The President seconded, and the report was adopted, and Mr. Collins was elected to the committee.

LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING

The report of this committee appeared on page 361.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report, referred to Mr. Sharpe's excellent work on Oxford bells. Articles on ringing and bells had appeared in all parts of the world. He congratulated the editors of local publications such as 'The Belfry' from the Maidstone District, 'The Irish Bells News' and 'Ringing Towers' (Australia).

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead seconded.

The report was adopted and, in submitting it to the meeting, the President congratulated the convener on the 50th anniversary of his ordination, which would take place the following Sunday.

PEAL BOARDS

Mr. J. W. Clarke submitted a verbal report, and said that during the coming year they proposed to make a final drive so that the whole business could be wound up and completed. They hoped to make an appeal through 'The Ringing World' for records of those old peal boards sent in.

Mr. W. Ayre seconded, and the report was adopted.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

The report of the Biographies Committee appeared on page 361.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, in moving its adoption, suggested that the name of Mr. L. Stillwell be added to the committee. Their serious headache was the 100 odd names of persons of whom they knew nothing. They were equally divided between the living and those who were dead.

Mr. W. Viggers seconded, and the report was adopted, with the addition of Mr. Stillwell's name being added to the committee.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The report of 'The Ringing World' Committee stated:—

When this committee was appointed last year, with powers to act as it thought desirable, particularly regarding the price of the paper, it was generally the impression of the Exercise that the obvious course to be taken would be to increase the price.

After due consideration, your committee decided that this step could not be taken until every possible economy had been made, and all reasonable means exploited to increase the revenue. It was felt that an increase in the price would result in the loss of possibly some hundreds of lukewarm readers, so that the advantage of price increase would be partly cancelled out by a reduction of subscribers, and the Exercise would be worse off by their loss.

We decided to increase the charges for advertising space, which was fixed at a considerably higher level, and at the same time we equalised the charges to all the larger advertisers.

Negotiations on this matter were successful in every case, and the result will be a substantially larger income from this source, the full effect of which has not yet appeared, as the charges could not come into effect until Oct. 1st, 1951.

We found, however, that this was insufficient to cover the weekly loss which was due to the rocketing prices of paper and labour. We felt that if the cost of the preparation of the paper could be spread over a larger number of readers we could close the gap. An appeal was therefore launched for 1,000 more postal subscribers, but the result up to date has been somewhat disappointing, only about 300 being obtained. In this we feel that with a little more support from the Exercise generally the result would have been more satisfactory and the continuance of the price of 4d. per copy assured. We are still reluctant to increase the price until the Exercise has had an opportunity of making the necessary effort to bring in the remaining 700 new postal subscribers.

We have to record our appreciation and thanks to many generous wellwishers who have sent donations to help in the financial difficulty, and also to those who have imposed a levy upon themselves when sending up reports of peals and quarter-peals.

We, as a committee, do not feel it to be within our terms of reference to make such levies compulsory, although it has been forcefully suggested by many that this should be done. Such a step is for the consideration of the Council. We would point out, however, that the imposition of a levy on peals published might discourage some peal ringers from sending in reports, and the Peal Analysis might not, therefore, give a true reflection of the year's achievements.

Providing there are no further increases in labour costs, we are of opinion that the peak of rising costs has now been reached, and there are already indications that paper will tend to become cheaper and more plentiful.

NEED FOR LARGER CIRCULATION

We would again stress the need for a larger circulation, and earnestly appeal to all readers to make an effort to help the committee to obtain more postal subscribers.

Our thanks are tendered to Mr. T. W. White for his helpful gesture in suggesting a lower salary for his services, to Mr. Jeater for his efficient and conscientious service in looking after the accounts; and to those who have sent in literary contributions (some in lighter vein) which have been appreciated by all but a few.

We regret it has not been possible to provide more illustrations owing to the very high cost of printing blocks. We suggest that those who are anxious to have pictures published should help us in these difficult times by defraying the cost of blocks themselves.

Unless the Council instructs us otherwise, we recommend that our decision to keep the price at 4d. for the present should be confirmed, and we trust that the flow of voluntary donations will continue so that we may be able to hold our own.

As it is necessary for your committee to have quick access to information regarding income and expenditure, we recommend that the Council should authorise the election of a 'Ringing World' treasurer. Should this be

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CENTRAL COUNCIL — Cont.

approved, Mr. A. A. Hughes is willing to act in that capacity. To him the committee tender their thanks for all helpfulness and willingness whenever he has been approached for necessary information.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood moved and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded the adoption of the report.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said he mentioned earlier on that a certain article was not published when they thought it should and that it was suitable for publication. The thought occurred to him: had the committee any proper terms of reference and what was the relationship between them and the editor? He would suggest that the committee be responsible for the business side and the editor responsible for all that was to be published.

The report was then adopted.

OXFORD GUILD'S MOTION

Mr. A. E. Lock, on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, submitted the following resolution:—

'The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, as represented by its General Committee, views with apprehension the possibility of the enforcement of the Central Council rule, requiring all methods rung in peals to have Plain Bob lead ends, and requests the Council to preserve the status quo and to re-examine the whole question of irregular methods in the light of present day knowledge and practice.'

He said that those who were not mathematical gymnasts knew very little of splicing except the popular mainbrace variety. In support of the resolution he submitted the following arguments:—

(1) 'Rules and Decisions' were first published in 1904, and they appeared in revised form in 1927. The 1927 edition says on page 27: 'The bells to be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end. This means that all methods must have what are known as Bob Major lead ends.' This rule has never been enforced, and therefore due notice of enforcement should be given, particularly as it would otherwise cause a number of affiliated associations, by their constitutions, to disown a number of peals rung in good faith and for worthy objects.

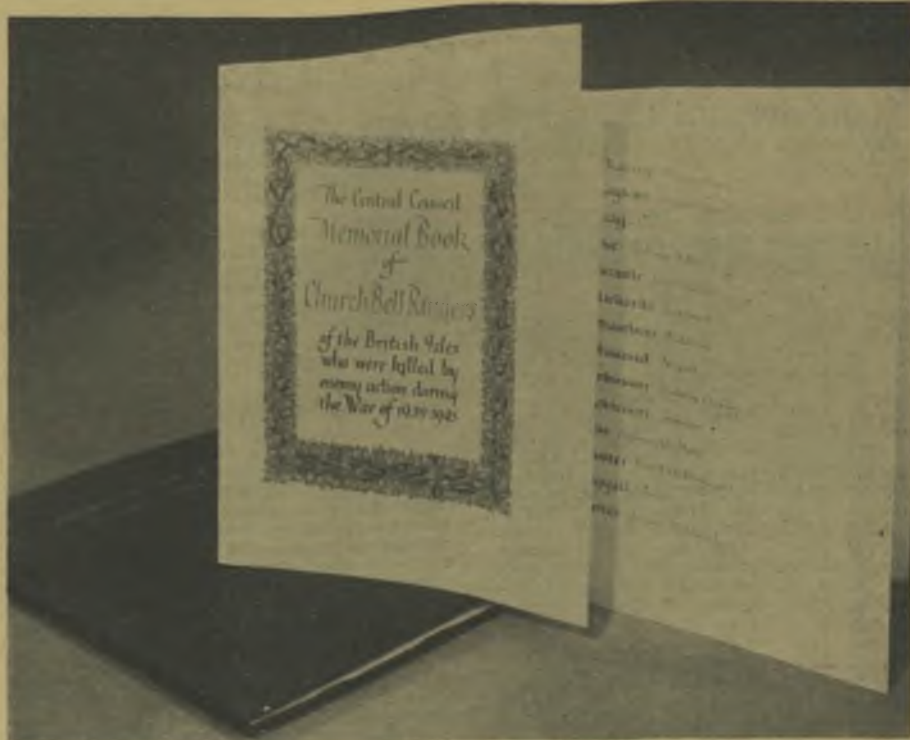
(2) The Central Council's publication, 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods', contains two such irregular methods, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse College (Plain methods 30 and 31 respectively). How can the Council refuse to accept peals containing these methods when ringers are encouraged to ring them?

(3) The standard of Plain Bob lead ends is purely arbitrary and it excludes many methods well worth ringing. It was set up in 1904, when, for example, nothing was known of method splicing. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Minor will splice with at least six other plain Minor methods. This is merely one example, but it is sufficient surely to justify the retention of the method and to a reconsideration of the principles involved.

(4) In Doubles Minor and Triples all the changes have to be rung. Why then should it be insisted that only Plain Bob lead ends should appear?

(5) It is believed to be a fact that a large number of peal ringers and Association officials are not fully conversant with the Council's rules and decisions. It is admitted that copies of the 1927 edition are quite scarce. Is it fair then for the Council to assume that all ringers have had reasonable access to these rules and decisions? An attempt to enforce them in these conditions of scarcity would be unfair, unpopular and would create a great deal of bad feeling.

(6) Far too little notice is taken of the spiritual side of ringing. All ringing (including peals) should be an act of praise to Almighty God, where the standards demanded



RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.—A photograph of the Roll of Honour which was on view at the Central Council meeting at Lincoln. The binding of the Roll, like the earlier one, is carried out in royal blue crushed morocco leather, and the title in block Roman capitals in gilt is: 'Church Bell Ringers' Memorial Book, 1939-45.' The size of each page is 14 inches by 10½ inches. The folios are of hand-made paper, and the names are written on one side only—fourteen names to a page. There are 290 names in the Memorial Book and they appear in alphabetical order, together with the tower and association.

The Rolls for the two wars are now contained in a box covered outside with blue binding cloth and inside with a soft white material. The box is hinged so that it opens out flat and it has the title on the spine. The title page of the last Roll has a coloured decorative laurel border, through which runs a gold pattern surrounding the inscription in burnished gold and black. The second Roll was written without accepting any payment by Mr. C. Cullen, of Chelsfield Park, Farnborough, Kent, and the completion of the names was undertaken at the request of the Council by Mr. H. Miles.

of us are (a) truth, (b) perfection in striking, (c) mental skill and application. Would the Central Council be bold enough to say that a peal which included Woodbine Treble Bob, satisfying the conditions (a), (b) and (c) above, was unacceptable to God because one of the methods did not have Plain Bob lead ends?

Concluding, he said he thought the Council should take a fair and generous view, give reasonable notice of enforcement, and at least the rule should not be retrospective.

Mr. A. D. Barker seconded.

Mr. C. H. Kippin suggested that the motion be referred to the Methods Committee.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he would not prevent anybody ringing anything in a peal. He felt what they were concerned about was whether the peal should appear in the 'The Ringing World' and not what appeared in the Analysis. The argument of splicing had been introduced. He had done as much splicing as anyone. As to the rules not being well known, he thought that Mr. Pink knew them quite well.

Mr. F. E. Sharpe said the thing that hurt the General Committee of the Oxford Guild, and there were 99 per cent. in favour of the motion, was that it was made retrospective. They felt it would be better from today these peals should not be recognised.

Mr. Locke: If they are retrospective they will go back to 1927.

Mr. C. W. Roberts said this matter of irregular lead ends had been a thing worked for in the past, and was generally accepted by all bands and composers.

Miss M. Cross: We are not asking for the future, but about the past.

Mr. Felstead: I would like to see that these peals be not recognised as from last year.

The motion was carried.

NEXT YEAR'S COUNCIL

The Secretary reported that the Council had received an invitation to visit Newcastle next year, and the Standing Committee, by a small majority, decided to recommend Bournemouth.

Mr. W. N. Park proposed that the next Council meeting be held at Newcastle. It would be an interval of 40 years since the Council were last there.

Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed and Mr. R. B. Blackman seconded that the next meeting be held at Bournemouth.

By a large majority the Council decided to accept Bournemouth.

Mr. G. Pullinger, on behalf of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, said they would be glad to welcome the Council to Bournemouth, and he was sure the members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild would co-operate with them and give the Council as good a time as possible.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival at Bromborough

THE annual festival of the Chester Guild was held at Bromborough on the Wirral peninsula on June 7th and there was a good attendance of members from all parts of the diocese. At 3.30 a service was held in the Parish Church of St. Barnabas conducted by the Rev. W. A. Griffith, who has recently taken over the living. He delivered a thoughtful and thought-provoking sermon, preaching from the text 'Sir, we would see Jesus,' and said that the Greeks who said that were seeking for something which all their civilisation and attainments had failed to give them. In our day the people were seeking for something which they found lacking in the world and were turning to the Church for an answer. We ringers, as members of the Church, should be able to influence them by the effect of our lives and we should see to it that the quality of our witness was of the highest.

After the service an excellent tea was served in the nearby Church Institute and, following tea, the annual general meeting was held at which Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Guild, presided. Reference was made to the sudden deaths of Mr. Joseph Goddard and Dr. James C. E. Simpson and the meeting stood for a few moments in silent tribute to their memory.

The accounts of the Guild, as printed in the report, showed that expenditure had exceeded income by £14 4s. 5d. but the treasurer reported that due to the economical price at which the present report had been printed he thought that next year the Guild would be able to balance its books. The membership of the Guild stood at 34 honorary members and 726 ringing members who had paid their subscription, representing 83 towers.

The annual report showed that in 1951 the Guild rang 172 peals in which 27 members rang their first peal and five conducted their first peal. Twenty-seven per cent. of the ringing members of the Guild had taken part in one or more peals and the number of conductors was 41. The Guild rang the first peal ever rung of St. Lawrence Bob Major and records for the first time peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, Marlborough, and Winchester Bob Major and Claybrooke, Ealing and Hanbury Surprise Minor as well as peals in 12 and 16 Spliced Surprise Major methods and Spliced Surprise Minor in 12 methods. A peal was rung by a band with an average age of 15 years and 5 months whilst at the other end of the scale peals were rung to commemorate 60, 50, 49 and 25 years' service as ringers of older members of the Guild.

During the year the ringers at the Cathedral were presented to H.M. the Queen (then the Princess Elizabeth) on the occasion of her visit to the Cathedral. Ringers' meetings, outings, socials, etc., were all well patronised and in every branch one felt the impact of youth. The report drew attention to the need for the bell hanger in some towers if a band was to be kept there. A feature of the report was the list of towers in the diocese which were not in union with the Guild and which served to remind those who might be inclined to sit back and take their ease that there were still fields to conquer.

A report on the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Lincoln was presented by Mr. John Worth and arising from his report it was decided to send a donation of four guineas to 'The Ringing World,' but it was pointed out very forcibly that this was merely a palliative; the cure was to campaign for a greater circulation of the paper among the members of the Guild. All branch officials were asked to do what they could to increase circulation by every means in their power.

OBSERVERS AT CENTRAL COUNCIL

A suggestion comes from the Macclesfield branch that the Central Council's representatives, two of whom are elected by the branches in turn, be elected a year before the beginning of the triennial period so that they can, if they so desire, attend the last meeting of the period as 'observers.' This suggestion is designed to overcome the difficulty in following the procedure, etc., which new members of the Council find at their first meeting.

The officers of the Guild were all re-elected and thanked for their services, and Mr. Clarke suitably responded.

The Wirral branch of the Guild received the grateful thanks of the meeting for the excellence of their arrangements and the Rector was thanked for his address and permission to hold the meeting. Appreciation was also expressed of the organist and choir's assistance with the singing in church.

By kind permission of the incumbents and local ringers the bells of Bromborough, Bebington, Port Sunlight (recently rehung) and Eastham churches were available during the afternoon and evening and good use was made of them. For those ringers who had to pass through Chester, Mr. P. Swindley had kindly arranged for them to ring on the Cathedral bells.

It is hoped to hold the 1953 festival at the Cathedral, Chester, and that the Guild will then be able to look back with pride on its achievements in the first year of a new Elizabethan age.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Membership Badge Under Consideration

Between 50 and 60 members spent an enjoyable afternoon at Marshfield on June 7th. Early arrivals were met by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. L. Jones) who is himself a ringer and who extended a hearty welcome to the visitors to the village.

A feature of the meeting was the large number of young ringers present and among them was eight-years-old Teddy Jones, of Chepstow, who is already acquitting himself very well.

The Vicar in his address appealed to ringers to take a greater part in other branches of Church work where help was sorely needed. A bountiful tea was provided in the Parish Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. The secretary read a letter of apology for absence from Mr. J. W. Jones, who had not been in very good health recently but was now on the road to recovery. It was

decided to send him a letter wishing him a speedy restoration to complete health. The secretary also apologised for the unavoidable absence of Mr. T. Roderick and it was therefore decided to leave the Central Council report to the next meeting which will be at Pen-y-fai on July 19th.

Mr. L. W. Jones reported that a public appeal was being launched to get Monmouth bells rehung. Congratulations were extended to the band who had recently rung the first handbell peal by a band resident in the area.

A motion was passed that inquiries be made regarding design and cost of a membership badge, the matter to be brought before the next annual meeting. An invitation to visit Monmouth for the next quarterly meeting was accepted.

After the meeting some of the visitors made their way to Peterstone, Wentloog, where the bells were also available. Ringing during the day included a course of London Surprise Minor.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting at Edinburgh

The 20th annual meeting of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers was held in Edinburgh on May 10th. During the afternoon the bells of St. Cuthbert's Parish Church were available, and in the evening those of St. Mary's Cathedral. Ringing included rounds, the four standard methods and a course of Cambridge.

A short but impressive service was conducted by the Rev. D. Adam W. Burnet, one of the collegiate ministers of St. Cuthbert's, in the St. Cuthbert's Memorial Chapel, and tea followed.

The president (Professor R. O. Street) took the chair at the business meeting which followed, and apologies were intimated from the Ringing Master, Mr. Charles R. Raine, and Mr. John Marshall, a past Master, who had just been admitted to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. The Master's report stated that five quarter peals and two peals had been rung in Scotland during 1951—one by a visiting band at Inveraray and the other by residents at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, under the conductorship of the president.

The secretary reported that both the Right Rev. W. White Anderson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1951-52, and the Most Rev. J. C. H. How, lately Bishop of Glasgow and Primus of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, had been pleased to become patrons of the Association. The secretary was instructed to write to the conductor of the octogenarian peal congratulating these ringers on their fine performance, and to Mr. Marshall expressing the hope of all the ringers present that he would soon be better and back among them once again. Fifteen new members were elected to membership of whom ten were non-resident life members. The existing office bearers were reappointed for a further year.

It was agreed to hold the next meetings of the Association at Alloa in October, and at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, in April, 1953, and a special meeting, possibly in November, was to be arranged in Dundee to encourage both the ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral there and the ringers in the newly-formed St. Andrew's University Society.

Ringers present, numbering over 40, were drawn from all but one of the affiliated towers and included visitors from Cumberland, Co. Durham and Wiltshire.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

For the first time for several years a meeting was held at Quex Park, Birchington, by the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association. The injunction that 'no names, no tea' would be strictly adhered to evidently took effect, as the exact number of people as names were present, sixty-six.

The weather proved fine and the walk from the bus stop was enjoyed by many, though the car owners seemed to have some difficulty in finding the route via the farm road, and were, in consequence, a little late for the conducted tour of the natural history museum, which is attached to the mansion. For this the members had the honour and pleasure of being taken round by Mrs. Powell-Cotton, who accompanied her late husband on many of his hunting trips to Africa, and was thus able to give her listeners a first-hand account of some of the many incidents which occurred.

Tea was taken in pleasant surroundings on the verandah of the museum. Following tea the only business transacted was the election of one new member. The members then moved to the tower and ringing took place until nine o'clock, various methods being practised. The view from the platform of the tower of Thanet and the sea was enjoyed by many. Sixteen towers were represented and the company had the pleasure of welcoming two ringers from Oxhey.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS

Sir,—I recently applied to the Dean of Liverpool for the use of the Cathedral bells on October 25th, the Open Ringing Day at Liverpool Parish Church. Since so much mystery has surrounded the subject of Liverpool Cathedral bells, it struck me that ringers generally would be interested to know why there will be no ready access to these bells, for some time at any rate. I therefore publish below the reply I received from the Chapter Clerk, and I do this with the full permission of the Dean and Chapter.—Yours sincerely, J. E. SPICE.

30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool, 18.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

I am asked to say that the Dean and Chapter have carefully considered your request to ring the Cathedral bells.

This is a matter which the Dean and Chapter were bound to examine at the time when the bells were hung. They do not wish to give cause of offence in the neighbourhood by ringing at unusual and unknown hours. Further, work in the tower has not yet been completed, and the Dean and Chapter have not yet been given sole and full control of it and responsibility for it. You will also, I am sure, appreciate that the Dean and Chapter cannot discriminate between one request and another, except on some general and impersonal principle. They therefore decided that, for the present, the bells should be rung only on the great Christian festivals or on some occasion touching the life and work of the Cathedral in a special way, with a minimum of practice for their own ringers.

For these reasons I am sorry to say that the Dean and Chapter feel unable to vary this rule in response to your request. Later on, when they assume full responsibility for the tower, their rule will be reviewed.

A HAWKLEY PEAL

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. W. C. West's letter in reply to Mr. J. Hunt's letter in 'The Ringing World,' also the Rev. W. F. Bond's letter to Mr. West concerning the peal at Cranborne, I feel it my duty to say I heartily agree with the Vicar's closing remarks describing the band as 'pirate' ringers.

A few weeks ago the same band obtained permission to ring a peal here at Hawkley under almost identical circumstances. Someone rang our Vicar up in the middle of the week (who he was I never found out) asking for permission to come and ring here on the following Sunday afternoon. No mention was made of a peal. The Vicar gave them permission and then came to ask me, the captain of the tower, if it was all right to come here.

I told him they were obviously coming to attempt a peal, and reminded him of a solemn promise he had made to our district secretary and myself that no one else should come here to attempt a peal until the local band had scored the first peal on the newly augmented eight. The result was this, our Vicar went back on his word to us rather than put this band off, having told them to come at such short notice.

I do not altogether blame our Vicar for this, but it might interest the certain gentleman who gained permission to get the use of the bells that as a result of his conduct all my work in raising a band of ringers for service ringing over a period of five years has come to naught and consequently the bells here are now silent.

I had at first not intended mentioning what happened here, but on seeing that this was not an isolated case, I feel that the Cranborne episode was worthy of support, and would strongly suggest that this sort of conduct be discouraged at all costs in future, as to my mind this in no way complies with the Guild rules, parts 1, 2 and 3 of Rule 1.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES A. POUND.

Hawkley, near Liss.

THE CRANBORNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. West's letter and enclosure from the Rev. W. F. Bond, I am sorry Mr. Bond has such a bad memory that he cannot remember who telephoned him before the Cranborne peal. His memory appears to have also let him down in other directions, for not only is his letter most misleading, but he has made statements which are quite unfounded. He most certainly made no protest before the peal was rung, neither did he appear to be reluctant to give his consent. The other ringers present will confirm this. If he had done so we would have definitely not attempted to ring.

I remember him saying, with evident satisfaction, to one of his local band, whom we assumed to be the captain, 'Well, our chaps won't need to come up to-night; they will be glad of the rest.'—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN J. SMITH.

Chichester.

MR. PETER BOND EXPLAINS

Dear Sir,—I must thank Mr. West for replying to my enquiry as to why the Salisbury Guild declines to accept our peal at Cranborne, and accept his explanation. If such a long interval did, in fact, elapse, and the annual meeting decided that this interval was unreasonable, there is an end to the matter and I hope that our conductor will, as he suggests, record the peal for a neighbouring guild.

But I do wish to protest strongly against Mr. West's assertions that Mr. Hunt and myself have been trying to blacken his character. As I said in my previous letter, I asked only for an explanation of what seemed to me to be dictatorial conduct on his part—on this point I admit my error and offer my apologies. As regards my mention of jealousy, I merely stated that bickerings of this kind, all too frequently caused by jealousy, are not conducive to fraternal feeling, and I had no intention of ascribing feelings of jealousy to either Mr. West or the Salisbury Guild.

With regard to the extraordinary letter which Mr. West received from my namesake, the Vicar of Cranborne, the laws of propriety and of this land prevent me from stating my opinion of it. I will content myself with stating that either the Vicar has an extremely short memory of what actually took place, or is writing with the intention of settling a dispute between one of his ringers and the remainder. The greater part of his statements are completely false, and I, for one, resent most strongly Mr. Bond's statements about 'pirate' ringers.

In common with all ringers of goodwill, I have always tried, as far as lies within my power, to further the conception of our art as a branch of service to the Church and to put Sunday service ringing before everything. I have rung numerous Sunday peals with the support of the various incumbents and local ringers, and without their willing consent I would not dream of starting for a peal.

In conclusion, may I state, as I did in my previous letter, that I am not writing in any spirit of ill-will, but to protest, not now against Mr. West's actions (which I accept as a majority decision of his Guild), but against the false accusations made against the band and the organiser of the peal. I have some sense of honour and of my duty to the Church and the Exercise, and to accuse our band and myself of such behaviour is unjust and most insulting.

In writing this letter, I have no desire to cause any ill-will between the Salisbury Guild and myself, and trust that none will result. I have the honour to count several members of the Guild among my friends and have every respect for the good work which they and the Guild are carrying out.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

King Alfred's College, Winchester.

CRANBORNE AND HAWKLEY PEALS

Dear Sir,—By the time this letter is printed I shall be on my way overseas to take up an appointment, with treasured memories of ringing friends and pleasant Saturday afternoon meetings and, above all, Sunday service ringing. Having just read in 'The Ringing World' of a little argument going on over the peal at Cranborne, Dorset, I don't wonder at the Salisbury Diocesan Guild failing to recognise it or the local ringers being irate if they had to endure such a fiasco of ringing as we had to at Hawkley on Sunday, April 27th, by members of the same band.

I understand that an apparatus had been fitted to the clappers to deaden the noise, which may be all very well on a heavy ring in a crowded area, but on a light ring such as ours it was a terrible discord. Throughout the entire 2 hours 43 minutes all one could hear was a humdrum 7.8.8.7 with a faint tinkle from 3456 while the two new trebles were quite inaudible.

I think in fairness to the good name of the Guild concerned and ringers in general this peal should be withdrawn from the records, as Bob Major does not consist of two sounding, four faint and two silent bells. No one could check the course-ends or tell if it was a true peal or not.

A recent half-muffled quarter of Grandsire Doubles by local ringers with 7.6.8 covering in memory of our late King was much more pleasing music to the ear than this. We in Hawkley never mind our Sunday afternoon nap being disturbed by a well-struck peal as the bells can broadcast the glorious message of the gospel far better than the incumbent, who can only be heard by those who care to enter the door of the church. I hope the next band to attempt a peal here will ring them open to let people hear their full beauty.

I might added that in consequence of this peal the bells are now silent every Sunday, as I am told the Vicar had promised the secretary of the Alton and Petersfield District that they should have the privilege of scoring the first peal on the rehung and augmented ring. This turn of events has got under the skin of the local band, which is such a pity after all the hard work put in by the captain, Mr. C. Pound, in forming and training a new band and also after the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Clive Davies in meeting the cost of the restoration and giving the village a ring to be proud of.

To the local band I would say sink your differences and disappointments in a true Christianlike way and let us hear the bells Sunday by Sunday. You will never have a greater privilege than handling God's sacred property, and remember that your humble call changes are better music than that deaf and dumb 'Bob Major'.

In ending, there is no shred of jealousy behind this letter; experts are always welcome, but do give us real harmony and beware lest your tower-grabbing upsets the local Sunday service bands who are the backbone of the Exercise and seek no other highlight than to do their duty faithfully every Sunday morning and evening.—Yours, etc., T. C. E. SWINTON.

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LETTERS—Continued

RINGING AT GLASGOW

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Scottish Association mention was made of the publication during the past year of 'Bells Of All Nations,' in which one and a half pages are devoted to bells in Scotland. At this meeting I was instructed to write to 'The Ringing World' pointing out that local circumstances are not quite in keeping with those set out by the learned author.

One specific thing I should mention is that there has been a ringing society in Glasgow for at least the last 20 years, viz., the St. Mary's Cathedral Society. Mr. Morris states that they ring call changes at Glasgow; I cannot tell whether they are proficient at this side of the Exercise or not, but I do know that they are capable of ringing more than the standard methods, and the fact that they do, in fact, sometimes ring scientific is shown by the mention of their prowess in the quarter peal columns of 'The Ringing World.'—I am, Yours faithfully,

ROGNVALD ST. C. WILSON,
Hon. Secretary,
The Scottish Association.

CHELMORTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—The Church of St. John the Baptist, Chelmsorton, stands high in the fold of the Peakland hills and is claimed to have the greatest altitude of any parish church in the country; and a ring of bells in its venerable tower would sound God's praises and call to worship people over a wide and thinly populated area.

But Chelmsorton bells cannot be rung, for the oldest one, dated 1601, is cracked and the others need retuning, while the timbers of the frame are decaying and unsound.

A number of parishioners, having already raised £500 in the past two years for necessary repairs to the church fabric, are now appealing for your help in restoring the original ring of four bells and adding two new ones to make a peal of six.

For all this work, however, the large sum of £1,100 is needed. Towards raising this a good start has already been made and the population of 350 are prepared to give time, money and hard work to the project.

Will you help us?

E. H. PAYNE (Vicar of Chelmsorton)
on behalf of Church Council and Bell Committee.

Paddington Vicarage, Buxton.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual Shield Contest was held at Penistone on June 14th. Six bands entered and ringing commenced about 3 p.m.

The result of the draw with the order of the ringing was:—

	Faults	Penalties	Totals
Barnsley	267	20	287
Friezland	65	0	65
Shelley	121	10	131
Sandal	109	0	109
Cawthorne	68	0	68
Silkstone	104	0	104

Friezland were the winners and hold the Shield for 12 months and each ringer received a set of fruit spoons. Cawthorne received second prize, a chrome sugar basin with spoon to match for each ringer. Mr. H. Chant, Felkirk, was the judge, and Mr. L. A. Williams, Monk Bretton, was marker. Mrs. A. Champion presented the Shield and the prizes to the winners.

The best thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local company and to the ladies for the splendid tea arrangements, also to the judge and marker for their services, brought to a close a happy afternoon and evening.

The next meeting will be at Royston on July 12th.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

THE annual festival and meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held this year at Coalbrookdale on Whit Monday. The ten bells were going soon after eleven o'clock and during the day more and more ringers assembled from all over the diocese, which covers Herefordshire and half of Shropshire. Visitors, too, from Liverpool, Loughborough, Birmingham, Worcestershire and South Wales swelled the numbers. The neighbouring eights at Broseley and Much Wenlock were also available and parties coming to the festival from a distance (such as the buses from the Ross and Kington districts) stopped at these towers on the way, to ring.

At 3 o'clock the Guild Office was sung at Coalbrookdale at which the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Hickling, had been invited to preach. The service was followed by tea in the Parish Hall at which there were 112 ringers and friends present and this was followed by the annual general meeting presided over at first by Mr. Leslie Evans, the retiring Master. On his election as the new Master of the Guild, Mr. W. H. Lloyd, of Berrington, Shropshire, took the chair. The other officers were elected with some additions to the committee, and the accounts adopted, showing a balance of £76 in the General Fund and £44 in the Bell Restoration Fund.

The report for the year shows that the Guild is progressing satisfactorily. The number of ringing members is now 641, an increase of no less than 59 over the previous year, and during 1951 57 peals were rung as against 32 in 1950.

The committee was able to report that new badges had been ordered and would shortly be available at 2s 6d. each.

The Central Council's ruling on the irregularity of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure was then discussed and the meeting strongly supported its representative, Mr. W. F. Morton, in urging that, in accepting this ruling for the future, it disagreed with the non-acceptance of Minor peals rung in it before the decision was made.

The secretary reported that grants of five guineas each from the Bell Restoration Fund were passed to the following towers: Eardisley, Eardisley, Pembroke and Stanton Lacy.

Mr. A. W. Davis reported that an appeal was being made for £1,000 for the restoration of the Cathedral bells and he hoped that the Guild would do what it could to assist in this appeal. Congratulations were also expressed to the ringers of the 'five peals in one day' and the honour this had brought to the Hereford Diocesan Guild in the Exercise. It was unanimously decided that Ledbury should be the place of the next festival.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks and ringing continued until late in the evening. It was an enjoyable and encouraging festival and the Shropshire members are to be congratulated. E. G. B.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Foxearth

A very successful meeting of the Northern District was held at Foxearth on June 7th. Although this parish is isolated from the rest of the diocese, 64 members and friends were present. At the service the Rector (the Rev. Malcolm Pearce) gave an interesting address. An excellent tea was served in the Village Hall, provided by the Rector and his parishioners.

Miss H. G. Snowden, District Master, presided at the business meeting and all stood in silence to the memory of William Keeble, of Feering, a life member of the Association who died on April 4th. Eleven new members were elected.

Miss Snowden gave a report on the proceedings of the Central Council held the previous Tuesday at Lincoln, which she attended.

Further ringing on the church bells was then indulged in as, prior to the service, ringing was suspended owing to a mishap among the bells. Two members kindly carried out the repairs.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

The sixth annual competition ring, first quarterly meeting and dinner of the New South Wales Association were held at St. Clement's, Yass, a country town 200 miles from Sydney, on May 24th.

Ringing commenced at 9 a.m., and at 10 a.m. the Rector, the Rev. H. P. Reynolds, conducted a Communion service, which was attended by all ringers.

The competition took place in the afternoon and was won by St. Mary's Basilica, from St. James', Turramurra. St. Clement's, Yass, put up an excellent performance. The Duncan Shield was awarded to St. James', Turramurra.

At the quarterly meeting Mr. T. W. Goodyer tendered his resignation as treasurer of the Association, sub-editor of 'The Ringing Towers' and member of the Selection Committee of the Association. Mr. E. J. Fowell was elected treasurer of the Association and sub-editor of 'The Ringing Towers,' and Mr. J. Clark to the Selection Committee.

Guest chairman at the dinner was the Rev. H. P. Reynolds, and the guest of honour the Rev. Father Parker-Maloney, who was the representative of Bishop Young, Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn.

Those leaving by train were then packed into cars and taken to the station to catch the 11.45 p.m. train back to Sydney. Thirty-two ringers were on the station to bid them farewell, and it will be safe to say that it would be a very rare occasion on which the train leaves Yass Junction with such a crowd of enthusiastic well-wishers. W. M. R.

On June 9th the ringers of Sydney, with representatives from Maitland and Yass, met together at St. Mary Basilica, to honour the first official birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Through the courtesy of the captain of the tower, Mr. L. R. A. Curran, an excellent programme of ringing was accomplished: Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, with St. Simon's and Grandisle Doubles, 4, 6, 8 covering for the less advanced. It was a grand night and the time expired all too quickly. A. R. B.

Bolton Ringers Visit Municipal Buildings

Members of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association paid a visit to the Municipal Buildings of Bolton on Friday, June 6th.

Within comparatively recent years the Town Hall has been largely extended and the party had the opportunity of comparing the beautiful ornamental work their forefathers put into building with the modern work. Of special interest was the clock tower. Here are the usual four bells for the chimes and the hour bell, which is a little over 4 tons. They are all excellent tone. The more energetic climbed up to the clock faces. The Town Hall keeper was guide and he was assisted by the secretary, Mr. Peter Crook, who is very conversant with the buildings.

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OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK W. STOKES Former Secretary of Lincoln Guild

An outstanding personality in Lincolnshire ringing, and for more than 20 years hon. secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Mr. Frederick W. Stokes died at his home at Nettleham, near Lincoln, on June 4th, aged 68.

The news of his passing came as a great shock to the members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and particularly to members of the Lincoln district as on Whit Monday Mr. Stokes had taken part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Surfleet, and on Tuesday had joined the Central Council delegates at tea, when he appeared to be in his usual good health. He was, however, unwell during the night and died suddenly on the Wednesday morning before medical aid arrived.

The funeral took place at Nettleham on June 7th and the service, conducted by the Rev. G. Herrington (Mr. Stokes' son-in-law), was attended by ringers from Lincoln Cathedral, Nettleham, and other towers near Lincoln.

The local band rang with the bells open for a short time before the service and at the conclusion a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by J. Walden 1-2, G. E. Feirn 3-4, J. A. Freeman 5-6, J. Freeman 7-8. Later in the day Lincoln Cathedral bells and also the local bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute of affection and respect.

Frederick William Stokes came to Caythorpe at an early age and learned to ring there. His first peal, one of Grandsire Triples, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James, was rung in 1903. From Caythorpe he went to live at Selby, Yorkshire, but after a short time returned to Blankney, near Lincoln.

Having few equals as a method ringer and striker on any number of bells, he was frequently called upon by Mr. Law James to stand in peal attempts, and often cycled many miles to do so.

For many years he was closely associated with the Lincoln Cathedral company of which he was an honorary member. He took part in the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 17 and 22 methods ever to be rung and the only peal of Shipway's Superlative Royal yet rung. In addition he rang in many of the first peals for the Guild, the most notable being Cambridge and Yorkshire Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, Yorkshire Royal, London Surprise Major and Spliced Surprise Major in 2, 4, 5, 6, 10 methods.

He was an exceptional teacher of ringing, and was able to pass on to any youngster whom he taught, not only his ability as a bell handler, but his own capable way of striking a bell.

For more than 20 years he was honorary secretary to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and while holding this office he stood in the secretaries' peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, rung as a token of respect on the death of the late W. T. Cockerill. He was president of the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and held this office at the time of his death.

The Lincoln Guild is poorer for his passing but far richer for his example. J. A. F.

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MR. CHARLES FRAY

Mr. Charles Fray, of Eastleigh, Hants, passed away on June 6th at the age of 77.

He was taught to ring at North Stoneham in 1898, and with the exception of three years, when he lived at Curdridge, was associated with that tower until his death, although in recent years, owing to failing health, he was unable to attend for Sunday service ringing as regularly as he formerly did. Mr. Fray was one of the Surprise Sunday service band that the late Mr. G. Williams built up at North Stoneham between the wars.

A member of the Winchester Guild, latterly the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, since 1899, Mr. Fray served for several years on the Executive Committee and for 17 years was auditor of the Southampton District. He had taken part in 103 peals from Minor to Royal, the majority being rung at North Stoneham.

Mr. Fray was a quiet, unassuming man, who was well liked by all who knew him. He was a faithful member of the Church and put Sunday service ringing first. He set a good example and will be sadly missed.

The funeral service was held at Eastleigh Parish Church. Messrs. R. Brown, W. Tucker, W. G. Rowe and W. Rowe represented the North Stoneham band, and among the many floral tributes was a wreath from North Stoneham and Bishopstoke ringers.

THE REV. A. E. DAVIES

The death took place on June 10th at Malmesbury Hospital of the Rev. A. E. Davies, Vicar of Wanborough, near Swindon. Mr. Davies was keenly interested in bells and he successfully carried out the restoration and augmentation of Wanborough bells, and the writer understands he was instrumental in restoring the bells of Ash, Somerset, where he was Vicar before coming to Wanborough.

Cremation took place at Bristol and a memorial service was held at Wanborough on June 14th conducted by the Bishop of Malmesbury. The bells were rung half-muffled by the local ringers, and the Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association were represented by Messrs. W. H. Trueman (chairman), W. B. Kynaston (secretary) and W. W. T. Daniell (representative).

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Deanery Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch at All Saints', Brill, on June 14th, was blessed with a fine afternoon after the very heavy storms the previous day.

The six bells were rung to rounds for the beginners, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Brill (the Rev. J. H. D. Elkerton) who preached an excellent sermon; the lesson was read by the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), and Miss P. Gray (a local ringer) was the organist.

After an excellent tea provided by ladies of the church, the business meeting was held with the branch president (the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper) in the chair, supported by the Deputy Master and the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch). A hearty welcome was extended to the Rev. J. H. K. Elkerton who had been in Brill for only three weeks. The next meeting was arranged for Souldern on September 27th. The members were reminded that the annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 12th.

The bells of St. Edburgh, Bicester, are to be restored, the work consisting of rehanging the front seven in ball bearings and a complete overhaul of the fittings at an estimated cost of £140. It was decided to make a grant of £5 5s. from the branch funds.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting a success.

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The engagement is announced between Frank John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18, and Marjorie Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Jackson, 34, Old Devonshire Road, Balham, S.W.12. 982

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

SPEED-STOCKDALE.—The wedding between Richard F. B. Speed and Anne B. Stockdale will take place at St. Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, on Saturday, July 5th, at 2.30 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 965

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MISCELLANEOUS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Monthly practice at St. Edmund's, Northampton, cancelled until further notice owing to broken clapper.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 957

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Knutsford, June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 948

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston & Derby Districts.—Joint meeting at Breaston, June 28th, 2.30. Tea 1s. 6d. Names, please, to D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley. 917

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton (6), Saturday, June 28th, 3 p.m. Own food for tea. Cups of tea available.—A. B. Cooper. 947

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 28th, at Spaldwick (6). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock. 941

GUILDFORD and OXFORD GUILDS and MIDDLESEX and SURREY ASSOCIATIONS.—Four Guild Festival, June 28th. Egham (8), Staines, St. Mary's (8) from 3. Staines (both towers) and Old Windsor (8) after tea. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15—W. Simmonds, A. D. Barker, F. W. Goodfellow and R. Lathbury, Branch and District Secs. 906

HALIFAX PARISH CHURCH.—Ringers are invited to attend the rededication of the ring of 13 by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield on Saturday, June 28th, at 7 p.m. Bells recast and rehung by Gillett and Johnston. Tenor 28 cwt.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, Saturday, June 28th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. 'Great Wymondley afterwards. Special method, Hereward Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 914

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Deddington, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4. Meeting. Ringing. Evensong 6 (Eve of Patronal Festival). Ringing.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 897

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY, Est. 1623.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (12) available from 10 a.m. Service 6 p.m. Lunch and tea for those who notify me by 27th.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 881

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The new ring of 8 bells at SS. Peter and Paul's, Cattistock, will be dedicated on Sunday, June 29th, at morning service (11 a.m.). Everyone welcome. 924

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, July 5th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 970

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Fitzhead, July 5th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea. Important business.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 928

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Wringing, July 5th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 966

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Tredington (6), Saturday, July 5th. Names for tea early, please, by July 1st.—Miss H. C. Purkiss, 61, Depper's Bridge, Southam, near Rugby. 956

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Youlgrave (8) on Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea at the Bull's Head to D. S. Gregory, Orchard House, Hillside, Darley Dale, by July 2nd. 940

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, July 5th, 2.30. Names for tea, by July 3rd, to Mr. R. Bell, 47, Toward Road, Sunderland. 958

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 5th, at Bottisham. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vicarage. Swaffham Prior (6) after tea.—H. L. Martin. 979

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by July 3rd, to Mr. E. Easter, 4, Marshland Street, Terrington St. Clement, King's Lynn. 977

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bobbingworth (6), July 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Presentation. Epping-Ongar bus service to Blake Hall Lane, 10 mins. walk. Names for tea to F. Pavitt, 3, Council Houses, Bobbingworth, Ongar. 936

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Tending July 5th. Ringing from 2.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by July 1st, please.—R. Duesbury, 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth, Essex. 936

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Stow-on-the-Wold on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea contact Raymond Hicks, Claremont, Stow-on-the-Wold, not later than July 2nd? Moreton-in-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Water bells available in the evening.—Frank Skidmore, Hon. Secretary. 919

GLOUCESTER and BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Tidenham, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 2nd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 964

GLOUCESTER and BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting. Hardwicke, Glos. (6 bells), July 5th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea afterwards. Names for tea, by July 1st, to Mr. S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Glos. 962

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Next meeting, Horsell (not Old Woking) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. if you notify me by Tuesday, July 1st.—W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham. 986

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, July 5th, Stanmore (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 974

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Marsden (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.30. Tea for all at 5 p.m. at moderate charge. Business meeting afterwards and bells until 9 p.m. 959

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Lyminge, Saturday, July 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Those who require tea must inform Mr. A. Webb, The Croft, Lyminge, near Folkestone, not later than Thursday, July 3rd, and enclose cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 976

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, July 5th. This will now take place at Marden (8) instead of Sevenoaks or Cranbrook. Names for tea by July 3rd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 983

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, London, Saturday, July 5th. Towers available: St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30-3.30; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 3.30-5; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7.30-9. Tea 5 p.m. Service, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Jackson, 34, Old Devonshire Road, Balham, S.W.12. 923

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester, July 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Meeting in Parish Hall at 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 950

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting on Saturday, July 5th, at Cockerham. Bells (6) available 2.30—7.30. Please bring own food; cups of tea will be provided. All welcome.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 978

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 5th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk. Branch practice will be held at Ormskirk on Thursday, July 3rd, 7.30 p.m. till 9 p.m.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 987

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Gilmorton (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 2nd, to G. Broughton, Gilmorton, Rugby. 973

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Extra meeting, Nocton, July 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 980

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Chicheley, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 968

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Twyford (8) on Saturday, July 5th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 972

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton, July 5th. June 21st cancelled. Names for tea to Canon White, Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts. 984

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 5th, at Trowbridge (12) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 988

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Penistone on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone. 981

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Quarterly meeting at Ruddington, Saturday, July 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, July 1st.—S. P. M. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall. 943

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Knowle, July 5th. Please notify for tea by July 2nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 955

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Ruspur (8), Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday, July 2nd, G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Crawley. 985

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Basingstoke, Saturday, July 5th. Meeting 2.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Cottage. Service, St. Michael's, 4.15. Tea ONLY for those who notify Mr. J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by Wednesday, July 2nd. All ringers welcome. Towers available: All Saints' (9), St. Michael's (8), Bramley (8), Oakley (6) and Deane (6), from 11.30 till 1.30 and after tea.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 939

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead (6), Saturday, July 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 9th, to Mr. E. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, near St. Albans.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 975

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Coleorton, July 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 in Hall. Names, by Tuesday, July 8th, to Mr. A. J. Lord, 55, Gracedieu Road, Whitwick. Tea not guaranteed without.—C. W. Hall and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs. 961

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, July 12th, All Hallows', Twickenham (10) 3—5 p.m. Service and tea for those who notify Mr. G. Ingham, 145, Staines Road East, Sunbury-on-Thames, by Wednesday previous. All Saints', Isleworth (10), after tea. Also Church Fete, Isleworth Vicarage, 3 p.m.—H. W. Rogers and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs. 963

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 12th. Service. Cathedral, 11 a.m. (preacher: Ven. Thordike Shaw). Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets 6s. Applications to general secretary, please, by July 6th. Ringing at Cathedral, Merton, Magdalen and New Colleges, St. Thomas', St. Giles', St. Aldgate's, St. Cross, St. Mary Magdalen's, Carfax, All Saints' and St. Ebbe's. Choristers please get in touch with F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 901

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, July 12th. Names for tea, by Saturday, July 5th, to Mr. F. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 967

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SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, July 12th. Names for tea, by 8th, to Mr. A. Lister, The Glen, Harworth, Doncaster.—H. Denman.

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SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Knighton on Saturday, July 12th. Service at 3 p.m., meeting to follow. Numbers for tea at earliest.—D. G. Williams, 8, Capel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 969

ITCHINGFIELD AND THAKEHAM

Ringers of Itchingfield and Thakeham joined forces on Whit Monday for an outing into Kent, with friends from Washington and Amberley.

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Tea was served at Edenbridge before visiting this easy-going eight, which proved to be the highlight of the day. Entertainment from 'Uncle Ted and his songsters' enlivened the homeward journey.

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