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## A RECORD COUNCIL MEETING.

The Central Council meeting at Warwick last week revealed the continued interest which members take in the proceedings, and produced the best attendance recorded at a provincial meeting. Never before, outside London, had the number present touched three figures. Throughout a fairly long session interest was retained, fostered probably by the great variety of matters which came up for consideration. The first effects of the new rules also showed themselves in the saving of time over the committees' reports. Hitherto most of these have had to be read to the meeting, but the operation of the new code resulted in the members having printed or typed copies in their hands before the meeting began. The benefits, as the president pointed out, are twofold. Much time is saved and the members get a far greater grip of the matters dealt with.

Even a brief review of all the points of interest in the meeting is impossible in this one article, and we shall have opportunity of referring to some of them later, but if there are any who still doubt the use of the Central Council—the number must be extremely few in these days—we would direct their attention to the librarian's report alone. The number of publications sold during the year was nearly 3,000, and, but for the Council, it is safe to say little or none of this material, valuable to ringers from so many different aspects, but all directed to fostering the art, encouraging the study of it, and giving guidance on the care and use of church bells, would have been available. No individual, however interested, would undertake the risk of publishing these varied works, or, if they would, do it at the bare cost of printing. It is only through an official body like the Council that such work can be carried on, and the help of the best brains in the Exercise secured. And what does it cost the associations? In fees, from five shillings to a pound a year, according to the size of their membership. What more they spend in defraying the expenses of their representatives is for themselves to decide, but the work of the Council is done on the affiliation fees alone.

Moreover, this side of the Council's work is not standing still. Three new publications were authorised at Warwick. A 'Collection of Triples Methods' on the lines of those relating to Doubles and Minor, and Plain Major and Caters, is to appear at once. A collection of peal compositions in a number of methods—a companion which every conductor and would-be conductor will be glad to have—and a pamphlet dealing with the somewhat vexed question of peal variation are to be prepared and printed. These are some of the very practical outcomes

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of the Council's work. It is work which calls for a great expenditure of thought and time, given ungrudgingly by members who labour without recompense for the love of the art, but it is work which can only be brought within the reach of ringers through the agency of the Central Council. Except to the most prejudiced, this alone justifies the existence of the Council, but the days when it is necessary to justify the Council are rapidly passing. The Warwick meeting, at which forty-one associations and guilds were represented, is the best answer to what few scoffers remain.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

RIPON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS PETER AND WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD JENKINS... .. 2	*GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 3	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 8
HAROLD MARCON ... .. 4	†FRED HODGSON ... .. 9
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... .. 5	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS  
\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Surprise in the city of Ripon and first of Royal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31½ cwt.

JAMES HEMMING... .. Treble	FRANK SADLER... .. 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... .. 2	HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 7
*RALPH HARRIS... .. 3	J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 4	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 9
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... .. 5	†WILFRED NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

\* First peal of Stedman Cater. † First peal on 10 bells.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Treble	J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 6
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... .. 9
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 5	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5800 CHANGES;**

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6
*THOMAS G. HORRIDGE ... .. 2	*EDWARD C. BIRKETT ... .. 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... .. 3	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 8
HARRY GRACE ... .. 4	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 9
JOHN BROWN... .. 5	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.  
\* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. W. Gilmour, and also to his daughter, Miss Jessie Gilmour, who attained the age of 21 years.

LAVERNHAM.—On Thursday, May 3rd, 1,264 Bob Major: J. A. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 2, A. Symonds 3, J. Hall (Preston) (first quarter-peal on tower bells) 4, W. Jarvis 5, D. A. Symonds 6, L. Offord 7, M. T. Symonds 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... ..Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 6
*THOMAS CHINERY ... .. 2	THOS. H. CHAPPELL ... .. 7
STANLEY G. MOSS ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 8
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 9
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 5	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... ..Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

GEORGE OAKES ... ..Treble	*REGINALD PAYNE ... .. 6
*TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 2	*ALBERT COAD ... .. 7
JOHN W. J. COITAM ... .. 3	ALBERT NASH ... .. 8
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 4	ARTHUR FIRTH ... .. 9
*JOHN COAD ... .. 5	T. COLIN RYDER... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by A. NASH.

\* First peal of Royal and first attempt. Rung for Empire Day. First peal of Little Bob Royal on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the 4th. All are regular service ringers at Rotherham Parish Church.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... ..Treble	SYDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 6
C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 2	*ROGER W. DANIELS... .. 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 8
ALBERT WALKER... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 9
CHARLES WEBB ... .. 5	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... ..Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM FYE. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Arranged as a birthday compliment to C. Howard Stanley.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER ... ..Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
JOHN G. NASH ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 6
JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 4	WILLIAM FYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM FYE

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

STEPHEN PARRY ... ..Treble	*JAMES A. MILNE ... .. 5
CHRIS GUDGEON ... .. 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 6
WILFRED MOSS ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 4	WILFRED STEVENSON ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 9). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. Rung as a second birthday compliment to Master John Stevenson, son of the ringer of the tenor.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MISS ANNIE POTTER ... ..Treble	MATTHEW BERRY... .. 5
JOHN DENNER ... .. 2	ALFRED POTTER, JUN. ... .. 6
ALFRED POTTER, SEN. ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
JAMES DENNER ... .. 4	ROBERT DENNER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Burton, one of the local ringers and secretary of the Walkden branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who was recently made a Serving Brother of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, the honour being conferred upon him by the Sub-Prior, the Earl of Scarborough, at St. John's Gate, London, on the previous day. All the band are service ringers at the above church.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... ..Treble	FRANK L. FISHER... .. 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 2	HARRY D. LISTER... .. 6
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST... .. 7
ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT ... ..Treble	EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

HERNEHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY PARKES ... ..Treble	*FREDERICK G. BRETT ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 7
*H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal in the method.

GREAT GRIMSBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... .. 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN ... .. 6
GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. 7
P.C. ARTHUR PASBLEY ... .. 4	BERNARD GILLATT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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## CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,  
At Christ Church Cathedral,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 30 cwt.

H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK CULLUM ... .. 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

## ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* REGINALD A. ALEY ... .. Treble	JOSEPH A. TALBOT ... .. 5
GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... .. 2	CHARLES TOWE ... .. 6
* HARRY ALEY ... .. 3	† ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. 7
ERNEST F. PAYNE ... .. 4	* JOHN W. LOWE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BARTRAM.

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

## HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6432 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 3	THOMAS E. LEE ... .. 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by AMBERN WILSON. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

This 18-course composition contains the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6 and is now rung for the first time.

## ASH (SANDWICH), KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
HARRY PARKES ... .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY

Believed to be the first Surprise peal on the bells.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Bob Triples by the remainder of the band, and 'rung without previous practice.'

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, May 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MARCILLUS J. DIGBY... .. Treble	* JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
* FRANK E. WALKER ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

## RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

* CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... Treble	BORLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... .. 2	* WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 6
B. JACK STUBBS ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
FRANK KIRK ... .. 4	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal of Stedman. Also rung in honour of Empire Day.

## GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	HARRY A. HOVERD ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 7
EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 5
* DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

## CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK G. COLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
JAMES TOPP... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

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**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*  
**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

**A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES MASON ... .. Treble	MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 5
GEORGE LEWIS ... .. 2	HAROLD KENT ... .. 6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... .. 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

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

**SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,**

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
ROBERT W. E. DAWE ... 2	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 6
*JOHN CREESE ... .. 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 7
GEORGE WIGGINS ... .. 4	GEORGE P. ELPHICK ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary.

**GREASLEY, NOTTS.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 5
FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 2	THOMAS STORER ... .. 6
*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 3	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 7
TOM CLARKE ... .. 4	WILLIAM STIRLAND ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. PILKINGTON. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen. Also as a birthday compliment to John, son of ringer of 6th, and also to the ringer of the 3rd, whose birthdays fall on this day. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Storer for their hospitality after the peal. This peal was rung after an attempt for 6,096, which came to grief owing to treble rope breaking.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**MORETON, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, May 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD ROCHESTER ... Treble	LEWIS CORDELL ... .. 4
WILLIAM MORRIS ... .. 2	ISAAC CAVILL ... .. 5
STANLEY CLARK ... .. 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

First peal on the bells.

**DANBURY, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*HENRY W. SHADRACK ... Treble	†WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 4
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BURYON ... 5
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 3	‡DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor, and has now completed Cambridge from Minor to Maximus inclusive. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to G. Green.

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

*On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... Treble	*†ALBERT E. ROWE ... .. 4
*FREDERICK R. BODMIN ... 2	†ALFRED E. EVEREST ... 5
LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. 3	JOHN O. WELLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal 'inside.'

**WEST DEEPIING, LINS.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

In the following 17 methods: (1) Norfolk, Primrose, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge, (2) Wearmouth, Lightfoot, (3) Stamford, Rosendale, (4) Beverley, Surfleet, (5) London, Wells, (6) York, Durham, (7) Carlisle. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... Treble	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 4
CHARLES WOODS ... .. 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in 17 methods for the ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th. First peal in 17 methods as conductor and on the bells.

**HARTPURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

*On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS ... Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ... 4
*HARRY BARNETT ... .. 2	*PERCY NEWLAND ... .. 5
TOM WORRALL ... .. 3	HARRY WORRALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal 'inside' and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

**WALLINGTON, HERTS.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Bob Doubles.

*LAURIE WILTON ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... .. 4
†STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ... 2	PERCY TOMPKINS ... .. 5
LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 3	WILLIAM G. BYGRAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First 'inside.'

**RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tuesday, May 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 4
*STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 2	*WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 3	*JACK STUBBS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK STUBBS.

\* First peal in five methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.

**CHARING, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

*On Wednesday, May 23, 1934, in Three Hours,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's, 5-6 the right way. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

MISS GLADYS PACK ... Treble	*WILLIAM J. HENNIKER ... 4
*GEORGE C. HILL ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. PACK ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

\* First peal of Surprise and first attempt. Ringers of 2nd and 4th belong to the local band.

**FOUR PEALS IN A DAY.**

ANSTEY, HERTS.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob. College Single, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*STANLEY CARTER ... .. Treble	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 4
ROBERT HOWARD ... .. 2	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

\* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY CARTER... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 4
ROBERT HOWARD ... .. 2	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

ARDLEY, HERTS.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	STANLEY CARTER ... .. 4
ROBERT HOWARD ... .. 2	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 5
SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. TACK.

WALKERN, HERTS.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

STANLEY CARTER... .. Treble	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 4
ROBERT HOWARD... .. 2	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, May 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT, EDGELEY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 1-2	PETER LAFIN ... .. 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. 3-4	A. ERNEST JONES ... .. 7-8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

FEERING, ESSEX.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,*

AT ADSUM COTTAGE, RYE LANE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;**

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... .. 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 3-4	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 7-8

Composed by JAMES WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****NEW MASTER APPOINTED.****Mr. C. H. Howard Retires After 25 Years in Office.**

The 55th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, and was largely attended by ringers from all parts of the diocese. The meeting had added interest by reason of the resignation of the former Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, who had held the post for 25 years. Mr. Howard was prevented by illness from being present, but a letter was read from him. By a vote Mr. E. P. Duffield, of Colchester, Master of the North-Eastern Division, was elected to succeed Mr. Howard as Master of the association.

Service was held at the Cathedral in the morning. Canon Morrow, the Provost, officiated, and read the lesson. The ringers' form of service was used, the hymns sung being 'The sacred bells of England' and 'Ring out, wild bells.' The address was given by Canon I. L. Seymour, Vicar of All Saints', Maldon, who spoke from the words, 'Here am I, send me.' He said it afforded him a real pleasure to accept the invitation of the Provost to take part in the service in the Cathedral, and he felt it an honour to be associated with the 55th annual meeting of the Essex ringers. For over half a century the association had rendered service, and no doubt some present had taken part in its inception. The preacher deeply regretted the absence of Mr. Howard. As a prominent layman in the diocese, the name of Mr. Howard would never be forgotten by Essex ringers, who had a great affection for him and the greatest confidence in his abilities as master of the craft. Peal ringing was a consecrated hobby; ringers were looked upon as engaged in Church work, in partnership in God's service. Team work and co-operation were essentially features of bellringing.

Luncheon was served at the Golden Fleece Hotel, there being a crowded attendance, and the annual business meeting followed. Mr. F. J. Pittsow, hon. secretary and treasurer to the association, reported that Mr. Howard was unavoidably absent, due to illness, and he proposed that the Provost of the Cathedral should preside till a new Master was appointed. This was carried.

Canon Morrow, in taking the chair, said he was very sorry for the circumstances which caused him to preside. He deeply regretted the absence of Mr. Howard, and referred to the great work Mr. Howard had done as Master of the Association. His influence in the Church had far-reaching effect throughout the diocese and county.

**THE REPORT.**

Mr. Pittsow presented the report for last year as follows: It is with the greatest regret I have to inform you that through a nervous breakdown the Master of the association (Mr. C. H. Howard) is unable to present the 55th annual report. For a great number of years Mr. Howard has sacrificed holidays, pleasure and even business for public service, taking the keenest interest in all his undertakings, and especially with regard to this association. His genial disposition, tact and pleasing personality in the belfry and at any gathering of ringers has undoubtedly been the means of promoting the welfare of the association, and in extending to him our grateful thanks we hope and trust that he may have a speedy recovery. That excellent motto, 'Proderse, Quim Conspica' (It is far better to be of service than merely to be seen) can be truly attributed to him.

The past year has again been successful, the membership being 1,188, a slight decrease on the previous year, accounted for by several names being struck out through non-payment of subscriptions. The towers in union with the association now number 110.

After referring to the meetings held during the year, the report added that the high standard of ringing by members of the association was well maintained, and exceeded all previous records. One hundred and thirty-one peals were rung, of which 116 were on tower bells, in the following methods: Cambridge Maximus and Cambridge Royal 1 each, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters 1 each, London Surprise Major 5, Spliced Major in four Surprise methods 1, Cambridge 21, Bristol 4, Superlative 12, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 15, Oxford 4, Bob Major 7, Stedman Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 4, Minor methods 26 and Doubles 3.

Miss Elsie Pettitt had the honour of being the first lady to take part in a peal of Bristol Surprise Major in the county, and for the association, and Miss Hilda Snowden rang two Surprise Major methods in one day. The conducting was shared by thirty-five members, Mr. W. Keeble again heading the list with fifty-five. During the year they had lost by death Mr. J. Wag-horn, sen., the oldest active ringer in the county, and for a great number of years a member of the association; also Mr. E. Scrivener, of Dunmow, an old and very loyal member.

In the belfry improvements, the peal of six at Dagenham was recast and rehung on ball bearings; and the peal at High Ongar was augmented to six and rehung in up-to-date fittings. A treble has been added to the peal at Danbury.

The financial statement was not quite so favourable as the one presented for the previous year. The total income was £62 15s. 8d., against £69 15s. 7d., the decrease being to a great extent due to the reductions in offertories for the Bell Restoration Fund £3 15s. 8d., compared with £6 11s. 7d. Expenses were £54 2s. 4d., as against £50 7s. 11d., the difference being accounted for by the additional cost of

advertisements and extra necessary printing costs. Only one grant of £5 5s. was made from the Bell Restoration Fund to Wanstead. Such fund now amounts to £42 15s. 8d. The general fund, after meeting all liabilities, showed a credit balance of £27 15s. 5d. The total assets as shown in the statement of accounts amount to: Reserve fund £240 18s. 10d. and general account £27 15s. 5d., making a total of £268 14s. 3d., which is most satisfactory.

The report concluded by expressing indebtedness to the district Masters and secretaries for the keen interest they had taken during the past year, and extending thanks to the auditors, general committee and representatives on the Central Council and the tower correspondents.

#### REFERENDUM IN ABEYANCE.

Mr. L. Wiffen inquired what had happened with the referendum which was to have been taken of the members on the proposal to alter the name of the Essex Association of Change Ringers to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

Mr. Pitstow replied that with the Master so ill it was decided to allow that matter to remain in abeyance for the present time.

Mr. E. P. Duffield moved an amendment of Rule IV. of the association in order to allow Mr. Howard to be elected a vice-president of the association, and also to include the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. He said the desire was to show appreciation of Mr. Howard's work as Master for 25 years and the splendid way he discharged the duties of that office.—Mr. E. J. Butler seconded, and the amendment was unanimously agreed to.

The Provost, in returning thanks, said the effect of his election was to link the Cathedral of Chelmsford with the ringers of Essex.

#### THE MASTERSHIP.

Mr. Pitstow read a letter from Mr. Howard stating that he very much appreciated the suggestion that he should continue as Master, with a deputy to carry on the duties, but he felt it would not be in the interests of the association to accept the honour. Although he was making progress, it was very slow, and it would be some time before he could resume normal habits. He thanked the members for the loyal support accorded him during the 25 years he had been Master. He would continue to take a keen interest in the association, and hoped to be able to attend some of the meetings.

Mr. G. Dent proposed, and Mr. G. Faulkner seconded, that Mr. E. P. Duffield be Master of the association.—Mr. G. Green proposed, and Mr. W. Keeble seconded, that Dr. Spencer Phillips be Master.—The vote was taken by a show of hands, and Mr. Duffield was elected by a majority.—The new Master then took the chair.

Mr. Alfred Pye said the members appreciated Dr. Spencer Phillips' action in standing for the Mastership, and they recognised his work for the association.

#### TALK OF 'CLEAVAGE' DEPRECATED.

The new Master said he realised the difficulty in following Mr. Howard and the tradition he had established. He appreciated the confidence shown by his election. He would not take any active part in the proposed referendum on the question whether the name of the association be changed to Chelmsford Diocesan Guild of Ringers, or whether it remain as at present. He had heard rumours that the question of changing the name was going to mean the breaking up of the association. It was distressing even to visualise such a state of affairs. To some the proposed change of name seemed vital, but to him it was not quite so vital. He asked those who thought it would possibly mean a cleavage in the association to consider if it would not be poor sport if they could not accept the decision of a majority in this matter. He hoped to hear no talk about leaving the association because members could not agree on the matter of the change of name. The committee did not want such a momentous decision to be taken at a time when Mr. Howard was compelled to withdraw his services from the association. The question would come up again when the decision was announced, and he hoped to hear no more of the talk he had alluded to (hear, hear).

The officers were then re-elected, including the Bishop of Chelmsford, president; Mr. F. J. Pitstow, hon. secretary and treasurer; Dr. Spencer Phillips, Messrs. W. Keeble, W. Lincoln, F. Dench, G. Green, the Master, secretary, District Masters, secretaries and auditors, general committee: Messrs. G. L. Joyce, G. R. Pye, W. Keeble, F. Dench, Peal Committee; Messrs. C. H. Howard, G. R. Pye, W. J. Nevard and E. J. Butler, representatives on Central Council; Messrs. W. H. Theobald and G. W. Faulkner, auditors.

The Master was elected trustee in succession to the late Mr. T. Faulkner. Mr. Stanley Hill (Feering) was elected a ringing member of the association.

Mr. Butler asked that conductors of peals in the various towers would see that full names and initials of ringers taking part in peals should be inserted in the reports sent to 'The Ringing World,' as those were the official reports for the association.

Mr. Caleb Fenn said of fourteen handbell peals last year only one had two umpires. Would it be possible to have umpires at all such peals?

The Master said the rules did not lay down anything definite about umpires. This would open a very wide field of discussion.

The Master proposed, and Mr. Dent seconded, thanks to those who took part in the service at the Cathedral, and all the incumbents of the various parishes for the use of bells.

During the day there was ringing on the bells at the Cathedral (12), Whittle, Widford, Galleywood, Boreham, Great Baddow, Great Waltham (all eight), Broomfield and Springfield (six).

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

On Whit Monday six members of the Herts Association rang four peals of Minor in the day. In the twenty-eight 720's eleven methods were included, and there were four conductors.

On Easter Monday, 1913, a similar feat was accomplished by members of the Kent County Association, but in that case all the peals were conducted by Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins (now of St. Ebbe's, Oxford).

Four peals in different Surprise Major methods were rung by the Middlesex Association on Easter Monday, 1914, at Egham and Chertsey, Surrey; Staines, Middlesex; and Old Windsor, Berks. They were all conducted by Mr. William Pyc.

After the peal at King's Norton, rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Howard Stanley, the band and other friends were kindly entertained to tea at the Bull's Head Hotel. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the musical items included 'The Diver,' by Mr. Harry Withers and company.

The band at Kelvedon, Essex, after the peal on Whit Monday, enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliott; while the company who rang the peal at Danbury on the previous Saturday were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Shadrack.

Major J. H. B. Hesse, of Haslemere, met with an accident in London on Wednesday week, after returning from the Central Council meetings. He was knocked down by a bus, and received an injury to his leg which is confining him to his room.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

### NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT AT WIMBLEDON.

A very pleasant meeting of the North-Western District was held at Wimbledon on Saturday, May 26th, about 30 ringers attending from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Chelsea, Feltham, Hampstead, Holborn, Kingsbury, Leatherhead, Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul and Christ Church), Merton, Putney, Reigate and Wimbledon. Ringing took place on the light ring of eight bells, and various methods were rung during the afternoon. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. H. Phelps), assisted by the curate (Rev. D. G. Smith). The Vicar gave a very inspiring address, in the course of which he warmly welcomed the association to Wimbledon, saying what a pleasure it always was to him whenever he heard the bells ringing.

Tea was served in the Welcome Hall, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. D. G. Smith presided. Three new ringing members were elected.

The meeting heartily congratulated Master Arthur Jones ('Tich'), of St. Peter's, Croydon, on the successful achievement of the 'Youngsters' peal at Crayford on April 21st, he being one of the youngest members of the band.

The meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service; to the curate for assisting and presiding at meeting; to the organist; and to Mr. Taylor, the local secretary, for making the arrangements.

Wimbledon tower was again open for ringing after tea for a short period. The five bells at St. Mary's, Merton, were also available until 9 p.m., and some of the expert and experienced ringers found a little difficulty in ringing Double on this light ring of five, especially at the end.

Will members please make a note that the next meeting is to be held jointly with the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Rammore Common, Dorking, on Saturday, July 28th.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The May meeting of the society was held at St. Oswald's Church, Guiseley. This is an ideal place for a summer meeting. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president being chairman. One new member was elected—Master Eddie Marsden, of Batley. Eddie is only 13 years old, the youngest member of the society, and shapes very well.

There was some discussion with regard to the place of the June meeting, and members are requested to watch the notice columns of this paper for the details of the next meeting.

Guiseley is at present without a Rector, and so the usual vote of thanks was proposed to the curate-in-charge, the churchwardens and to the local company by Mr. A. Armitage, and seconded by Mr. E. Hudson.—Mr. C. Walsh replied on behalf of the local ringers.

Members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Calverley, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Holbeck, Idle, Ossett, Pudsey, Ripon, Rothwell, Shipley, Bradford Cathedral, Dowsbury and Guiseley.

When the tower would not accommodate all the visitors, Mr. C. Walsh, one of the local ringers and a member of the Parochial Council of St. Oswald's, escorted a number of visitors round the Rectory gardens.

## MEMORIAL WINDOW DEDICATED

A stirring service was held at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, on Saturday afternoon, when Lt.-General Sir Charles Macpherson Dobell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., unveiled and the Bishop of Bangor dedicated the 17th Batt. Royal Welch Fusiliers' memorial window. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung before and after service by: Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Wolstencroft, Miss D. Brown, and Messrs. S. Brown, A. E. Pegler, sen., A. E. Pegler, jun., A. Fairlie, R. Fairlie, A. Hodgson, Hingley, A. Midwinter and W. W. Wolstencroft.



## THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

### THE CHAPEL AND THE BELLS.

This photograph shows the furnishing of St. Dunstan's Chapel, Tewkesbury Abbey, which is part of the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. The tablet on the right is that which is to be fixed in the belfry. The stained-glass window is the memorial to Mr. Davies' father (Rev. C. G. Davies), a former Vicar of Tewkesbury.



[Photo: Willmott, Bristol.]

### THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

Copies of this and other photographs taken at the Tewkesbury gathering can be obtained from Mr. E. Guise, 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2, price 6d. each, plus 1½d. each supply for postage.

### HISTORY OF THE BELLS.

BY E. DENISON TAYLOR.

There must have been bells hanging in this Norman tower possibly from the period of its erection, but of these ancient ones—that is, before 1696—all trace is lost, unless indeed the Abbey registers contain records there ament.

However, in 1696, the protagonist of the long and honourable line of Rudhalls, the first Abraham Rudhall, cast the ring of eight for the Abbey, of which eight only three survive to-day, and whether or no into his eight bells the good Abraham recast any ancient ones I cannot say, for I fear 1696 was a period when people were not archaeologically minded, and simply they could not deem it of any interest to carry forward a record of ancient things previously existing. I don't think that it was any sense of disrespect, but they did not realise that the old 'stuff' could be of any concern to anyone.

Anyway I should say that when Abraham Rudhall cast and hung the peal here in 1696 that would probably be the inception of change ringing in Tewkesbury. As a matter of history that year was about

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## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### MARLBOROUGH BRANCH MISSIONARY MEETING.

With the object of endeavouring to persuade the local band of ringers to join the Guild, a well attended meeting of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Ramsbury on Saturday, May 26th. The towers represented included Marlborough St. Mary's, Chiseldon, Aldbourne, Ramsbury, Ogbourne St. George and Chilton Foliat, while visitors were present from Devizes and Newbury. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Hackett, and tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, about thirty sitting down.

The Vicar welcomed the ringers to his parish, and expressed the hope that they would pay another visit in the near future.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, chairman of the Devizes Branch, spoke of the friendly spirit which existed among all bands of ringers, and urged the Ramsbury men to join the Guild.

After tea the Devizes ringers rang touches of Triples and several tunes on their handbells, for which they were heartily applauded. Methods rung on the tower bells during the afternoon and evening included Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, with rounds and call changes for the less experienced members of the party.

## MINOR RINGERS ON COUNCIL.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry Mr. Pulling thinks that I am giving a wrong impression to other Guilds, but I have, on more than one occasion in my life, found it impossible to give 'wrong impressions' to other folk when they have been equally aware of the facts of the case as myself, and I take it, Sir, that the 'other guilds' are all fully aware as to whether they have, or not, a Minor ringer as one of their representatives on the Central Council. Under such circumstances I fail to see how any 'wrong impression' can be given. As to 'not playing the game,' I must ask Mr. Pulling to apply that accusation to himself. People who read only his statement as to what I said will certainly be given a 'wrong impression.' I certainly did not say 'that no one from a six-bell tower is good enough for the Central Council.' Such a statement is altogether against my opinion. When we write to the Press we must be prepared for criticism, of course, but I ask Mr. Pulling to criticise what I did say, and not what I did not say.

Certainly I know that my own Guild has a six-bell man as one of its representatives. My contention is that Minor ringers are inadequately represented on the Central Council, and quoting isolated cases will not disprove that statement.

Cranleigh.

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

## THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Whitechurch, Canonicham, Dorset, on Saturday, May 26th, after an attempt for a peal had failed owing to a shift course, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, from Holt's Original): C. H. Lathey 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 3, E. P. Bailey 4, C. W. H. Powell 5, G. H. Whitmore 6, F. Price 7, W. G. Sartin 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

On Saturday, May 26th, for the birthday of Queen Mary, at Stanton Drew, Somerset, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung after a peal had been lost. It was the first quarter-peal on the bells: Cæsar Davis 1, Jeffrey Tossell 2, Ernest Tossell 3, Leonard Derrick 4, F. Cecil Mogford (conductor) 5.

**TEWKESBURY ABBEY BELLS**—continued from previous column. midway through the reign of William of Orange, otherwise William III., and shortly after the demise of his wife, Mary. You will recall that during her life they reigned as equal sovereigns, William and Mary.

But very soon trouble must have arisen in the belfry, otherwise why should the 7th of the eight, now the 11th of twelve, bear the date 1717—that was in the reign of George I.? Something must have gone wrong, and only 21 years after the installation of the peal; and again eight years later, in 1725, the 2nd of the eight, now the 6th of the twelve, was recast—in both instances by the original founder, the first Abraham Rudhall.

In 1743 the treble of the eight, now the 5th of the twelve, appears to have succumbed and, the good Abraham having passed away, this was recast by Abel Rudhall. This would be in the reign of George II., and the year is of interest as it is the date of the battle of Dettingen, wherein George II. showed great bravery and sagacity, and it was the last battle in which a King of England took a personal share.

There was no further calamity in the belfry for nearly a century, not until 1837, the year of the accession of good Queen Victoria, and then the 5th and tenor of eight were recast, the former suffering again as recently as 1914.

Your last issue gives details of the work done in the additions to and the restoration of the peal, in commemoration of one of the most esteemed members of the Exercise, and it is to be hoped that this work will carry his honoured name down through centuries to come.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. CIVIC AND ECCLESIASTICAL WELCOME.

The Business Meeting at Warwick.

In our last issue we gave a summary of the proceedings of the Central Council at Warwick on Whitsun Tuesday. To-day we begin the more detailed report of the business meeting, held in the Court House, and which, with an interval for lunch, lasted from 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Eighty-eight elected representatives were present from 41 out of 51 affiliated societies, and 12 out of 14 honorary members also attended.

When the Council assembled, Alderman Malins, Deputy Mayor, with whom was Alderman W. T. Collier, expressed regret at the absence of the Mayor of Warwick, who was detained by another engagement. On his behalf and on behalf of the inhabitants of Warwick, Alderman Malins extended a warm welcome to the Council. He hoped when they had finished the conference they would find much in Warwick that would still interest them, and that when they left they would carry away pleasant memories.

The Lord Bishop of Coventry offered the Council a similar welcome on behalf of the Church in the diocese of Coventry, in which they were met. Originally in the diocese of Lichfield, which was one of the oldest and largest dioceses in England, stretching from North Lancashire down to Oxford, with three centres—Coventry, Lichfield and Chester—Warwickshire, only a hundred years ago was placed in the diocese of Worcester, but in 1918 the diocese of Coventry was founded, so like the hymn book the diocese was both ancient and modern, and it was one of the happiest, most united and best dioceses in England (applause). Continuing, the Bishop said he did not know much about bells and the mysterious personalities of bellringers, but he was lent a little book of 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' and he confessed that his brain was going round in circles after glancing through it. In that part of the country they knew something about what hunting meant, and even what coursing meant, and possibly some people knew a little about 'doubles' (laughter) and even surprises, but when those things were transferred to the church tower and became mixed up with leads, peals and Triples, some of them, he confessed, felt they had 'bats in the belfry' (laughter). The Bishop went on to say that they had some interesting old bells in their Warwickshire churches, two at least of the 13th century at Hasemere and Oldberrow, and added that, although he knew little about bells, his heart always went up when he heard a good peal rung.

### BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

Bellringers, said the Bishop, had the high vocation of linking the parson and church-going folk with the great multitudes of those who did not go to church—the world and the Church met in the oddest way in the church towers. It was true some people complained, and some even cursed and swore, when they heard church bells rung, but there were many whose thoughts were turned to higher things when they heard the sounds of the church bells. He welcomed the ringers to that diocese; he hoped their ministry would long flourish, and that there would never be wanting a due supply of those younger men to take their place. He hoped they would enjoy their stay in Warwick, and that their discussions would give them both pleasure and profit (applause).

The President thanked Alderman Malins and the Lord Bishop for their welcome and the civic authorities for placing that beautiful room at their disposal. The art of ringing went far back into history, and they liked to retain old traditions and to meet, if possible, in an old building with historic associations, which seemed to be a fitting setting for their gatherings. They regretted that the Mayor was not able to be with them, but they would not like to feel that if he had been present they would have missed the presence of Alderman Malins. The members of the Council very much appreciated the old town of Warwick. Many of them had already seen a good deal of the town and district, and found it a most enjoyable place; they had also been ringing on some of the historic bells in the district. Mr. Lewis added that they very much appreciated having the Lord Bishop to welcome them, because it was one of their main ideals to emphasise the official position of ringers in the Church, and they very much appreciated it when high authorities of the Church recognised that fact and came to welcome them. The Bishop had referred to the fact that some people were sometimes driven to cursing and swearing when they heard the sound of church bells. That was one of the problems with which the Council had been trying to deal, because they believed that most of that inappropriate language (laughter) was caused when the bells were not properly rung. There were very few of the public—a very small minority—who could not listen to bells with a certain amount of pleasure, provided the bells were rung properly, but ringers themselves could quite understand the objection some people had to bells when they were jangled. That was one of the ideals the Council set before themselves, and would have to do so more in the future. In these days of nerves, when the public could not stand noise, they had to set before them the ideal of having the bells rung in perfect rhythm and what ringers called 'good striking.' If they did that they

would have accomplished a good deal to remove one of the great causes of annoyance to the public (applause).

At the request of the president, the Bishop then offered prayer, and he and the Deputy Mayor, with Alderman Collier, afterwards withdrew.

### BUSINESS BEGINS.

The business opened with a report by the hon. secretary on the constitution of the Council. There was, he said, no alteration in the membership of the Council, which was composed of 51 associations, represented by 128 members. The honorary members numbered 14, making a total of 142. The only subscription unpaid was that of the Shropshire Association.

The President said three honorary members retired this year, viz., Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. S. H. Wood. There was one vacancy, left by resolution of the Council last year. The Standing Committee recommended that the three retiring honorary members should be re-elected, and they also recommended that Mr. E. C. S. Turner be elected to the vacant place, kept for an emergency.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell proposed, and Mr. W. A. Cave seconded, the adoption of the Standing Committee's recommendation.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked for information about Mr. Turner, who was unknown to many of the Council.

The President said Mr. Turner was a member of the Middlesex Association and lived in Middlesex. His election was recommended by the Standing Committee in order that his services might be available on the Methods Committee. That committee would shortly be engaged on the preparation of a 'Collection of Surprise Major Methods,' and this was work which Mr. Turner was capable of doing.

The elections were agreed to *nem con*.

The President next expressed regret that during the past year the Council had lost one member and two old members by death. The member was Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, who had been a member of the Council since 1912, and had been present at six meetings. He was, said the President, what one might call one of the 'silent' members, but he (the President) did not consider that because a man was silent at a meeting he was not doing good work for the Council in other ways. They were very sorry to hear of Mr. Matthews' death. The Council was represented at the funeral, and a letter was written by the hon. secretary to the relatives and a wreath was sent on behalf of the Council. They had also lost an old member in the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who represented the Chester Guild from 1911 to 1926, and was an honorary member from 1927 to 1929. During that time he was present at 14 meetings and only missed three. He was on the Analysis Committee, and was secretary of his own Guild from 1907 to 1926 and treasurer from 1908 to 1932. Mr. Beeston was also somewhat of a silent member, as far as speeches were concerned, but he did an extraordinary amount of work for the Exercise and the Council in his own quiet way. He (the president) knew him very well for eight years, while he was residing in Cheshire, and appreciated his friendship very much indeed. He was a delightful man in his quiet way. Before being ordained he had been in business and had a great capacity for figures, and his setting out of methods and his work in compiling the analysis and all his secretarial work was a model of what such things should be. He was so impressed by what Mr. Beeston did that he was partly responsible for getting him kept on the Council. In the old days the Chester Guild sent two members to the Council, and the various branches took it in turn to elect them, so that the Council representatives could never be more than semi-permanent. He (the president) got that changed by getting the Chester Guild to send three members, one of which should be the secretary, which meant that the Council was able to retain Mr. Beeston's services on the Council. In addition to serving on the Analysis Committee, Mr. Beeston was one of the first members of the Records Committee, on which he did a lot of work in compiling the old records. Unfortunately they did not know of his death until a little time afterwards, so no action was taken at the time, but he thought the Council would like to authorise the secretary to write a letter to the widow. They had also lost Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., who was a representative of the Royal Cumberland Youths from 1897 to 1908, and was present at 12 meetings, which was the highest possible. Mr. Waghorn was a very old ringer and one of the oldest members of his society. There again they did not know of his death in time to take official action, and they would, he was sure, like to send a letter to the relatives. The Council regretted the loss of these three gentlemen who had done so much for the Council in the past, and he asked the members to stand in the usual way.

The Council stood in silence for a few moments.

### THE 'STEDMAN' BELLS.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, which, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed, with the addition of the name of Mr. F. W. Rogers to the list of new members presented to the president, Mr. E. M. Atkins asked what action was taken on the resolution expressing the hope that the Stedman bells (at St. Bene't's, Cambridge) 'would be rung regularly to the glory of God by a local band of ringers.'

The Hon. Secretary said the matter was referred to the Ely Diocesan Association, as in the event of any restriction being placed on the ringing of the bells by the Church authorities, the matter could

be more conveniently dealt with by the local association than by the Council.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, who is hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, said attention was drawn to the resolution at the annual meeting on Easter Monday. The meeting duly considered it and left it lying on the table.

Coming to the business of dealing with the committee's reports, the President reminded the members that under the new rules all reports of committees had to be sent in fourteen days before the meeting. Some of them had been, and had consequently been circulated to the members. Others which had come in since had been circulated that day. The whole idea was to save the time of the meeting, and secondly, which was more important, that by having them in the hands of the members beforehand they might come forward with, perhaps, more constructive criticism than was possible if they had only just heard the reports read a moment before.

#### THE COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

The following report was presented by the hon. librarian:—

'This has been a year of great activity in the library. Firstly, about 11 cwt. of books had to find a new home; then, secondly, the publication of "Hints" awoke a large demand. Nearly 3,000 sales must surely be a record for one year. A vast quantity of books remain in stock, and seems to be wanted at a very slow rate. Various smaller publications, such as "The Law of Church Bells," will probably want reprinting during the coming year. The Method Sheets of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples became exhausted and had to be reprinted. I would suggest a smaller size of sheet which might be carried conveniently in a ringer's pocket, costing one penny.

'The most interesting series of letters were from an officer in the Indian Navy asking for help so that the bells at Colaba might be chimed in proper changes. Sales during 1933-34 included: Glossary 24 (left in stock 968), Rules and Decisions 8 (30), Collection of Peals No. 1 9 (199), ditto No. 2 7 (404), ditto No. 3 2 (601), Plain Major and Caters 8 (135), Doubles and Minor 44 (102), Corrignenda Leaflets 1, Model Rules for a Local Company 28 (92), Report of Conference, S.P.A.B. 3 (245), Card of Instructions 26 (374), On the Preservation of Bells (limp) 7 (97), ditto (stiff) 10 (29), The Law of Church Bells 39 (54), Method Sheets, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, 55 (475), ditto, Cambridge Surprise, 19 (140), ditto, Double Norwich and Cambridge Court, 26 (24), ditto, Bristol, 41 (126), Bell Towers and Hanging 2, (1), Hints for Instructors 2,562 (1,438). The total sales were 2,921, amounting to £35 12s. 10d., with 5,524 copies of publications, valued at £185 4s. 4d., left in stock.'

After deducting expenses and cost of advertising a balance of £24 0s. 10d. was available for the general fund.

#### WORKS FOR THE LIBRARY.

In moving the adoption of the report the Hon. Librarian said when he took over the publications they could imagine his consternation when he had 11 cwt. of literature dumped upon him. They had been able to reduce it considerably, but he hoped it would be possible to reduce it still more considerably. He omitted, in writing the report to mention that Mrs. Jenkyn had kindly presented to the Council's library copies of 'The Ringing World' up to 1932. They were deeply indebted to her for these copies. Mr. Fletcher had kindly given a copy for last year. They had acquired by purchase a copy of the County Bell History of Lincolnshire, and at the meeting of the Standing Committee on the previous evening they were offered copies of other county histories. He commended to anyone who had spare copies of any of the county volumes on bells that it was very desirable that the Central Council should possess such copies, so that information might be accessible to any who desired to ascertain the history of the bells of any particular tower. If there were any members of the Council who were also members of the Diocesan Advisory Committees they would know how valuable it was to be able to lay hands beforehand on information about the age of bells in order to know whether it was desirable or not to have them recast. Therefore the more county histories the Council could accumulate the better; the more by gift the better still. There was to be a recommendation put before them that they should be empowered to buy, where possible, County histories.

The adoption of the report was seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

The President said the Standing Committee recommended that the hon. librarian should be given power to renew stocks of books in common demand, and that the sum of £5 be available in any one year for the purchase of books for the library; also that the officers might, at their discretion, reduce the price of surplus stocks. One or two of their publications were getting rather low, and the librarian would like to have their authority to reprint them as considered necessary. There were certain large stocks of old publications, and they would also like the Council's authority to open a 'bargain basement' (laughter).

Mr. E. W. Marsh said £5 would not go very far in the purchase of county histories.

The President: We must limit the amount; our funds are not inexhaustible.

The recommendations of the Standing Committee were agreed to and the librarian's report was adopted.

#### COUNCIL'S FINANCES

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer presented the statement of the Council's accounts. The receipts were made up as follows: Balance,

Whitsun, 1933, £67 12s. 2d.; subscriptions, arrears 1932-33, £1, 1933-34, £31 10s.; hon. members, £2 2s. 6d.; interest, £5; sale of publications, £24 0s. 10d.; total, £131 5s. 6d. Expenses: Publications, £23 15s.; Library, purchase of 'Church Bells of Lincolnshire,' 16s. 9d.; memorials voted at last meeting, Sir A. P. Heywood £10 10s., Rev. H. Law James £5 5s., Mr. Edwin Barnett £3 3s., Mr. Henry W. Wilde £3 5s., carriage, packing and insurance of library and publications £6 10s. 9d., advertising £1 18s. 6d.; stationery and printing, £6 8s.; other items, £5 3s. 8d.; balance, £34 11s. 9d. The Council's investments consist of £71 3/4 per cent. Conversion Stock and £63 0s. 9d. Consolidated Stock. The Treasurer stated that the income was short this year of the subscriptions of the Shropshire Association and the St. Clement Youths. The St. Clement Youths' subscription was paid on May 19th, but the Shropshire Association subscription was not paid.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, one of the auditors, proposed the adoption of the accounts, and congratulated the secretary upon the clear way in which they were set out, which made the audit an easy matter (applause).

Mr. J. H. Swinfield seconded, and the accounts were adopted.

The President said under the new rules the Council had, at each triennial meeting, to appoint two auditors, but as they had not come to their first London meeting under the new rules they had got to appoint auditors for the remaining period. The Standing Committee recommended that Messrs. A. A. Hughes and C. T. Coles be elected auditors to serve until the next London meeting.

The recommendation was agreed to.

#### RINGING MACHINES.

Mr. E. A. Young presented the report of the trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine, now in the Science Museum, South Kensington. It was demonstrated on April 28th, and found to be in working order. Mr. Young said he was quite satisfied with the way the machine worked. It worked quite as well as in the previous year, and rang a plain course of Grandsire Cinques. A few weeks later a visit was paid by employees of the Instrument Makers Company. They were men highly acquainted with mechanical and electrical mechanism, and made some shrewd comments with regard to the machine. He (Mr. Young) was very satisfied with the way in which the machine was being looked after, and he congratulated the Council on the fact that the machine had been placed in the safe custody of the Museum.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. Young's co-trustee, seconded the report, which was adopted, and the demonstrator's fee ordered to be paid.

Canon Elsee mentioned that there was another ringing machine already in working order, and now being put into an improved form. It was a machine invented by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedburgh, Yorks. Some members of the Council, he believed, had seen it. Mr. Woodhouse was an ex-schoolmaster, who, with more leisure, was devoting himself to working in science. He had been for many years a keen ringer, and had invented this ringing machine, which had already rung 104 methods of Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major. If the Council would care to see it, Mr. Woodhouse would be ready to attend at the next Council meeting and bring the machine with him and give a demonstration (applause). He (Canon Elsee) believed that Mr. Woodhouse's machine was somewhat simpler in construction than the Carter machine, but the best proof would be if the members saw it for themselves. He was sure it would give the members much pleasure and interest.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake said the machine not only rang the methods but printed a diagram at the same time.

The President moved that the Council accept Mr. Woodhouse's kind offer to exhibit the machine at the next meeting. He added that he did not know why Mr. Woodhouse had not been a member of the Council. He was a most capable man.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards: He has never been free at Whitsuntide.

The President's motion was agreed to, and the members inspected with interest a photograph of the machine and diagrams which it had produced, which were passed round by Canon Elsee.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE

It was reported that the Standing Committee, at their meetings on Monday evening and Tuesday morning, had considered the agenda and various recommendations had been or would be placed before the Council. The 'Collection of Triples Methods' had been received from the Methods Committee, and 750 copies had been ordered to be printed. With regard to the vacancy on the Standing Committee, caused by the death of Mr. J. D. Matthews, the committee recommended that Mr. E. Denison Taylor be asked to fill the vacancy.

The President moved the adoption of the report, which was agreed to, and Mr. Taylor, in expressing thanks for his election to the committee, said he would do all in his power to help the Central Council in its work.

(To be continued.)

#### A CORRECTION.

Through an error, Mr. C. Moe was stated in the summary of the meeting in our last issue to have opposed the recognition of the Bankes James Arrangement of peals of Minor. Actually he supported it on behalf of Suffolk ringers. Mr. W. A. Cave, also, did not oppose the motion.



**DEATH OF MR. F. W. H. SERGISON.****SECRETARY OF ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.**

We announce with regret the death of Mr. Francis William Henry Sergison, secretary of St. Clement's Youths, London. He passed away at the age of 48 on May 23rd, after eight months' painful illness. The deceased was closely associated with the historic parish of St. Clement Danes, Strand, and, though it was only in later years that he had become one of its church bellringers, he had fulfilled many important parochial offices with ability since 1904. At the time of his death he was its representative on the Deanery of Westminster Committee of Finance. He was also a manager of St. Clement Danes' Parish Schools and secretary of St. Clement Danes' Social and Benevolent Society.

Some 12 years ago Mr. Sergison took up ringing, and helped to form the local St. Clement's Youths. He also became a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the London County Association and of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, with which he rang his first peal at Southampton in 1925.

The funeral took place at Wembley on Friday last, the service being at St. Clement's, and taken, in the absence abroad of the Rector (Rev. W. Pennington Bickford), by the Rev. W. Kingston, M.A., who gave a brief address.

Mr. Cotter (churchwarden) read the lesson, and Mr. Bulmer (organist) and a full choir were present. The hymns were 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' 'Oh! when thy life is flushed with tender light,' and, as a Requiem, 'He giveth His beloved sleep' (written by Mrs. L. Pennington-Bickford). At the close of the service Chopin's 'Funeral March' was played. There were present, beside the mourners, a number of deceased's colleagues from the Railway Clearing House and many fellow-workers in the parish. Amongst ringers present were Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Young, W. Roughton and G. R. Fardon.

The service concluded with Chopin's Funeral March, and, as the body was carried from the church, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung by the following: E. G. Fenn 1, Miss D. Bryant 2, T. Benney 3, R. W. Green 4, C. F. Winney 5, J. F. Hawkins 6, A. B. Peck 7, H. R. Passmore 8, H. Langdon 9, W. Prime 10, the bells being half-muffled.

Thus in farewell, and rising clear above the roar of London's traffic, came the sad music of the bells he had loved so well.



The late Mr. F. W. H. Sergison.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

**SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Trinity Sunday, for morning service, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. F. Swann 1, J. H. Wilde (first quarter-peal) 2, H. E. Parker 3, W. H. Hall 4, W. H. Fung 5, W. G. Anker 6, B. G. Leedham (conductor) 7, F. R. Trinder 8.

**ISLEWORTH.**—At All Saints', on May 23rd, on the opening of the new Church Hall by the Bishop of Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: Miss Olive Ashbrook (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Gutteridge 2, W. Coles 3, Miss Doris Liddbetter (first quarter-peal of Caters) 4, J. Pratt (conductor) 5, W. Gutteridge 6, W. Darvill 7, F. Corke 8, F. Goodfellow 9, C. Hunt 10. —On Sunday, May 27th, for special service and church parade of the Hounslow District Girl Guides, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): Miss Olive Ashbrook 1, Mrs. Phillis Humphrey 2, \*J. E. Churchill 3, Miss Frances Humphrey 4, W. Ellingham 5, E. C. Turner (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, H. Folkhard 8, J. H. Trollope 9, \*H. Brooks 10.

\* First quarter on 10 bells.

**LATE NOTICE.**

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION & NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—June meetings: St. Clement Danes, Strand, June 3rd, Sunday morning service ringing 10 a.m.; June 11th and 25th, practices at 7.30 p.m. Also on Tuesday, June 26th, members are invited to a combined practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, at 8 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 67, Canonbie Rd., S.E.23.

**NOTICES.**

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, and tea at the Red Lion afterwards. Please let me have numbers for tea as early as possible.—A. H. Smith, Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at High Ongar on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Rector is kindly entertaining the members to tea.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, June 2nd. All Saints', Hastings, open for ringing 2 p.m. and after meeting; Christ Church, St. Leonards, 6.30 till 8 p.m. Special service at All Saints' 4.30. Meat tea, Corner House Restaurant, Fishmarket, 5.15, followed by meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. (members 1s. 3d.). Half rail to resident members (maximum 2s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Cavendish on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting at the George Hotel.—Harold G. Herbert, Dis. Sec., Sudbury and Clare.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, in Parish Room, at 5 p.m. Shepperton bells (5) available between 3.15 and 4.15. A pleasant outing for your family!—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at The Oaks-in-Charnwood Church on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield (8 bells) on Saturday, June 2nd. For tea please notify Mr. T. Kitson, Church Street, Ecclesfield. Cup contest at Clowne July 21st.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.



**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District. — The annual general meeting will be held at St. George in the Borough, Southwark ('Little Dorrit's' Church) on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me, Marjorie L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent?

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at King's Somborne on Saturday, June 2nd. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea, at the Vicarage, by kind invitation. Please let me know if you are coming. Stockbridge and Longstock bells open to the members.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on June 2nd. Bells ready during afternoon and evening. Tea provided by the Rector (Rev. W. E. Mills). All ringers heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Meeting at 5.15 p.m.—E. Swain.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Newton, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea may be had at the café close to the church at a nominal charge. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided, for which a small charge will be made.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Ickleton, June 2nd. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Spratton (five bells) to-morrow, Saturday, June 2nd. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 6.15 p.m.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Hurst on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 5th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 12th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, St. Andrew's on the 21st, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—

Next meeting at Pinner, June 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.40 at 1s. Please advise me by June 6th. Frequent trains from Baker Street. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley (not Bagshot) on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at The Lindens. Notifications for tea by June 6th.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea, 1s. each, at the Dog Inn at 4.30. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. C. Magraw, the next by-meeting will be held at Ash, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Please let me know of your intention to be present by Thursday, June 7th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will take place at Walsden on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is the first meeting of the branch at the above tower and a good attendance is expected. Tea will be served in the school at 1s. per head to all who send the names to Mr. H. Davenport, Spring View, Walsden, not later than Wednesday, June 6th.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint fellowship gathering of the four Dorset Branches will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8), also Bere Regis, Hilton and Puddletown, available from 2.30 p.m. Special service at 4 p.m., preacher the Lord Bishop of Salisbury. Tea to follow in the Mansion House, chair to be taken by the President of the Guild, Lord Shaftesbury. Parties will be shown over the Mansion House, St. Catherine's Chapel, gardens and grounds. Those travelling by motor-cars must obtain printed slip to display on the vehicle; pedestrians and cyclists must obtain a card of admission. Entrance by South Lodge. Application for cards and slips must be made early to Mr. C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanfrechfa on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. (Twelve minutes' walk from Ponthir Railway Station.)—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altrern View, Newport, Mon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next meeting for ringing only will be held at Heversham and Beetham on June 9th. Bells will be available as follows: Heversham (6) at 2.30 and Beetham (6) at 3.30.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Reopening North Forest Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newent, Glos., on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of officers, etc. Please notify by June 2nd how many will attend from your tower so that I can make arrangements for tea, which is by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. C. J. K. Burnett.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

**MOULTON, NORTHAMPTON.**—Dedication of the two Carey bells, June 9th, 3 p.m. (Carey Centenary), by Rev. J. White, Rural Dean. Great united service in churchyard, address by Carey's great-grandson. Tea 4.45 (1s.). Handbells. Tickets, Moulton Vicarage. Apply early. Bells available. A musical ring of 8.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Elland on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. Apply, Mr. W. Ainley, 2, Whitwell Green Lane, Dewsbury Road, Elland, not later than June 6th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

**WALKHAMPTON, DEVON.**—Ring of six, tenor 8½ cwt. Rehung in a new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Re-dedication by the Bishop of Plymouth on Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea available.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, June 9th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Visitors make their own arrangements for tea. Shield contest will be held at Wortley on Saturday, July 14th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tower closed for practice after June 16th. Entrance fee (6s. per band) and subscriptions to prize fund be sent by Wednesday, July 4th, to A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from three o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at Battle Axes Hotel. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 6th?—Nailsea bells available during the evening.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 9d. each. For tea notify Mr. R. Guy, Lunt Lane, Sefton Blundesands, by June 6th. Special method, Double Court. Bus, Spellow Lane to Sefton Church, 2.30 p.m. and hourly. Well worth a visit.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—West Tyne District.—A meeting will be held at Newton Hall on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers will be welcome and a good muster is desired.—R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Long Crendon on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All those requiring tea, please notify Rev. D. R. A. Williams, The Vicarage, Long Crendon, by Wednesday, June 6th.—Richard A. Post, Hon. Sec., 21, Old Road, Headington, Oxford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Hillesden on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send numbers for tea by June 6th. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15, with an address by the Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Parry. Tea 5 p.m. at a moderate charge. Please notify the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, The Rectory, Bigby, Barnetby, by the Wednesday previous. Business meeting to follow tea. All welcome.—H. S. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.**—Restoration of the bells by Mears and Stainbank. A thanksgiving service will be held in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 9th, when all ringers will be welcome. Ringing after the service. Please notify me by June 6th if requiring tea, 1s. each.—R. W. Atkins, Ashridge, Glade Road, Marlow.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting at Wilburton, near Ely, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Royal Oak 5 p.m. A very good bus service all ways. All ringers welcomed, including 'Katie's.' If possible please notify by postcard.—F. Warrington, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—(Northern District).—On Saturday, June 9th, a meeting will be held at Knebworth. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service followed by tea at 5 p.m. at the Lytton Arms. Learners will be welcomed. Make this a real 'jubilee' meeting. Numbers for tea to me by previous Wednesday, please.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Baslow on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, June 9th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. J. Cottrill, 38, Congleton Road, Biddulph, not later than June 6th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Owing to inability to secure Newton Tower, the June meeting is postponed until June 23rd. This will be run in conjunction with the Lancashire Association Committee meeting, and will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church. Further details later.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Escrick on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service in Church 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea (1s. 6d. per head) please advise Mr. Anderson, Black Bull Inn, Escrick, by Thursday, June 14th?—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby, Yorkshire.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area, viz., the Barnsley and District, the Doncaster and District, and the Sheffield and District Societies, will be held by kind invitation at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in the open if fine, at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. C. F. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, by Wednesday, the 13th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, June 11th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 13th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. per head, arranged for all who notify Mr. J. Hague, The Smithy, Tarleton, not later than Thursday, June 14th. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The jubilee meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 12th certain. All ringers welcome.—William E. Clarke, Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Belbroughton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, June 12th?—W. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs, on Saturday, July 14th. Further particulars later.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—The new peal of 12 bells, complete with new frame, etc., by Taylor's, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing all day from 10.30 a.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise only. Further particulars later.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynham Road, Trowbridge.

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