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## MAINTAINING A RINGERS' JOURNAL.

At long last there appears to be a growing recognition of the fact that if ringers require a cheaper paper, it is they who must provide the means, through a larger circulation. There are over twenty thousand ringers, nearly all of them change-ringers, in the fifty societies affiliated to the Central Council. Not one in five is a subscriber to the one paper that is run solely in the interests of their art. A considerably larger proportion read the paper, but they do not all buy it. The Central Council discussed the subject at their meeting in London and members and affiliated societies are to be asked for suggestions.

As far as 'The Ringing World' itself is concerned, the only complaint voiced against it was on the question of price. Everyone knows that quantity regulates price and the larger the quantity produced the cheaper the article can be sold. If the ringers of this country will increase their support of 'The Ringing World' sufficiently they can have a cheaper paper. To increase the circulation to a sufficient extent to bring the price down to twopence ought not to be beyond the powers of the Exercise. The Central Council, through the hon. secretary, will be glad to receive suggestions, and those who now 'pay and grumble' together with those who grumble but don't pay, have the opportunity of putting forward any practicable proposals that they may have.

The thing that we want to emphasise most in this campaign now launched is its bearing on the future of ringing. It is only natural that ringers should look upon the subject from their personal viewpoint, but we would like them to see it from a wider angle. The importance of subscribing to 'The Ringing World' is not only concerned with reducing the price which they have to pay, but with the maintenance of the art itself. We do not suggest that ringing would come to an end without a ringing paper—of course it would not do so. But there would be a gradually increasing lack of interest which would react upon the general organisation and progress of the art, and in the long run seriously affect the fortunes of the associations. For the co-ordination of the Exercise, therefore, and for the maintenance of that interest by which alone the art can be promoted in the best way, a ringing journal is a vital necessity. It will be interesting to watch the results which this new effort produces. There were suggestions made at the Central Council meeting, as reported on another page; other people may, perhaps, be able to supplement them. They will all be carefully considered and anything practicable that will lead, first of all to securing a journal for the Exercise for the future and secondly make it an economical proposition to reduce the price, will, we can assure our readers, be acted upon.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. Treble	*ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... .. 7
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	THOMAS BEVAN ... .. 8
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 3	*ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 9
MRS. CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 4	ALFRED HOUSE ... .. 10
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... .. 11
GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 6	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. Treble	LRWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 8
LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. 3	JACK A. WAUGH ... .. 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 10
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 11
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 6	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Mr. James Bennett's 100th twelve-bell peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GEORGE SPERRING ... .. Treble	JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
FRED HARTMAN ... .. 3	SAMUEL JONES ... .. 7
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method by all except R. Sperring.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS DORIS DOBBIE ... .. Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 5
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... .. 6
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 3	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 4	ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY NEWMAN ... .. Treble	HENRY DANIELS ... .. 5
THOMAS WORRALL ... .. 2	JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 6
GEORGE CONDECK ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. JONES ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. BARNETT ... .. 4	ALBERT MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung for the 42nd birthday of His Majesty King Edward VIII.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5
HARRY BAKER ... .. 2	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 4	*JAMES W. SPILLETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King Edward VIII. Ringer of 4th from Southsea, 6th from Plymouth.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. Treble	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 7
R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 4	C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. E. WIGG.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise by all except the ringers of 6th and tenor, as conductor, and on the bells. R. A. Post's 100th peal. Rung, after the induction service, as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Harold Pickles, formerly Vicar of West Wycombe, Bucks.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE PARSONS ... .. 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 2	REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY ... .. 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... .. 3	LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 7
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The conductor's 1,400th peal.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,

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

LANXON'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HENRY WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	PHILIP J. HITCHENS ... .. 5
*FREDERICK HARRIS ... .. 2	CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 6
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... .. 7
JOHN WOOD ... .. 4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

\* First peal on eight 'inside.' Rung in honour of the King's birthday and to mark the 26th anniversary of the dedication of Truro Cathedral bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 5
HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 2	*ARTHUR R. WOODWARD ... .. 6
JAMES ROSE ... .. 3	CHARLES SHEMMING ... .. 7
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. 4	SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by SHELFORD SPARROW.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday. \* First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor. A. Grimwood has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary for Sunday evensong on May 10th, 1232 Bob Major: B. Norman (longest length of Major) 1, B. Wayman 2, J. Parish 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, F. C. Ginn 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, M. Ginn 7, R. Smith 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 2	RICHARD J. STONE ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

*FRANK H. HICKS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... .. 2	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	*CHARLES BRASIER ... .. 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 4	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King. The ringers of treble, 5 and 7 belong to Rotherfield and this is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells in which local ringers have taken part.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

PHILIP HODGKIN ... .. Treble	H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
PERCY PAGE ... .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 7
WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The composition, No. 363, is rung for the first time.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY ... .. Treble	*EDWIN LLOYD ... .. 5
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. 6
KENNETH A. ROE ... .. 3	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... .. 7
RICHARD F. ROE ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

ARTHUR KNIGHTS' No. 24.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	RAYMOND WOOD ... .. 5
THOMAS DENYER ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
CHARLES W. DENYER ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Nancie Denyer, sister of ringers of 2 and 3, and Mr. Reginald Whitford, who were married at Aldershot on Monday, June 29th, both bride and groom being ringers at Aldershot.

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MARKET DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Guthlac,

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

Being seven 720's:—

- (1) Hanley, Milton, Allendale, Westminster.  
 (2) Rossendale, Stamford, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Annable's London, Netherscale.  
 (3) Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham, Berwick, Hexham.  
 (4) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre.  
 (5) Chester, Newcastle, Munden, Alnwick.  
 (6) London, Wells, Cuneastre.  
 (7) Cambridge, Hull, Bourn, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY *Treble* | THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4  
 \* CHARLES W. WOODS ... 2 | † HARRY GIBBARD ... 5  
 HORACE M. DAY ... 3 | THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... *Tenor*  
 Arranged by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in 32 methods. † First peal in 32 methods 'inside.'  
 This peal was arranged and rung for the second time so that all the seven ringers who have practised together could ring it 'inside.'

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Four callings.

\* MISS ELEANOR REEVE ... *Treble* | \* WILLIAM GARROLD ... 4  
 ALBERT A. FLEMING ... 2 | JOHN CROOKS ... 5  
 \* MISS BARTHOLOMEW REEVE ... 3 | \* VERDUN VENN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by A. A. FLEMING.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method by all.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Being two 720's of Single Court, two 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Oxford Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

F. GARRETT ... *Treble* | T. M. GRIFFIN ... 4  
 W. SHERBORNE ... 2 | G. F. GRIFFIN ... 5  
 A. MUNDY ... 3 | F. CARTER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by G. F. GRIFFIN.

This peal was rung for the jubilee of the Rector, the Rev. A. E. Hunt. It was the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

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

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Single Court. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... *Treble* | CECIL J. MAYER ... 4  
 JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 2 | GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 5  
 WALTER TOMLINSON ... 3 | GEORGE E. FEIRN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Rung within the octave of the patronal festival.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

SIDNEY FLINT ... *Treble* | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4  
 ALFRED E. BACON ... 2 | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5  
 WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3 | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First seven-method peal on the bells.

HEYDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS Peter and Paul,

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

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt.

H. F. CARTER ... *Treble* | H. C. READ ... 4  
 MRS. F. CARTER ... 2 | W. MEDLER ... 5  
 A. F. BOYCE ... 3 | G. BAILEY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

FORD END, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

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

Comprising two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 5 cwt.

\* CHARLES S. SMITH ... *Treble* | RUSSELL PARKER ... 4  
 PERCY GREEN ... 2 | HARRY BRADLEY ... 5  
 HARRY WAIN ... 3 | HERBERT DEVENISH ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT DEVENISH.

\* First peal and first attempt. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Ronald S. Denny and Miss Gladys Wade, of Ford End, who were married the same day at this church, Mr. Denny being a ringer at Broomfield.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being 720 Pitman's and 36 six-scores with 10 callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES W. COOK ... *Treble* | \* BERT DEAN ... 3  
 \* ALBERT G. THOROGOOD ... 2 | \* GEORGE EASY ... 4  
 \* ALBERT R. HURST ... *Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. COOK.

\* First peal and members of the local band. Also first peal on the bells, which were rehung in 1895.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT PEARSON ... *Treble* | CYRIL HARNES ... 4  
 HORACE PEARSON ... 2 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 5  
 ARTHUR ELLIS ... 3 | \* EDWARD BARNES ... *Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

ON THE GREAT NORTH ROAD.

IN THE COUNTIES OF HERTFORD, BEDFORD AND

HUNTINGDON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in One Hour and Forty-Four Minutes,

In a Private Coach,

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

Seven extents.

HORACE L. WAITE ... *I-2* | WALTER AYRE ... 3-4  
 WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 5-6  
 Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witnesses—Messrs. A. V. Good, G. E. Debenham, F. W. Elliot, H. Golding, W. Feasey, W. Shepherd and others.

The first peal rung 'on the road.'

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## FOR BEGINNERS.

### TO GET AWAY FROM CHANGES 'BY HEART.'

A new reader, who has not long since taken up ringing, but who rather unfortunately finds himself among a band who, from his account, have made no progress for years, but who think they are 'change ringers' because they are proficient in ringing the 'old ten,' asks us how he can get these ringers to move out of their rut. He has been to one or two ringing meetings, has seen how different is the real thing to that practised in his own tower, but hesitates to say much to his colleagues in case he upsets them. That, in effect at any rate, is what he writes to us.

We are afraid he has got a difficult and not very thankful task before him, and, as he is the junior, he will have to be very tactful about it if he wants to succeed. Apparently our correspondent does not know much about change ringing himself, so he can scarcely do any teaching.

We think he should begin by quietly trying to get the others interested in the association in his district, at any rate to a sufficient degree to get them to give an invitation to enough members to come to the tower, so that a simple change ringing demonstration could be given, and the local ringers shown something of what can be done on scientific principles. The important thing is to try and stir their interest and to show them that there really is something in our art worth practising. Without interest, of course, the whole thing is hopeless, but tactful conversation, the introduction into the belfry, almost casually at first, perhaps, of one of the simpler text books on ringing, the bringing along of a change ringing friend one practice night, references to some of the interesting things happening elsewhere in the country, as revealed week by week in 'The Ringing World'—all these little things should have a cumulative weight and eventually lead to a breakdown of the barriers.

Then, if they can ring the 'old ten' fairly successfully—and by the 'old ten' we presume they mean what is in reality Original Doubles, that is all the five bells pursuing a plain hunting course—why not endeavour to get them to introduce a little variation.

Probably at present they ring the same bell every time and know the thing by heart. Persuade them first of all, say two at a time, to change to a different bell. Explain to them that this is quite simple. They ring the thing they had memorised, except that they begin in a different place. The 5th man, for instance, took the bells in this order: 3, 1, 2, 4 (lead, lead), 3, 1, 2, 4. If he rings the 4th instead, he will have 1, 2 (lead, lead), 5, 3, 1, 2, 5, 3. He would soon get used to seeing the circle of ropes from a different spot and to looking out for the bell he had previously been ringing instead of the one he is now handling.

Let the ringers thoroughly master this plain hunting from every bell. It may need a little patience, but it is the first step. One thing more they should attempt to do at this stage, and that is to count the places as they pass through them. Thus: After leaving the lead, count the consecutive blows: 2nd's, 3rd's, 4th's, 5th's, 5th's, 4th's, 3rd's, 2nd's, lead, lead.

When this has been accomplished, try to get them a step further. It is unorthodox, but it might help to break the ice. When the man who is ringing the treble comes to lead the first blow, let him say 'Lead.' At this signal the man who is striking over him will strike over him again and lead: he will then hunt through the other bells, as he would have done if this 2nd's place, as it is called, had not been made, except that he begins at a different place in the cycle.

When the treble-man calls out, the man who has passed three bells going up, when, in fact, he is in 4th's, steps back a place before going forward again (this is called a 'dodge'), while, to fit in with this, the one who had just previously struck over the treble behind steps back into 4th's after striking in 3rd's, before going on again. The bell that is actually striking behind when the treble leads has two whole pulls there instead of one. When the treble leads for the fourth time the bells will come round.

Soon the ringers will notice that the 'work' follows in a cycle and that after making 2nd's, the interruptions in the plain hunting occur in regular succession: The dodge on the way down; the two whole pulls behind; the dodge on the way up. When this becomes clear, the trebleman should no longer call out when he is leading, and the other ringers should make their dodges or their extra whole pull behind from their knowledge of the cycle of work and the counting of their places.

### GARDEN FETE FOR BELLS FUND.

In aid of the fund for the restoration of the tower and bells of St. Andrew's Church, North Weald, Essex, a garden fete is to be held, by kind permission of the Rev. and Mrs. Gosney, at the Vicarage next Wednesday. The fete will be opened by Lady Llewellyn Smith at 3.30 and ringers are invited to 'come along and help.' A set of twelve handbells will be available, and handbell ringers for the evening would be specially welcomed and admitted free. Admission to the fete is 4d.

The church bells are at present at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. They are to be tuned, have all new fittings and be hung in a reconstructed frame, which, at the suggestion of Mr. E. H. Lewis, will be erected on a reinforced concrete foundation. The cost will be £450; already £210 has been raised since the appeal last December.

## DEATH OF MR. EDWIN HIMES.

### A GREAT RINGER.

We regret very much to record the death of Mr. Edwin Himes, of Bicester, Oxon, a ringer of great talent, who has shared in more than one notable performance.

He died as the result of an accident while at work, but the information that has reached us is rather scanty. He was crushed, we believe, by a falling crane, although he shouted a warning to his fellows to jump clear.

Formerly Mr. Himes lived in Oxford and was an excellent heavy bell ringer and was usually to be found at the 'back end' in peals. He rang the 7th to the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington in 1899, when J. W. Washbrook, who composed the peal, called it from the tenor. It occupied 11 hours 12 minutes, and although afterwards the truth of the peal was disputed, it still stands as one of the greatest ringing performances on record, at any rate as a physical effort.

Mr. Himes was also one of the band who rang in the then record length of London Surprise Major, 11,328, at Drayton, Berks, in 1896, a record which stood until 1903.

Mr. Himes was one of the few men who could ring two church bells to changes, and at Launton, Oxon, in 1926, he rang the 2nd and 3rd to a peal of Bob Minor, which he called. Another accomplishment was that he was able to ring four handbells in changes, and was the only man who had rung a peal thus. In 1926 he rang 1-2-3-4 to 5,040 Stedman Doubles, with Mr. F. Neale ringing 5-6. On one occasion he attempted a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, 'four-in-hand,' with the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and it was only the slipping of one of his bells that caused a breakdown.

In the realm of composition Mr. Himes had considerable knowledge, which he displayed with distinction by being the first to obtain the longest length of Cambridge Surprise Major, a 12,896 rung at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, in 1923. We remember on one occasion in the early days of 'The Ringing World' a well-known composer published a composition of Cambridge Major with the tenors parted. Within a day or so Mr. Himes wrote pointing out the repetition of just two changes in the peal.

Edwin Himes was of a quiet, retiring disposition, but he was an accomplished ringer, and his death will be mourned by many old friends.

## THE 'MOVING' PEAL.

### BOB MINOR IN A MOTOR-COACH.

To the peals that have been rung on board ship, in the train, in bed and other unusual places has now been added a peal on the road in a motor-coach! This was a 'moving' peal in more senses than one. The idea originated as a joke, and later taken seriously. The Apsley and Hempstead ringers were having their day out and picked up Mr. G. E. Debenham at St. Albans at 6.32 a.m. To avoid being disturbed if the coach had to stop at all, the 'pealers' moved to the worst possible place—1-2 and 5-6 on the back seat (one each side of the gangway), while the conductor sat on the edge of the next seat—in reverse order, with his left leg propped against the opposite seat. 'Go' was called about 6.40 (Fleetville, St. Albans), and things went along merrily until such places as Knebworth Corner, Tempsford Bridge, Sandy, etc. On these occasions such remarks as these, 'Hold tight! Double Corner! Bob!' would be heard—the conductor fortunately knowing the road (although facing rearwards).

So we proceeded, the edge of the seat getting a firmer hold as time went on. On one occasion Les rose to ease his position, but he chose the wrong moment—as he was materially assisted by the bus travelling over a 'culvert' bump. However, with the exception of two or three small trips, quickly put right, the end was reached (8.16 a.m.) just before coming to Stilton. Loud applause rewarded the 'heroes' or '!!!!!!' and welcome refreshment was speedily forthcoming. That was the beginning of a glorious day's outing. One person was afterwards heard to say that he did not know which was the worse—'a peal in bed' or 'one on the back seat of a travelling coach.'

W. A.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The Southern District of the London County Association met, on June 20th, at Woolwich, in glorious weather, but with only a moderate attendance. After some ringing, the members attended evensong, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. F. Leadbitter), who gave a very interesting address, in the course of which he mentioned that he was a change ringer, and spoke of the untold effects of the sound of the bells on people outside the church. Just over 20 persons sat down to tea, kindly provided in the Rectory grounds. Then came some handbell ringing, to be followed by the routine business, when it was decided that Isleworth should be applied for on August 15th for the next meeting.

Those present stood for a moment as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. Goddard, of Isleworth, an old member of the association, who died recently.

Methods rung during the day included most of the standard methods and the four popular Surprise methods. The thanks of the district are due to the Rector and the local band for the arrangements made.

## YORKSHIREMEN'S JOINT MEETING.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern area of the Yorkshire Association was held at Penistone on Saturday, June 20th, and about 30 members were present from Arksey, Barnsley, Conisborough, Doncaster, Eastwood, Elland, Handsworth, Rannmoor, Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, Wath, Wortley, Selby Abbey, Sherburn and the local company.

Owing to the absence of the secretary, who was away on holiday, Mr. E. Cooper, of Arksey, officiated in his place and was thanked for his services.

Tea, provided by the local company in the Schoolroom, was very much appreciated, and the business meeting was held immediately after, the Rector (the Rev. A. B. Carleton) presiding.

Mr. C. A. Hewitt, of Sheffield Cathedral, was elected a member of the association.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held jointly with the Barnsley and District Society at Barnsley on September 12th, if Barnsley bells are back from the foundry and are available. Failing this, it was left to the secretary to make other arrangements.

Mr. S. F. Palmer (a representative on the Central Council) spoke of the need for more subscribers to 'The Ringing World,' mentioning what had transpired on this matter at the Central Council meeting in London. He stressed the fact that the Exercise might find itself in danger of losing the paper through the apathy of ringers generally owing to lack of support. He hoped that all present would do their utmost towards getting members in their own towers to take it, and the secretaries of the various associations do all they could to get additional subscribers.

Mr. Potter, of Barnsley, in supporting this, suggested that the Central Council should take it over and levy financial support from the associations and societies which are affiliated to the Council.

A discussion took place on this proposal, and Mr. Palmer pointed out that any suggestion that any member had to make would be forwarded to the secretary of the Central Council and receive every consideration.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and wardens, and to the ladies for providing tea, were heartily carried and replied to by the Rector and brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## NORTHERN BRANCH AT BIGBY.

A meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Bigby on Saturday, June 13th. The weather was at its best and brought together a nice 'gathering of the clans.' Towers represented were Ulceby, Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Scunthorpe, Waltham, Burton-on-Stather, Killingholme, Grimsby and the local members. The Rev. R. Marsden, Vicar of Ulceby, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bramwell, of Goxhill, and three members of the Gainsborough District were also present. Owing to an illness near the church the bells were muffled.

The president (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry) conducted the service and gave an interesting address. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ. Mr. Bramwell very kindly rendered a solo, 'Bless this house,' which was very much appreciated. Through the kindness and generosity of the president and Mrs. Parry, the company of 36 afterwards sat down to a substantial repast in the school.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. R. Marsden, Mr. W. Harvey and Miss M. Rowntree, of Ulceby, were elected members, and Mr. H. Morwood (Bigby) re-elected. A telegram of congratulation was sent from the meeting to Mr. G. Ladd, of Pinchbeck, on his having completed 50 years as a member of the Guild.

Mr. J. Bray gave a very interesting account of his first attendance as a representative of the Guild at a meeting of the Central Council. He said he was greatly impressed by what he saw and heard, and he, as well as Archdeacon Parry, made it quite clear why more ringers should take 'The Ringing World' every week. They pointed out that if 'The Ringing World' ceased to be published, it would be a great blow to the Exercise.

Heartily votes of thanks were given to the president for his hospitality, for conducting the service, for the use of the bells and for his address, and also to the ladies for arranging the tea; to Mr. Rushby for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. Bramwell for his excellent rendering of the solo.

Members then brought the handbells out and others returned to the tower, where further ringing brought another very happy meeting to a close.

## LAVENHAM'S 125th RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

A very happy gathering took place on Saturday, June 20th, at the undisturbed old English village of Lavenham, when many ringers availed themselves the opportunity of a pull on the grand old peal. Everyone was catered for, and the methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. Among those present were Messrs. H. Chapman (Keyston, formerly of Manchester), J. Waugh (Woodford), J. Ward (Saffron Walden), T. A. King (Shipley, Yorks), Miss H. Snowden (Halstead), and Miss E. Le Beau (Bocking). Other parishes represented were Acton, Cornard, Coggeshall, Cavendish, Groton, Kelvedon, Little Waldingfield, Long Melford, Monks Eleigh, Newton, Sudbury, Thorington and Woodbridge.

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## COMMENTS AT A MIDDLESEX MEETING.

An interesting meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Stanmore on Saturday week, and, despite attractions elsewhere, some 35 members attended. After the usual ringing a short service was held at 5 p.m. This was followed by tea, at which the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Hewett) presided. Subsequently the usual business meeting took place, with the district vice-president (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) in the chair.

Six new members were elected; Barnet was chosen for the next meeting, if possible, on July 18th or 25th; and an announcement made that a joint meeting with the Hertford Association would be held at St. Albans on August 29th.

A vote of congratulation to the Oxhey and Watford handbell band, who had recently rung peals of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, double-handed, was moved by Mr. C. T. Coles, who described these peals as the greatest handbell performances ever accomplished.

Mr. G. R. Pye, one of the two surviving members of the band that rang the first peals of London and the only peals of Bristol on handbells some 30 years ago, seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

The hon. secretary reported on the recent meeting of the Central Council, which he described as a most successful and interesting one. After going through the Council agenda and reporting on the most important items discussed, Mr. Coles said it was noticeable that many more members of the Council than usual spoke at the meeting, and there appeared to be a greater desire to sift matters, with a great deal less prejudice than usual. This was all for the good of the Council. On the question of the resolution relating to 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Coles said he thought the only safeguard for the future was an increased circulation, and he urged members to do their best to further this.

Comment was made by Mr. Coles on recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' in connection with splicing, and he amused the company by stating that the last letter published, which he had not taken the trouble to reply to, contained some extraordinary fallacies. After stating that a certain peal of Spliced Surprise Major contained 1,000 changes in one method, and only 120 in another, the writer added that Minor ringers did not do this. 'Well,' said the speaker, 'in two of the recent peals of Minor rung in a very large number of methods there was a 720 consisting of 13 methods, containing 12 leads, or 288 changes, in one method, and one lead only, or 24 changes, of each of seven other methods. So the Minor ringers do do that! Not that it mattered,' continued Mr. Coles, 'but it was nonsense to criticise such classes of peals when it was obvious that the greater the number of methods rung, the fewer the changes available for each method, whilst the truth of the peal always had to be considered.'

Another fallacy of the writer of the letter was the idea he had that only ringers of Major need only learn part of a method, and he had quoted the case of a ringer who had learned two leads of Bristol Surprise only before ringing a peal in four methods. 'Some few years ago,' said Mr. Coles, 'I went to a meeting at a six-bell tower, and there met my good friend Mr. George L. Joyce. George asked me to join in a touch of Spliced London and Wells Minor, but when I pointed out that I did not know the work of Wells, he said, "That will be all right, catch hold of the second and ring London." And I rang London, whilst the others rang London and Wells! So it is not only Major ringers who do these things, and the fact still remains that this class of ringing is the highest yet achieved, and recent peals of Major and Minor have reached the highest class.'

Mr. Coles ended his report by saying that the arrangements for the Council meeting were excellent; a great deal of business had been got through in record time, thanks to the way everything had been prepared by the hon. secretary, and to the tactful way in which the president controlled the meeting.—The report was adopted amid applause.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher urged members to support 'The Ringing World' and to send in their suggestions for its improvement. If ringers would only state what they wanted it would be considered and, if practicable, adopted. Mr. Fletcher also gave particulars of insurance of ringers, which may now be had at a very low premium.

The usual votes of thanks to the Rector, the towerkeeper (Mr. G. Hughes), etc., concluded the meeting. Whilst ringing was enjoyed (!) in the heat by some, others enjoyed a walk round the beautiful Rectory grounds, and it would appear that the victim of this arrangement was the District Master, Mr. Tom Lock, who had to stay in the belfry all the time.

## GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Saturday, June 20th, at St. Michael's Parish Church, Aldershot, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Gower 1, Miss Doris Viggers 2, T. Denyer 3, Miss Marjorie Smith 4, W. Denyer 5, W. Viggers 6, C. Denyer (conductor) 7, P. Eldridge 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Fisher, parents of Miss A. Fisher, tower secretary. Mr. Fisher was for many years a member of St. Michael's company. After the ringing the ringers were entertained by Mr., Mrs. and Miss Fisher.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.****ANNUAL MEETING AT LICHFIELD.**

The annual meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th. Upwards of 80 members and friends attended. Through the kind intervention of the Archdeacon the Cathedral bells were available from 3 p.m. to 3.45, and again from 6.30 to 7.30; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) were in use from 3 o'clock. A large percentage of the members took advantage of attending evensong at the Cathedral.

A meat tea, served in St. Mary's Parish Hall, was followed by the general meeting. The Ven. Archdeacon R. L. Hodson (the society's new president) took the chair, and was given a warm welcome. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Ben Gough, who, through illness, was unable to attend; Mr. F. Brotherton, retiring Ringing Master, who that day had taken unto himself a wife; and Mr. H. Boswell.

The report and balance sheet were adopted. The latter showed an increased balance on the right side.

The officers were re-elected, with the exception that Mr. H. Boswell was elected to the office of Ringing Master.

The following places were chosen for forthcoming meetings: September, Codsall; January, Tipton; April, Aldridge; and the annual, in June, at Lichfield. It was resolved to continue bi-quarterly meetings for practice. The first is to be held at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, July 25th.

Votes of thanks to the president for taking the chair and to Mrs. Cresswell, in catering for tea, were moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary), and received with acclamation.

In their annual report the committee said meetings during the year had been held at Lichfield, Kinver, Kingswinford and Walsall—all with a moderate attendance. There had also been two bi-quarterly meetings held, viz., at Pattingham and Wombourne. These were a 'try-out,' with the object of giving aspirants a chance to practise something fresh from what they had been accustomed to, which met with some success; also to do a little missionary work where change ringing was at a low ebb. It was hoped that such meetings would be arranged for the coming year, also that they would be better supported than those under review.

Bell restoration was still on the move. The six bells at Codsall had been recast and two trebles added to complete the octave. The trebles were the gift of the Misses Moreton, in memory of their father, Mr. Edwin Moreton, who for 50 years was a ringer at Codsall. The five bells at Aldridge had been recast and a treble added. The five at Seighford had also been rehung. Preparation was in progress for the restoration of both Coseley and Willenhall rings of eight.

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**RINGERS WEDDED AT ALDERSHOT.****MR. R. J. WHITFORD AND MISS NANCIE DENYER.**

In the presence of many friends and relations, the wedding took place at St. Michael's Parish Church, Aldershot, on Monday, of Mr. Reginald John Whitford, youngest son of the late Mr. F. Whitford and of Mrs. Whitford, of Southampton, and Miss Nancie Mary Youles Denyer, younger daughter of Mr. William Denyer and the late Mrs. Denyer, of Aldershot.

Both bride and bridegroom are ringers at Aldershot, the bride having been the youngest lady ever to ring a peal on tower bells. The bridegroom was formerly a ringer at South Perrott (Dorset), and is now in business as a shoemaker in Aldershot.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Vicar (Canon H. Le Fleming) and was fully choral. The bride, who was attired in a pink silk dress, with hat, shoes and gloves to match, was given away by her father and attended by Miss Edna Southby as bridesmaid. Miss Southby is also a ringer at St. Michael's. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Charles Denyer.

The bridal pair left the church through the belfry under the crossed ropes, held by their fellow-ringers, who immediately after set the bells going to Stedman and Grandsire.

A reception was held at Messrs. Darracotts, and a number of ringers were present. Their gift to the happy pair was a rimless mirror. There was a large number of other presents.

When Mr. and Mrs. Whitford left for their honeymoon at Littlehampton, they departed to the sound of handbells violently jangled on the railway platform.

**DEATH OF MRS. H. DAINS.**

Mrs. Dains, widow of the late Mr. Henry Dains, the celebrated composer and Royal Cumberland Youth, died last Saturday at the age of 80 years after a long period of illness. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) at Finchley. Mr. Dains died in 1916.

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The number of peals rung during the year was 37 (as against 15 for the previous year). Five were rung half-muffled as a tribute to His late Majesty King George V. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on October 7th last, was rung half-muffled to the memory of the Ven. Hugh Bright (Archdeacon of Stafford), president of the society from 1924 to 1935. The committee regretted to record the loss, through death, of the following members, in addition to the late president: The Rev. Charles A. Clements, of Grappenhall; Mr. A. Kermeth, of Penn; and Mr. Peter Preston, of Stone.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ring of five bells at Rushden, Herts, is to be rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Seven Lincolnshire ringers have been practising Spliced Surprise Minor together. Six of them rang a peal in 32 methods. The performance has now been repeated so that the 'odd' man and the trebleman in the first peal could ring the 32 methods on an 'inside' bell. That is a very brotherly action.

Mr. George Williams reached his 1,400th peal last week when he conducted a peal of Bob Major at East Tytherleigh, Hants. The Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild is 78, but that he carries his years well is not only obvious from his appearance, but from his powers of performance. Part of it, we think, must be due to his consistently cheery outlook on life.

To take part in a peal at Marham, Norfolk, the conductor, Mr. Nolan Golden, cycled 38 miles each way!

Mr. A. D. Stone, who has just relinquished the office of hon. secretary of the Sussex Association, has been advised to refrain from ringing at the moment, but he hopes to resume Sunday service ringing activities after a little while.

The death took place at Dunstable on June 18th at the early age of 36 years of Mr. George W. Harris, a member of the Priory Church band and formerly of Deptford.

## INTERESTING PEAL TABLET.

The first peal on the bells at Costessey, Norfolk, was rung on Thursday, June 18th, by a band from Norwich, but a peal tablet in the belfry records the feats of the local company in 1766, and is inscribed as follows:—

'June 4, 1766.

'Twenty two Peals, rung off by this Company,  
'many a time without setting up the Bells.

'The names of the Peals as under,

'Old Doubles	Church Doubles
'Grandsir	The Dream
'Fortune	The Nonesuch
'Hudibrass	Interlope
'Gog	London doubles
'St. Simon's doubles	Jack of both sides
'Cambridge delight	New doubles
'Reading doubles	Stedman
'Dunstan do.	The Mare-maid
'St. Clement's do.	The Exodus
'Westminster do.	and Success

'Ringers Names'

'Thomas Smith	Treble
'John Smith	2nd
'Robert French	3rd
'John Carr	4th
'Saml Watson	Tenor

'These are the Ringers, those Peals they did ring  
'Success to Old England, and God save the King.'

The board is in an excellent state of preservation.

N. G.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### VISIT TO ANCIENT ROSTHERNE.

On Saturday last, a meeting of Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at the ancient church of Rostherne amid the glories of the Cheshire countryside. The bells were made full use of till service in church at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Hughes, who in the course of a short talk drew attention to the antiquity of the bells of Rostherne. He also remarked upon the difference there would be if there were no churches in this country. He said it was the church buildings which were witnesses to the sight, and the bells were the witnesses to the hearing of the people, and he felt sure that no one could feel indifferent to God when confronted by an ancient church or hearing a peal of bells.

After the service some time was spent in inspecting the church and an old Bible dating back to the 16th century and printed in the old English style of lettering.

Tea was served in the Egerton Hall, and 30 members and friends enjoyed an excellent repast.

The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the Vicar, who welcomed the Guild to Rostherne.

It was decided to send a letter to the general secretary of the Guild regretting his resignation and expressing appreciation of his services to the Guild. The members also passed a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. J. M. Simon, an honorary member of the Guild for many years.

A short account of the committee meeting was given, and it was decided to join with Macclesfield branch at a meeting in September.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his services and ready assistance, to the organist, to the ladies who had maintained Rostherne's high reputation in the provision of tea, and to the local ringers for having everything ready.

The bells were then made full use of till late in the evening, the methods rung including Cambridge Surprise Minor, Clailwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Doubles.



**BELL BROADCASTS.****CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Will you permit me to make one or two comments on the correspondence on broadcasts?

The Central Council at their meeting were discussing two quite separate forms of broadcasting, which were not always kept distinct by the speakers.

When the B.B.C. broadcast a service from a church, which they have selected, they naturally broadcast the singing, the ringing, the praying and the preaching to which the congregation is accustomed and with which, presumably, it is satisfied. I see no reason, however, why wireless listeners should not express their opinions of any part of the service. If the ringing is not up to accepted standards, there is a good chance for the local association to do some missionary work.

On the other hand, when the B.B.C. broadcast bells as a special item, as in the 'Ringing Isle' series, it is only fair to the Exercise as a whole that the ringing should be as perfect as possible. To ensure that result the best possible band should be picked, from local ringers if possible, and, even more important, the band should not attempt to do more than they can do well.

In my remarks on Yorkshire and Lancashire ringing I referred to only one of the latter cases in each of the two counties. From the other towers I was referring to service ringing.

I hope that Worsley will take my opinion seriously. It has been confirmed by every ringer to whom I have spoken about it, and no objection to my remarks was raised at the Council meeting. May I commend to Mr. Ridyard the excellent restraint of the recent service broadcast from St. Mary's, Nottingham? The rounds on six, eight and ten bells were a joy to listen to. Has Mr. Ridyard considered why, from St. Mary Redcliffe, a twelve-bell tower, Caters were broadcast last August? The very mixed band approached their task with much trepidation, and took the trouble to ring a quarter-peal for practice earlier in the evening. It would have been quite easy to have got two more ringers and to have murdered Cinques.

I should like to add my appreciation of the ringing from Pudsey. Except for a slight nervousness at the start and the two trips already mentioned, the ringing was first class.

Finally, may I plead that this correspondence should not lead to personalities. At the Council meeting I tried to express, without fear or favour, what I believe to be the general opinion of the Exercise on some recent broadcasts.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Moorecocks, Brasted, Sevenoaks.

**BROADCASTS FROM LANCASHIRE.**

Sir,—I was very interested to see Mr. Ridyard's letter in your last issue, and if I may be permitted to paraphrase Holy Writ, I would say with the Psalmist (Psalm 37, verse 25, with variations), 'I have been young, and am now of a certain age, and yet saw I never anyone quite so anxious to demonstrate that the cap fits.'

I think I am right in saying that Worsley was not specifically mentioned at the Central Council meeting, but now he has raised the question, may I ask Mr. Ridyard whether he seriously maintains that the ringing broadcast from there was a credit to the tower, or the county, or the Exercise?

We all know that there are many good ringers in Lancashire, men capable of accurate striking, and it seems a pity that, when a broadcast has been arranged, apparently no one is sufficiently interested to organise a really first-class band for the occasion.

The Pudsey men deserve the congratulations of the whole Exercise on the truly excellent ringing they put over recently. It was a pleasure to listen to and I hope we may have some more.

A. PADDON SMITH.

Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

**'LEAVE WELL ALONE'**

Dear Sir,—May I express the opinion (held, I feel sure, by many others) that the Central Council would further the interests of the Exercise best as regards broadcasting by leaving well alone. All of us like to hear good ringing, but it would be better not to over-stress its importance rather than risk the breaking up of bands and doing an injustice to ringers who may be good churchmen and keen in the belfry, although perhaps not quite so proficient as their brethren; and ringers are not always plentiful.

I think the B.B.C. prefer a local atmosphere in their broadcasts, and the proposals of members of the Council tend towards unlocality. Does not all broadcasting contain items of music good, bad and indifferent? And do those who make these proposals really think that intelligent listeners will be 'gulled' into the belief that the ringing in our towers is always of such a high standard?

Certain remarks at the Council meeting will not promote co-operation between the clergy and ringers (a cause we are supposed to have had at heart for many years). A clergyman may be, and probably is, quite aware without being told of the imperfections of his ringers and other churchworkers, but he is bound to act charitably towards them all, and not supplant them by outsiders.

SIDNEY J. PECK.

Fynesbury, St. Neots, Hants.

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**FIRST MASONIC PEAL IN THE CITY.****PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT ST. OLAVE'S.**

On Sunday, June 21st, a pleasant little ceremony was performed in the belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, the occasion being the unveiling and dedication of a board erected in the tower recording the first peal ever rung in the City of London by a band of Freemasons, viz., a peal of Stedman Triples on October 28th, 1935.

At 9.30 a.m. the complete band assembled in the tower and rang upwards of a thousand changes in the same method, after which Bro. the Rev. St. Barbe Sladen, Rector of St. Margaret Pattens' Church, City (who was deputising for the Rector of St. Olave's whilst on holiday), in spite of his 80 years, ascended the belfry stairs, and, after a few well-chosen words and prayers, unveiled and dedicated the board the glory of God.

The Rev. St. Barbe Sladen was thanked for his services by the conductor of the peal, who mentioned that a more appropriate tower could hardly have been chosen for this peal, standing as it did almost in the heart of the City of London and the hub of the universe. Before his departure from the tower for 11 a.m. matins, a bob course of Stedman Triples was rung with the band standing in the same order as in the peal, viz.: Bros. Arthur D. Barker 1, Ernest Brett 2, Arthur G. Mason 3, Stafford H. Green 4, George W. Steere 5, William Bottrill 6, James Bennett (conductor) 7, Henry T. Willson 8.

The work of painting and writing the board, which has a black background, gold lettering and a Masonic badge, has been most satisfactorily carried out by Mr. A. W. Coles, Master of the Middlesex County Association.

A press photographer from 'The Masonic Record' was present, and took a flashlight photograph of the board and band.

**MASONIC PEAL TABLET AT EDGBASTON.**

On Friday, June 26th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of Edgbaston Parish Church, Birmingham, the occasion being the unveiling of a tablet recording a peal of Stedman Triples rung by members of the Masonic craft in honour of the 80th birthday of Worshipful Brother J. S. Pritchett. In requesting the Vicar, Canon Stuart Blofeld, to accept and dedicate the gift, Brother T. H. Reeves stated that it was erected in recognition of Worshipful Brother Pritchett's great services to Masonry and bellringing, he being Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire and Master of St. Martin's Guild of Church Bellringers for the Diocese of Birmingham.

Mr. Councillor A. Paddon Smith, a vice-president of St. Martin's Guild, unveiled the tablet in the unavoidable absence of Worshipful Brother Pritchett.

In accepting the gift, the Vicar said he appreciated the honour of having Mr. Pritchett's name perpetuated in his belfry, for he was a man he greatly admired for his public services. In addition to his activities in his profession as a barrister, he was also an alderman of the city and bailiff of King Edward's High School, Birmingham.

The tablet was specially designed by Worshipful Brother J. W. Pemberton and is carried out on strict Masonic principles.

**HANDBELLS AT WEDDING.**

At St. John's Church, Kingston Vale, the marriage recently took place of Miss Audrey Holbrook, niece of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, to Mr. M. Burges-Short. As the church has only one bell, members of the London County Association kindly came to the rescue with handbells. To the surprise and delight of the bride and bridegroom and the large assembly of guests, they were greeted at the church door with rounds and Queens, followed by a course of Grandsire Triples: F. Ll. Edwards 1-2, F. Hawthorne 3-4, T. W. Taffender 5-6, W. Barratt 7-8.

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**THE BROADCAST FROM ST. HELENS.**

Sir,—With reference to Mr. G. R. Newton's remarks at the Central Council meeting regarding broadcasts, a report of which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on June 19th, there is no doubt the tower Mr. Newton refers to is St. Helens Parish Church. Mr. Newton stated he offered to bring a band of ringers to carry out the broadcast at St. Helens. This was not exactly the case. Mr. Newton was asked, in case the local band did not wish to broadcast themselves, would he bring a band. Mr. Newton raised certain queries about the difficulty in collecting ringers on Sunday, as the majority preferred to ring in their own towers, which is quite natural. This was taken into consideration and we decided to rely on our own ringers. Mr. Newton advised us to ring rounds and call changes and not try any fancy touches. We took the advice of this experienced ringer and rang rounds and call changes, and from the number of letters of congratulation we received, not only from experienced ringers, but from the public, our broadcast was a success and thoroughly enjoyed. It is rather strange that Mr. G. R. Newton in his speech should state, 'Rounds and call changes should not be encouraged.' We, in St. Helens, would welcome ringers of Mr. Newton's calibre on practice nights, when perhaps the next time we are on the air our broadcast would be appreciated by the president and other members of the Central Council.

H. GRUNDY.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL AND 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

### NEED FOR GREATER SUPPORT.

The question of promoting the circulation of 'The Ringing World' among ringers was discussed at the meeting of the Central Council. It was brought up on a motion placed on the agenda in the name of Mr. F. E. Dawe in the following terms: 'To call attention to the present very inadequate support given to "The Ringing World," and to consider what steps (if any) can be taken to increase the circulation.'

Mr. Dawe said this was a most important subject for the ringing Exercise. In 1878 he began taking a paper called 'Church Bells,' and he had taken the ringing papers right up to the previous week, but no ringing paper had ever been supported as it should have been. In the early days of 'Bell News' when he used to travel the country a great deal, he did his best to get support for that paper, and he found then, as he found now with regard to 'The Ringing World,' that in many towers 'Bill Smith buys a paper and passes it round.' He had recently heard of a case where a good change ringing company existed. One man bought 'The Ringing World' on Friday for 3d. He kept it two days, then sold it to another member of the company for 2d., and this member in turn sold it to another for a penny two days later. 'Nobody knows what becomes of it after that,' added Mr. Dawe, amid laughter. Since he sent in his resolution he noticed the words '(if any)' had been inserted. They were not his words, because he had the greatest hopes that something might be done, but in those two words there was just an element of a bucket of cold water thrown on the motion. Something must be done. They must have a ringing paper of some description and they should give 'The Ringing World' more support, not only to enable it to be made a better paper, but to make it worth a competent man's while to give his time and skill to the publishing of it. The enthusiasm and energy of Mr. Goldsmith for over 25 years had been wonderful, and it was marvellous that with the meagre support he had kept the paper going. He (Mr. Dawe) had done his best to drive it into people's heads that if they would support the paper properly it would be improved. At Warwick he made an offer, if a few others would do the same, to give £5 a year towards a fund for improving the paper, so as to endeavour to induce others to take it, but he had since discovered there would be a certain amount of difficulty over that. For one thing, as subscribers died out it might be difficult to replace them. But they wanted something done. He was going to suggest that all the associations should be requested to approach each individual member and use every persuasive power. In that assembly there were many skilled business men from some of the most go-ahead towns in the world. Some were hopeless when it came to discussing the question of retaining old and valuable and historic bells (laughter)—they would destroy anything for the good of trade—but he felt sure on this question of increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' they would get the best advice from the best business men in the room. He knew it could be done and it would have to be done (hear, hear).

### HOW HELP MIGHT BE GIVEN.

Mr. E. A. Young, who seconded, said all associations relied on propaganda, and one of the greatest pieces of machinery for this purpose was undoubtedly the Press. The ringing Exercise was exceedingly fortunate in having a paper devoted to its interests. Mr. Pilson Young made a special point of it in his article in 'The Radio Times.' What they had to do was to look ahead. If they lost their paper, they would lose their best means of propaganda and the preservation of their interests. When the time came that they lost Mr. Goldsmith they would have a difficulty in inducing anyone to succeed him and who would look after their many-sided interests unless he received a fair return for his labours. How were they to do something? It was difficult to know. The Council had not the money. It supported the paper by advertising, and he wondered whether Mr. Goldsmith could be allowed to put under the heading of the paper the words, 'The official organ of the Central Council of Church Bellringers,' and whether members of the Exercise, who had anything to advertise, would use its columns. As an instance of unexpected results from advertising in 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Young said he once wanted to sell a harp. He tried an advertisement in 'The Ringing World.' It seemed rather a forlorn hope, but within a fortnight he had sold it.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said it was regrettable to come across towers, as one frequently did, where only one copy was taken among perhaps eight or ten ringers. He supported the suggestion that ringers should use the advertising columns more, and he thought that associations in their annual reports might tell their members of the importance to the Exercise of a ringing paper and the serious difficulty of maintaining the circulation. They could urge members to support the paper as a duty, and to take it not only in their own interests, but in the interests of the whole Exercise. With the circulation that it had got he had often wondered how it had been possible to carry it on at all. If for any reason the paper ceased publication it would be a great blow to the Exercise. They all knew that. He felt it was their duty to act as propagandists (hear, hear). If they would do that and try to push the paper, he thought it would give new heart to their friend and probably lengthen his life by another 50 years (laughter and applause).

Mr. G. Pullinger advocated a scheme which he had put into practice for a number of years. He said he had taken two copies of 'The Ringing World' every week. That cost him sixpence and he believed it was worth it. His surplus copy he left at different towers all over

the district. He did not leave them with the same man every week. In a number of cases, he believed, this had resulted in ringers becoming subscribers. He believed if every member of the Council from that time would take two copies a week and do as he had done, they would see good results. It was, perhaps, only a ' flea-bite,' but it was something to go on with (applause).

Mr. T. Warrington suggested that each association should make a grant of two guineas a year to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' to distribute copies to that value to those towers, known to the secretary, who did not take the paper. It would not, of course, be sent to the same towers every week, but it would probably lead to new subscribers.

### THE QUESTION OF PRICE.

Mr. S. F. Palmer said he believed the great bugbear was the question of price. They in that Council, of course, all knew it was worth threepence, but they could not make ringers who did not take an interest believe it, although he believed they would take it if it were a penny. He thought the Council might approach the various associations with the idea of getting them to communicate with their towers and asking how much greater support they would give to the paper if it were published for a penny. They would thus find out what sort of a guarantee they would get. He believed, if the price were reduced to a penny, nearly every ringer would take it.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said the paper was worth its price to the enthusiasts, but to the ordinary man threepence was too much. At present they paid 13s. a year to a newsagent—if they paid 8s. or 9s. direct to Mr. Goldsmith and had the paper sent by post, they would get a better and a cheaper paper. He suggested that if three or four members of the Council discussed the subject they would find a way to do it.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said while there was something in the point Mr. Pulling had raised, and some people certainly did grumble about the price, he did not think that was the real trouble. People might pay threepence and grumble, but if the price were reduced to a penny they would have to increase the circulation so much that there were not sufficient ringers in England to make up the amount. They might do it with twopence, but a penny was out of the question. What they must do was to go on with their propaganda and persuade people that the paper was a necessity for the Exercise and try and get them to support it for their own sake.

Mr. G. R. Newton said after the matter was discussed at Plymouth four years ago the Lancashire Association decided to pay double the amount they had been paying for the notices of the meetings. If all the associations would do that, it would go a long way towards solving the financial difficulty. Continuing, Mr. Newton said he did not see why ringers should grumble at 3d. They lived in a world of their own, and 'The Ringing World' was the only thing that kept the Exercise together. He hoped other associations would follow Lancashire's example.

### SUGGESTIONS INVITED.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) said they were all agreed that they wanted to do the best they could to keep the paper going. In his experience in the last four or five years he had found that some members of the Council did not take the paper, and he was not certain that all secretaries of affiliated societies took it; at any rate, he had come to the conclusion that some of his advertisements had not been read by them. The Council would remember, continued Mr. Fletcher, that four years ago the officers of the Council were requested to consider the matter and put forward suggestions. It was raised again last year, and he thought the time had come when they should ask members and associations to send their suggestions. There were plenty of grumblers, but they did not get suggestions. He, therefore, moved that 'this Council requests all members and secretaries of affiliated societies to send in suggestions with a view to increasing the circulation of "The Ringing World," that the suggestions be considered by the officers of the Council and Mr. Goldsmith, and that a report be circulated to all members.'

Mr. Dawe accepted this motion and seconded it.

Mr. J. W. Jones said with regard to propaganda he pushed the paper at practically all the meetings held by his association. He advocated obtaining the paper direct by post from the editorial office, instead of through a newsagent. It would make a tremendous difference, and he hoped all ringers would do this, as well as push the paper at their meetings.

Mr. J. Hunt supported the suggestion that the paper should be obtained through the post. If everyone did that, he believed it could be sold a penny cheaper.

The motion proposed by the hon. secretary was then put and carried.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said he had deliberately kept out of the discussion so that the members should not be in any way influenced by what he might say. He hoped the discussion would lead to something practical being done, because his chief concern was for the future of the Exercise, which depended so largely upon having a ringing paper. He thanked the members of the Council for the very sympathetic way in which they had discussed the matter.

### STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY'S RECOMMENDATION.

At the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at Lichfield, Mr. B. Horton, one of the representatives of the society at the Central Council meeting, quoting from what was

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### PROPOSAL FOR EARLIER MEETINGS DEFEATED.

For many years past the meetings of the Central Council on Whitsun Tuesday have begun at 11 a.m., and there have been occasions when the business has been so lengthy that members have had to leave before it finished. At the last meeting an effort was made to get the hour of meeting altered.

Mr. G. Pullinger (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) moved that 'In the opinion of this Council, the morning session of Council meetings should, when possible, commence at 10 a.m.' He said it appeared to him, at several of the meetings he had attended, that the time had been insufficient to deal with the Council business, although that day it seemed to be otherwise. In recent years there had been a great deal of work, and the result had been that towards the end of the session the business had been rushed. Under such circumstances it could not be dealt with properly. What drew his attention to it was that at some of the meetings in the provinces members who had to travel long distances had to leave before the meeting ended. He knew of one case where a representative had been instructed by his association to vote on a certain question in a certain way, but was unable to do so because he had to leave before the question was reached on the agenda. The ideal way would be to spread their meetings over two days, but there was a considerable amount of difficulty in that. It was impossible to start their meeting on Whitsun Monday, because many guilds and associations held their annual meeting on that day, and the representatives would be unable to attend, or, if they did, and the Central Council meeting was held at a distance, they would be unable to attend their own association's meeting. There were many representatives who had to be back at their work by Wednesday morning, and if the meeting were extended to Wednesday they would be unable to be present. The alternative was to meet earlier on Whitsun Tuesday. The only objection he could see to this course was that the Standing Committee met before the Council meeting. That was not so serious as it used to be, because, owing to better travelling facilities, it had been found possible to hold a meeting of the Standing Committee on the previous evening. The committee had met at eight o'clock the night before; if they had met at seven o'clock they could have got through most if not all the business that had been left until that morning. The last thing he wanted to do was to add to the difficulties of the Standing Committee, but unless the Council could properly debate the matters that came before them in the time available they should meet earlier. If they could not meet at ten o'clock they should meet as soon after as possible.

Mr. F. W. Rogers, who seconded, said that day, thanks to the work of the Standing Committee, the business of the Council had been got through in a workmanlike manner earlier than it had been in the last two or three years, when members had had to leave the Council meeting long before the business had been finished. There ought to be no difficulty about starting their meeting earlier, as seventy or eighty per cent. of the members were in London on Monday evening. Mr. Rogers also threw out the suggestion that in future years the social at headquarters should be held on the evening before the Council meeting, instead of after the meeting.

The Rev. P. Ll. Edwards said that wherever the meeting was held there were a certain number of members who could not arrive until the same morning. In view of the fact that their proceedings generally began with a civic or episcopal ceremony, and sometimes both, they wanted a full attendance at the time they did open. He would propose as an amendment that the time be 10.30, although he was in favour of eleven o'clock himself.

The Rev. H. Drake said for those unable to get to the place of meeting until the morning, ten o'clock was too early.

Mr. J. Parker said they must bear in mind those who had to do the Council's work. After the previous night's meeting of the Standing Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher worked until two o'clock in the morning to get papers ready for that day's meeting. If they had to get up in time to be at that meeting at ten o'clock, he did not know what they would say. Eleven o'clock was quite soon enough.

Mr. E. A. Young said while he was secretary, taking one year with the other, they got through their business by half-past four or five o'clock. For about three years now there had been a wave of motions discussed which had taken up a lot of time, but it did not always occur. They might now be in for a cycle of quieter years.

Mr. S. H. Wood said he thought, if they met an hour earlier, there were people in the Council who would still manage to make the meeting last so that they would finish at just the same time (laughter). That day's had been a better meeting than the last two or three had. If they could avoid the 'red herrings' and stick to the points put down on the agenda paper, there was no reason why they should not get the business done between 11 o'clock and 5 p.m.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out the difficulty of calling the Standing Committee together earlier, and the amendment for 10.30 was then put, but no one voted for it.

The original motion by Mr. Pullinger was voted on and was defeated by a large majority.

### ACCESS TO RINGING BOOKS.

The President moved 'That all persons having collections of books on ringing matters be invited to supply particulars to the hon. librarian, and to indicate whether they are willing to give access to their collections.' He said the reasons for the motion were twofold; that all ringers who were interested in research in historical matters should know where they might be able to find the editions or copies of rare editions of some of the earlier books, and it was very desirable that the Council should know where these books were, so that, in case of death, they knew where they were going to be in the future and could safeguard them from being thrown away or getting into hands where they would not be appreciated. What they particularly wanted was to enable those interested in research to know where to find them. This motion, added the President, arose out of some discussion on some books he was able to pick up lately and which he did not like to ask the Council to buy, because it would have absorbed their funds for a year or two.

The hon. secretary seconded the motion, which was agreed to without discussion.

### NEXT MEETING AT CANTERBURY.

The President said that from the discussion in the Standing Committee as to the next place of meeting, one or two things emerged, which it was just as well the Council should know. One was that the Council had changed a good deal in the last 40 years and there were very few of the original members left. Hitherto they had not repeated a visit to any place except London, but the committee saw no reason why they should not start to revisit places they had been to before. In view of that and in view of the fact that that was the beginning of a new Council, under new rules, indeed, that it was almost a new start, the Standing Committee threw out the suggestion, bearing in mind that the next meeting will be very close to the Coronation, and that in the circumstances they would not want to travel far, that the Council should go to Canterbury next year, with the idea perhaps of going to York the following year. There had been invitations to Leeds, to Ripon and to Dublin, but he thought, in any case, Dublin would be out of the question next time because of the Coronation.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell proposed that the next meeting be held at Canterbury. He was sure the Kent County Association would do its best to offer the Council a welcome.—Mr. E. A. Young seconded and the proposition was carried.

### A MESSAGE OF GREETING.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith called attention to the fact that in December the new tower and bells of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, Tasmania, would be dedicated. In view of the happy relations set up with Hobart ringers on the occasion of the visit of the English tourists in 1934, he thought it would be a nice gesture if, on the occasion of the dedication, the Council, through the president, sent a message of congratulation and greeting to the church and ringers of Hobart.—Major J. H. B. Hesse seconded the proposal, which was carried.

### THE PYE MEMORIAL SCHEME.

Mr. C. T. Coles referred to the William Pye Memorial, which was first mentioned last year at Shrewsbury. The scheme was brought to a successful conclusion on the previous Saturday. He would like to thank those associations who supported the appeal. No fewer than 37 associations supported the scheme, which he thought was very satisfactory and showed the great esteem in which Mr. Pye was held by the Exercise. He asked the representatives of the associations and guilds to take back with them the thanks of the committee for the support they gave to the scheme.

Mr. E. P. Duffield, as one of the Memorial Scheme Committee, paid a tribute to the extraordinary amount of work done by Mr. Coles and Mr. Butler, the secretaries, in connection with the scheme. He felt it was only right that some public mention should be made of the indebtedness of the committee and the subscribers to the scheme to these two gentlemen (applause).

### CONGRATULATIONS.

The President said it might interest the Council to know that the handbell band at Oxhey had rung a peal in four Spliced Surprise methods in hand. He thought they should send their congratulations to the ringers (applause).

### ATTENDANCE.

The Hon. Secretary reported that of the 49 associations affiliated to the Council, 26 were fully represented at that meeting with 67 members, and 16 partially represented with 35 members. Only seven societies were unrepresented. Altogether 102 representative members were present and 12 honorary members, a record total of 114.

### THANKS.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and City Corporation for the use of the Guildhall. Without hesitation he could say it was quite as fine a room, if not the finest room, they had been in for a meeting. They were very much honoured by being allowed to meet there (applause). Continuing, he said they ought also to send a letter to the Dean of St. Paul's for his kindness in coming there to welcome them. He also proposed that the thanks of the Council be sent to His Majesty's Office of Works for the use of the bells at the Imperial Institute, and to the Church authorities and steeplekeepers at all the towers where ringing had been permitted; to the associations in the London area for their co-operation in making

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said there, urged the members who were not already doing so to support 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who made a trenchant appeal for a greater circulation for the paper, gave an account of his experiences in different parts of the country, remarking that in many places only one copy of the paper was taken for the whole company.

Mr. H. Knight pointed out the serious position in which ringers might be placed some day if the journal was not better supported, and advised each contributor to try and get at least one more subscriber, which would tend to put 'The Ringing World' on a sound footing.

The Chairman said he took a very serious view of the matter, and proposed that a recommendation should go from the society to the Central Council suggesting that, considering the importance of a weekly paper to the Exercise, the Central Council should take the matter up so as to assure the future of 'The Ringing World,' and further suggesting that the Central Council should ask for annual subscriptions from the ringing societies, so as to enable the price to be reduced to one penny per week, which should greatly increase the circulation. In conclusion, he urged ringers to do their best to keep 'The Ringing World' going.

His recommendation was carried.

## FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: J. Duffield 1, W. J. Houghton 2, F. Banner 3, B. H. Heyhoe 4, T. G. Jeffries 5, T. H. White 6, H. L. Tuttle 7, L. W. Houghton (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 7.

WILDEN, BEDS.—On Thursday, May 28th, 1,260 Grand sire Doulles: R. F. Sims (first quarter-peal) 1, C. H. Harding (conductor) 2, H. E. Harding 3, R. Houghton 4, E. Wagstaffe 5.

PERRY BARR.—On Monday, May 25th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Pettigrew (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, G. Williams 2, R. Ingram 3, A. Short 4, W. Rishworth 5, W. Best 6, F. Price (conductor) 7, W. Davies 8.

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the arrangements, and particularly to the committee, Messrs. A. A. Hughes (College Youths), G. H. Cross (Royal Cumberlands), E. J. Butler (Essex), C. T. Coles (Middlesex), T. W. Taffender (London County), F. M. Mitchell (Kent) and C. H. Kippin (Surrey). To all these he proposed that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded and that the hon. secretary be requested to write to them accordingly.

Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to the president for the way in which he had conducted the meeting. It had been his privilege, he said, to attend 44 annual meetings of the Council, and he, therefore, knew something of what the president had to do. He could go back to the time when the Standing Committee met some time in the morning, towards 12 o'clock, and the Council began its meeting at 2 o'clock and ended at five o'clock. Then it was found that the Council had to meet in the morning and the Standing Committee had to meet much earlier. It would have been quite hopeless to think of the committee meeting the night before, because people could not get there. He thought the Council had done wisely to keep to the same hour. To succeed in the chair at that meeting they must have a man who was respected by his brethren, who knew the duties of the chairman and who knew the work for which the Council was summoned together. All these were combined in Mr. Lewis, and he wanted to say how pleased they were to have him in the chair. He hoped he would continue for the next 20 years.

The motion having been carried by acclamation, Mr. Lewis replied. He said he had tried to do his best, but what he had done had been made extraordinarily easy for him by Mr. Fletcher. They must not forget to give him a hearty vote of thanks, for he had done the brunt of the work (applause).

Mr. F. E. Dawe paid a tribute to the kindness of Mr. A. A. Hughes, to whom was due, he believed, the fact that they had obtained the use of the Guildhall.

The Hon. Secretary said it was entirely due to the efforts of Mr. Hughes that they met in that hall. If it would interest the members, he could tell them that Mr. Hughes was summoned to the bar—not in a place associated with bellringing—but he was acquitted and was with them that day (applause).

This concluded the business and the Council then rose.

During the afternoon His Majesty the King's reply to the Council's loyal message of greeting was received and read. The text of the message and the reply were printed in our issue of June 5th.

## SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR.

Mr. J. Hunt writes pointing out, in connection with the discussion at the Central Council meeting on the resolution defining a spiced peal, that he did not reply to Mr. Holt's inquiry as to whether a 720 of Treble Bob Minor in the Worcester variation could be obtained. He said he was of opinion that, as a 720 of Treble Bob Minor could not be obtained when the methods are spliced at the lead-end, the other method of ringing them should be recognised as spliced.

## NOTICES.

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## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 30th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, St. Andrew's on the 16th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Knowle, Warwickshire, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield (6 bells) on Saturday, July 4th. Short service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5. Please notify Rev. J. Thompson, The Rectory, Bradfield, for tea. No charge for tea to members of society. Bus service at Malin Bridge Tram terminus.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 4th, at Horbling. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (1/6) and business meeting at P.R.H.A. If possible Billingborough bells will be available in evening.—C. T. H. Bradley, The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Do not come to Benenden if you don't like really good meetings. The summer meeting of the Tonbridge district, combining with the Romney Marsh and District Guild, will be held here on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Members who have booked coach seats please meet at Tonbridge S.R. Station, main entrance, 2.30 p.m.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute, Bancks Street, 5 p.m. Dunster (8) and Carhampton (6) bells available after the meeting, or at other times by previous arrangement.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LADIES' GUILD (Southern District) and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District).—A joint meeting will be held at ASH on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the District President of the Ladies' Guild, in the Church Room, 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild, or C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.



**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at The Oaks in Charnwood, near Shepshed, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available: St. Mary's (10), 1.15 to 2.15 and after tea; St. Michael's (8), 1.15 to 2.15 and 7.15 to 8 p.m.; Holy Rood (8), 6 to 7.15 p.m. Meeting in Chantry Hall 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at North Collingham on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Other towers will be open for ringing at 7 p.m. if necessary.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—West Norfolk Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Elmham on Saturday, July 4th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Moreton Corbet, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual Summer Festival will be held at Bromham on Saturday, July 4th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45. Tea arrangements will *only* be made for those who notify Mr. F. C. Tysoe, Bromham, Beds, beforehand. This is important, so please send a p.c.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Barford on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends welcome. Please come, a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m., everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The meeting of the above Branch, arranged for Saturday, July 4th, at Christ Church, Aughton, is cancelled.—William O. Farimond, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meetings for July. Service ringing: St. Clement Danes, Strand, July

5th, 10 a.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, July 12th, 5.30 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, July 26th, 5.30 p.m. Practices, St. Clement Danes, July 6th, 6.30 p.m., to be followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m.; July 20th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary, Lambeth, July 28th, 8 p.m.

The BELLS of Plympton St. Maurice Church, Devon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Plymouth on Monday, July 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Ring of eight recast and rehung in new frame by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—Surprise practice is to be held at the Roman Catholic Church on Thursdays at 7 to 8.30 p.m., July 9th, July 23rd, August 6th and August 20th. All ringers welcome.—R. Lathbury.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Summer festival at Chertsey, Saturday, July 11th. All welcome. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5.15 (1s. each). Numbers for tea must reach me not later than Tuesday, July 7th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting, originally notified for June 27th, will now be held at Coombe on Saturday, July 11th. Service 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Royal Oak. Towers open: Coombe (6), Bladon (6), Woodstock (8). Tea will be provided *only* for those who let me know by first post Thursday, July 9th.—W. Evetts, Hon. Secretary, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The Summer meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Cards for tea please to Mr. L. A. Porritt, 18, Picton Road, Ramsgate, not later than Thursday, July 9th. Half-fares (up to 2/-) will be paid to members attending. A good, representative attendance is requested for important business meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at High Easter on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by the first post on Wednesday, July 8th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Nominations are invited for branch secretary.—J. Norton, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. A number of outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranford (6 Bells) on Saturday, July 11th. Usual arrangements. Kindly notify me by Tuesday, July 7th, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

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**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Twineham on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, 5. Those who intend to be present please advise me by the previous Wednesday. Half rail fare, max. 1/6, allowed to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District and the East Grinstead Guild.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Lingfield on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. A good attendance is requested for the first joint meeting with the Southern District. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. Wallace, Mount Pleasant, High Street, Lingfield, Surrey, Wednesday previous to meeting.—W. Claydon and G. Lambert, Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Langdale on July 11th. Bells (6) will be ready at 3 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 11th. The Bells of Bath Abbey will be available from 3-4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, followed by tea and meeting. St. Mark's bells will be available from 3 o'clock, and Twerton after the meeting. Will all requiring tea kindly notify Miss Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath, by Tuesday, July 7th?—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45 Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Usk on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tattershall on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at Fortescue Hotel 5.15 p.m. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Tuesday, July 7th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk St., Boston, Lincs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. All those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 8th.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on Saturday, July 11th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Tea given by Rector.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Sec., Little Munden.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The first Summer meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, July 11th, at 2.30. East Midland buses (No. 4) run from Worksop, 1 p.m. and at 20 minute intervals. For tea do please send a post card before July 8th, to R. Fowler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland Dinham, on Saturday July 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Please let me know by Tuesday if any member requires tea—G. M. Hasell, Branch Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Peckleton (not Croft as arranged) on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (9d. each) at 5 p.m. Please send names to Mr. E. A. Hall, Peckleton, Leicester. All ringers welcome.—Arthur E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Fletching on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 8th. No rail fares this meeting.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradfield Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Beenham on Saturday, July 11th. Service 4 p.m. Tea (6d) 5 p.m. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea *must* be sent in before July 7th, to Rev. R. Howes, Beenham Vicarage, Reading.

**CHESTER CATHEDRAL.**—In connection with the augmentation fund a Bells Service will be held on Wednesday, July 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Tower open at 6.15 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Bells Committee.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival, 1936, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master). Business meeting in Chapter House, immediately after service. Owing to Dining Hall not being available on this date, lunch will be served at The Carfax Assembly Rooms, by Messrs. G. Weekes & Co., at 1.30 p.m. Tickets (2/- each) to members (3/- to non-members). Applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach Gen. Sec. not later than Wednesday, July 15th. Further details will be given on printed notices to each tower.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the New Hall, at a moderate price. Business meeting to follow. Please remember a postcard to E. F. Godfrey, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous. This is one of the county's beauty spots.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting and 6-bell contest at Saddleworth on Saturday, July 18th. Entries and applications for tea (1/6) to be in my hand July 11th. Subscriptions due.—F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Rd., Hightown, Liversedge.

**LANCASHIRE FRIENDS WELCOMED.**—Please note Halifax Contest at Saddleworth Church. Anyone desiring tea (1s. 6d. each) notify Joseph Burgess, West Lodge, Greenfield, nr. Oldham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, July 16th. Ringers and friends from any district will be welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield, on Saturday, July 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—Book these meeting dates, please:—July 18th, Feltham and Bedfont; August 15th, Ruislip; Sept. 5th, Staines and Egham; October 10th, Hillingdon (social). Details later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Halewood, on Saturday, July 18th (note change of date). Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. For tea apply Mr. J. Gardner, Church Road, Halewood.

**FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.**—The new ring of eight, tenor 15½ cwt., by Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated on Saturday, July 18th, at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Chichester. Further details next week. Will those attending please notify Mr. O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, by Tuesday, July 14th. All ringers welcome.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherwick on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify, by July 14th, J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Secretary, Yateley, Hants.

**HERTS, RICKMANSWORTH.**—Saturday, July 18th  
**ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM, BUCKS.**  
—CHANGE OF SECRETARY.—Will all in possession of under-mentioned books amend as under:—The Ringers' Directory (4th Edition), page 119, Burnham Bucks, O'Neill, B. (T.S). Oxford Diocesan Guild (current issue), page 28. (Sec.) Mr. Bryan O'Neill, Dawes East, Burnham, Bucks. This notice will not be repeated.

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