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THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The Central Council paid a long-delayed return visit to Yorkshire for their meeting this year. They had been invited time and again, but in their desire to spread their visits over the country the claims of other centres had been given priority, and not for 34 years had the Council met in Yorkshire. The last occasion was at York in 1904, and once previously, in 1895, they met in Sheffield. As far as possible these annual meetings have been planned broadly on a system which, with London as the fixed meeting place under the rules for the first session of each new Council, has taken them in turn, twice to the Midlands, then north and south, then west and east. It is a scheme that works well, for it enables the Council to reach in time each part of the country and thus help to keep interest in it alive in the various centres.

Few meetings outside London have been more interesting than that at Leeds last week, and none has been more enjoyable. The attendance was well above the average, and the Yorkshire Association earned the Council's gratitude for the wonderful hospitality with which they entertained the members. They spared nothing in making the gathering a success, and those who were able to share fully in the social side of the visit will long have pleasant memories of the occasion. Those—and there are still a few—who are inclined to view the meetings of the Council as an opportunity for 'junketing' on the part of a privileged few, fail to realise both the work which is done by the Council and the valuable effect created by these opportunities of members of associations and guilds all over the country to meet and rub shoulders and to discuss informally, as they do outside the Council Chamber, the hundred and one little points that go to make up interest in ringing, and broaden their ideas, which, in the long run, must reflect its benefit on the Exercise at large.

As to the actual business transacted at last week's meeting, there was nothing exciting about it, no very spirited debates on contentious subjects, such as sometimes happen, although an interlude in the afternoon, in reverting to the subject of publishing the book on Surprise methods, threatened a small storm. That, however, was successfully sidetracked, at any rate for a year. The rest of the agenda was disposed of very placidly, but that is not to say that a good deal of useful and solid work was not done. As we have so often pointed out, it is the committees of the Council that carry the burden, but the Council must meet to implement the decisions. Its deliberations occupied in all some four and a half hours. That the business was got through

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as expeditiously as that is due to the admirable organisation and preparation by the hon. secretary and the businesslike handling of the meeting by the president. Excellent men have gone before them, but the Council has never previously had such an efficient combination of executive officers.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

Miss L. K. BOWLING 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	JAMES PARKER 8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
JOSEPH BROADLEY 5	RONALD SQUIRES Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD Treble	* FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... 6
ERNEST WHITING 2	RUSSELL RICHES 7
* FREDERICK C. GUNTON 3	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 8
GODFREY G. WALPOLE 4	R. WILLIAM BARBER 9
CLAYTON PARNELL 5	CHARLES W. LOOME Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal on ten bells. A wedding peal for Miss Jermy, daughter of Mr. Herbert Jermy, towerkeeper of St. Nicholas' Church.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

CHARLES H. WATTS Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT 8
JOSEPH L. STAINIER 4	WALTER LAGO 9
* RONALD SHEPHERD 5	† JOHN W. HUMPHRIES Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST V. CHESTERTON Treble	T. HENRY WRIGHT 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON 2	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS 6
* JOSEPH W. LAWRENCE 3	FRANCIS R. DEACON 7
REUBEN WIGHTMAN 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. This composition has 2-3 at home every course end and is now rung for the first time.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	*WILLIAM A. FARMER 5
THOMAS PRICE 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
GEORGE A. PACKER 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung on the 75th birthday of the conductor's father.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*ROBERT G. PARKER Treble	HARRY WARENETT, JUN. 5
HARRY WARENETT, SEN. 2	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 6
MISS HILDA OAKSHETT 3	JACK DAFTERS 7
HARRY HOSKINS 4	EDMUND MOUNTER Tenor

Conducted by JACK DAFTERS.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a fiftieth birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Warette, jun.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*RONALD W. STEWARD Treble	HARRY R. ROPER 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	*URBAN W. WILDNEY 6
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

C. KENNETH LEWIS Treble	LIONEL CLOUGH 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	ERNEST BENNETT 6
REV. FRANK BONNER 3	JAMES A. MILNER 7
JAMES FERNLEY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble	FREDERICK BOREHAM 5
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 2	LAURENCE POULSON 6
MAURICE T. SYMONDS 3	*WILFRED JARVIS 7
*LEONARD PRYKE 4	FREDERICK A. POULSON Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

G. WILFRED SLACK Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5
JOSEPH THACKRAY 2	FRANK RAYMENT 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS 7
WILLIAM BARTON 4	JOHN AMBLER Tenor

Composed by REV. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON

Rung as a farewell to G. Wilfred Slack.

NORWICH.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, COSLANY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN Treble	ALBERT G. WARNES 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 6
*MISS GWEN TUNNADINE 3	GEORGE BAILEY 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	ROBERT W. BARBER Tenor

Conducted by BERTIE J. HOWCHIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Gwen Tunnadine, it being her first peal in the method.

CAMPSALL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*FRANK VALLANCE Treble	EDWIN E. LEE 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	WILLIAM FAY 6
†HOWARD SCOTT 3	FOORD P. NEWTON 7
HARRY GOODALE 4	ERNEST COOPER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. COOPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS Treble	WALTER TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
*GEORGE T. COUSINS 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

MRS. J. BRAY Treble	JOHN T. BARTRAM 5
JACK BRAY 2	*G. LESLIE LUNN 6
MRS. E. GRAY 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7
JOSEPH DIXON 4	*NOEL B. THURLEY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells. Epworth being the birthplace of John Wesley, this peal is associated with the Wesley bicentenary celebrations.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ARTHUR S. BOAR 2	*WALTER H. DOBBIE 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
*GEORGE A. NAYLOR 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Wood.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ARTHUR S. BOAR 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
HARRY DAVISON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
*ARTHUR ARMITAGE 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal in the method.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

A. STANLEY WOODARD ... Treble	JAMES E. BAILEY 5
FREDERICK J. SMITH 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

F. J. Smith's 200th peal.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES E. FISHER ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
FRANK L. FISHER 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
*MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	JAMES E. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. F. L. Fisher's 100th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES WHITING ... Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY ... 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
JAMES E. BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
HARRY HOVERD 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by J. M. BAILEY.

First Surprise peal as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	DEREK M. SHARP 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	EDWIN BARNETT 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PHILIP A. CORBY ... Treble	DEREK M. SHARP 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	HARRY PARKES 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

PENSURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... Treble	GEORGE W. FOGDEN 5
GEORGE EDWARDS 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
DEREK M. SHARP 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

Mr. G. Edwards' 100th peal.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 6
PERCY J. SPICE 3	DEREK M. SHARP 7
FRANCIS C. SHORTER 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	PHILIP A. CORBY 5
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 2	HARRY PARKES 6
DEREK M. SHARP 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4	ERNEST A. OXENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

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On Tuesday, May 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob, 24 of Grandsire (10 variations of calling), and one 240, Morris' arrangement. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... Treble	*ROBERT WALFE ... 3
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... 2	†ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 4

A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in four methods. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*DENNIS E. J. BRÉWER ... Treble	*FRANK D. WHEELER ... 4
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 2	RALPH SHAILES ... 5
CHARLES J. HATHAWAY ... 3	*A. JOHN GOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. H. F. Shepherd).

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4
LEWIS BUSH ... 2	WALLACE COUSINS ... 5
JOHN BUCKENHAM ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALLACE COUSINS.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

C. W. LAWTON ... Treble	MISS E. M. P. FETHERS ... 4
STANLEY NOBLE ... 2	JOHN W. L. SLACK ... 5
THOMAS TAYLOR ... 3	JOHN W. WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WHITTAKER.

A birthday compliment to C. W. Lawton.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 14 six-scores each of Old Doubles, Plain Bob and Grand-sire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD ROGERS ... Treble	GEORGE GOWING ... 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... 5
*GEORGE LINES ... 3	†EDWARD J. THURLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. The conductor's 150th peal.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, all called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

MELVILLE JORDAN ... Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 4
THOMAS BALDWIN ... 2	THOMAS WORRALL ... 5
LESLIE BARRY ... 3	CHARLES HODGES ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Kent Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Double Court; (5) Double Oxford; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER LYCETT ... Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 4
THOMAS PRICE ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
FREDERICK PRICE ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in 11 methods in the county, by all the band and for the association.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE BERRY ... Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 4
WALTER LYCETT ... 2	FREDERICK PRICE ... 5
THOMAS PRICE ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in four methods.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	HECTOR HOLLIDAY ... 4
JOHN CLARKE ... 2	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... 5
JOHN A. GODFREY ... 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALFRED C. G. GAMBRILL ... Treble	LAURENCE BODMAN ... 4
MISS JOYCE M. BRAN ... 2	E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... 5
*WILLIS BROOKS ... 3	*WILFRED C. E. GOLDUP ... Tenor

Conducted by E. THOMAS ELLENDER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

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PEAL NOTES.

TWELVE TIMES ROUND THE TOWER.

Mr. W. C. Rumsey, of Debenham, Suffolk, has now 'circled' his own tower in peals no fewer than twelve times. He completed it on June 4th in a peal of Cambridge, when he rang the 2nd. It must be, surely, a record.

The bicentenary of John Wesley has been recently celebrated by the Methodist denomination. Wesley was born at Epworth, Lincolnshire, where his father was Vicar, and on June 4th a peal was rung at this church in association with the commemoration. It was the first peal on the bells.

Dennis Brewer, the youngest member of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, rang his first peal on June 1st, when 42 extents of Grandsire Doubles were rung at Lydiard Millicent, Wilts, as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. H. F. Shepherd. Dennis is only 13 years of age.

A GOOD WHITSUN.

Youth, with a sprinkling of age, made a good bag in Kent during Whitsun. Five peals were rung between Friday and Tuesday, although, perhaps, the two first were just in the ordinary programme, one being at Crayford and the other at Gravesend, while Crayford came in for another on the last day.

On Whit Monday it was intended to go for Double Norwich at Penshurst and Oxford Treble Bob at Speldhurst with the same band. Unfortunately, however, events proved that early rising was not the strong point of one of the ringers. When he had been 'given up as a bad job' at Penshurst, it was decided to start for Bob Major, with Mr. George Edwards, of the local band, kindly standing in and ringing his 100th peal. The delinquent turned up when the peal had been in progress about three-quarters of an hour. By the way, if you check over the names you may find who was the culprit.

It was particularly kind of Mr. Edwards to stand in, as he had hoped that Mr. Thomas Groombridge, sen., of Chislehurst, who called his 50th peal, would also call his 100th.

Other Kent ringers had a Whitsuntide trip to Suffolk, and, augmented by some well-known 'natives,' scored a trio of peals. The first was on the Saturday at Woodbridge, where Cambridge was rung and Mr. F. J. Smith scored his 200th peal.

On Whit Sunday the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells at Kelsale was achieved. This peal was well earned, as the tenor went very badly, and, towards the end, only brute force kept it going.

Peals in almost all the 'standard' methods had previously been rung at Kelsale, as well as one or two of the unusual Surprise methods, such as Guildford and Rochester, but, although several good bands had attempted to score a peal of Stedman, this one was the first to come home.

It was Mr. F. L. Fisher's one hundredth peal, and Miss Sylvia Bowyer's first of Stedman Triples, although she has already rung three peals of Stedman Cinques.

FAMILY ACHIEVEMENTS.

Leiston, made famous in ringing history by the achievements of the Bailey brothers, who could man all the bells and still have one or two of the family to spare, produced a peal of Superlative on Whit Monday. There were four members of the family in the peal, two brothers with a son and his wife. We think this must be the first time a Mrs. Bailey has rung a peal there. The conductor was Mr. J. M. Bailey, her father-in-law, and it is a curious fact that although he has rung 270 peals of Surprise Major, it was the first he had called.

It is also interesting to note that on Whit Monday, 29 years ago, what is believed to be the longest length by any local band was rung at Leiston. It was 11,240 of Double Norwich Major, which took 6 hours 32 minutes to ring. Messrs. E. S. and J. M. Bailey, who rang in the peal last Whit Monday, were also in the performance in 1909.

Messrs. A. E. Bacon and W. Buckenham rang their 50th peal together on Whit Monday, when they took part in seven extents of Bob Minor at Gressenhall, Norfolk.

The first peal in eleven methods in Shropshire and by the Shropshire Association as well as by all the band was rung at Moreton Corbet on Whit Monday. The four extra methods were put in in the first extent. Five of the same band rang in another peal of Minor the same day at Stoke-on-Tern.

The conductor of both these peals, Mr. Arthur Pritchard, called a peal of Grandsire Caters at Coalbrookdale on the following day, when Ronald Shepherd, of Aston, Birmingham, rang his first peal at the first attempt.

John Gilbert, of Handsworth, one of Yorkshire's coming youngsters, rang his 75th peal on Whit Monday at Heptonstall. He it was who called the record junior peal at Crayford a year or two ago. The peal at Heptonstall was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, who, at the time, was coaching round Yorkshire with the Central Council.

Something 'different' in Bob Major! The composition of the peal of Bob Major rung at Earl Shilton on Saturday, May 28th, was on novel lines, having instead of the orthodox 7-8 at home, 2-3 there at every course end. Consequently the big bells were 'all over the place' and the music was like the proverbial curate's egg—good in parts. The sergeant-major would have said it was like 'neither your armhole nor your elbow,' or words to that effect! Nevertheless, it broke away from the common rut.

(Continued in next column.)

DEATH OF MR. G. T. DALTRY.

A VETERAN BRISTOL RINGER.

A well-known ringer of former days passed away on June 8th in the person of George Thomas Daltry, of Bristol. He had been in charge of the tower at All Saints', Bristol, for over 50 years, and the esteem in which he was held may be gauged by the fact that he was, at the time of his death, people's churchwarden, a representative on the Ruri-decanal Conference, and one of the trustees of All Saints' Lands Trust. He was a Freemason, and member of the Royal Clarence Lodge, in the Province of Bristol.

As a ringer he did much to raise the standard of ringing in Bristol. The series of peals rung at his tower, in collaboration with his colleague, the late Henry Porch, about 1896-97, roused his rivals to greater endeavours, and although his peals were termed 'non-association' (several members of the band refusing to join the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), the writer, as one of the 'rivals' at the time, can bear witness to the excellent quality of the ringing. Through the influence of the late James Hinton, Mr. Daltry and his colleagues eventually agreed to join the association and meet together for practice at St. Mary Redcliffe, where the first peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on December 31st, 1899. Grandsire Cinques and Bob Maximus followed, all conducted by H. Porch.

The funeral of Mr. Daltry took place on Saturday, June 11th, when the church was nearly filled by representatives of the various organisations with which he was connected. The ringers present were Messrs. W. R. Paddock, C. H. Gordon, F. C. Mogford, R. Clark, H. H. Tucker, A. Pearce, G. Pearce, F. J. Porch, F. J. Jewell, F. J. Cooper, R. J. Drew, F. Gooding and W. A. Cave.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH CHAIRMANSHIP.

A very successful meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 4th, the occasion being the branch annual festival. The weather being good, there was an excellent attendance, the following towers being represented: Buckingham, Bradwell, Loughton, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Newport Longville, Shenley, Stony Stratford and Stoke Goldington, with a number of ringing visitors, including Mr. and Mrs. J. Davies and Mr. Pye, from London. Service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Partridge (Rector of Bletchley), and a very inspiring address was given by the Rev. Bishop, of Little Buckhill. Tea was served in the school, where about 60 sat down.

At the business meeting afterwards the secretary (Mr. W. Sear) reported that he had received the resignation of the chairman (the Rev. H. Adeane Byard, of Newport Pagnell). The Deputy Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) presided, and the secretary gave a detailed account of the financial position of the branch and of the activities during the year. They had, he said, a total of £15 8s. 11d. in hand, £10 invested, with a membership of 239 from 28 towers.

The appointment of a chairman of the district was held over to a later date. Mr. W. Sear was re-elected secretary and treasurer for the 22nd year.

A sum of £5 5s. was voted for Mr. J. J. Parker's memorial fund. Mr. R. T. Hibbert, hon. secretary of the Guild, addressed the meeting and complimented the branch on its very healthy condition.

The Deputy Master proposed votes of thanks to the preacher and to the ladies for their assistance, which had helped to make the meeting so successful.

The secretary was requested to write and thank the late chairman for his help during his term of office.

Ringing during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman to Spliced Surprise, which was accomplished by the visitors.

AN ENQUIRY FROM JERSEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to enquire through your columns if any ringers are contemplating a holiday in Jersey at any time between July 8th and 18th? If so, will they please communicate with me?

C. E. LOVETT.

Heathfield Cottage, Bagatelle Lane,
St. Saviour's, Jersey, C.I.

(Continued from previous column.)

Several members of the Central Council took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at Bradford Cathedral on June 4th as a preliminary to their visit to Yorkshire.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Lugwardine on June 4th was rung during a visit to Herefordshire of Mr. W. H. Fussell and Mr. A. P. Cannon. It was the latter's fiftieth peal as conductor, and this number has been spread over no fewer than 49 towers.

Mr. Fred Lambert, of Halesworth, Suffolk, rang his 150th peal on Whit Monday, when he called a peal of Doubles in three methods at Wissett.

Mr. G. Wilfred Slack, a brilliant mathematician who makes some of our ringing 'scientists' watch their step, and who has composed a peal of Stedman Triples in two equal parts with only two singles, is leaving Leeds for a post in Hampshire. A farewell peal of Double Norwich was rung at Drighlington on June 4th.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**MAY MEETING AT GUISELEY.**

Usually the visit of the Leeds and District Society to Guiseley is rewarded with wonderful weather, but this year they had to share similar weather to the rest of England, and continued rain throughout the day rather kept the attendance down. Members were present from Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Burley, Drighlington, Holbeck, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Sherburn, Shipley and the local company.

The bells were kept going, except for the usual breaks, during the afternoon and evening. The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (the Rev. J. A. B. Andrews, M.A.) being in the chair. One new member, Mr. F. Terry, of Hemingbrough, was elected.

A donation of 10s. 6d. was voted to the Canon Elsee Memorial Fund. The vote of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson and seconded by Mr. S. Helliwell.—Mr. F. Dixon acknowledged the vote and promised to pass on the society's thanks.

The next meeting will be held on June 25th at Burley.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

For the meeting of the Shropshire Association on June 11th, two six-bell towers were visited, conveyance by car between the churches being satisfactorily accomplished.

In the afternoon the light peal at Great Ness provided practice in handling, while in the evening it was found that the peal at Becton needed both strength and skill if good striking was to be hoped for.

Some good practice was obtained in standard six-bell methods, and the attendance of 23 ringers to tea was quite satisfactory for the district.

There was little business, as time was limited, but the meeting recorded its appreciation of the efforts of the band and conductor, Mr. A. Pritchard, who had raised the county record to eleven Minor methods in a peal.

DEATH OF MR. G. M. WYATT.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George M. Wyatt, of Bentley, South Weald, Essex, who passed away on Ascension Day. He will be missed in the district, where he was respected by all.

The funeral took place on Monday, May 30th, when the bells were rung half-muffled for the service.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,250 changes) was rung by R. C. Heazel (conductor) 1, A. Rainbird 2, A. E. Pryke 3, G. Sewell 4, J. Sitch 5.

A YORKSHIRE WORTHY.**PASSING OF MR. ARTHUR E. WEST.**

The death occurred at his home, Holly Bank, Sutton, near Hull, of Mr. Arthur E. West. Deceased, who was 54 years of age, was connected with the St. James' Church, Sutton, for 38 years. Portly in build, he was a typical yeoman and of a most lovable nature. His friends, who included ringers not only locally, but all over England, have lost a true 'pal.'

All visitors to the district received a warm welcome at Holly Bank and were always interested in his collection of clocks (incidentally there were nearly 500) and many valuable pieces of antique furniture. Then there was handbell ringing if possible, and before saying 'Good-bye,' a visit to the private sanctum for a stirrup cup which, somehow, was never failing. Mr. West made many friends wherever he went, for he travelled far in the cause of ringing. His advice about church clocks was much sought and he gave it most willingly.

Mr. West had rung 25 peals, and was one of the band that scored the first peal on the bells of his Parish Church, when in 1907 the local band rang seven extents of Treble Bob Minor.

His loss to the Yorkshire Association and especially in the East Riding will be felt in many ways. He attended a general meeting at Tadcaster only a fortnight before his death, where he caught a chill and took to his bed on the following Tuesday.

He was buried quietly in the family vault at Hull General Cemetery on Whit Monday and was carried to his rest by his brother ringers from Sutton. His keenness in the teaching of learners has been shown regularly in 'The Ringing World,' especially by his pupils at Craford and other places as the writer can testify.

J. W. H.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held on Saturday, June 4th, at Biddulph. The attendance was smaller than usual, probably due to the Whitsun holidays, but 24 members attended from Biddulph, Kingsley, Brown Edge, Longton, Burslem, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Wolstanton, Draycott and Norton-in-the-Moors, and Lawton.

Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar, who, in welcoming the visitors, suggested that the wishes of the meeting for her speedy recovery be sent to Mrs. Cottrell, wife of the Biddulph captain.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, ringers and lady helpers was followed by more ringing and the ringers' special service at 7 o'clock.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The method rung by Cadoux at the Swansea and Brecon Guild's competition at Morrision was Cambridge Surprise and not Kent Treble Bob as reported in our last issue.

At least two members cycled to the Central Council meeting. One, a lady, pedalled her way to Leeds from Cambridge; the other pushed all the way from London. It took him 23 hours. But for a slight accident he would have cycled home again—instead the bike went back by rail and the cyclist by car.

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's wonderful ringing machine worked overtime during the visit of the Central Council to Leeds. He had it on exhibition on two evenings and both members and visitors inspected it with the keenest interest. One of its most remarkable features lies in the fact that while ringing in one method is in progress it can be set to switch over to another at any lead head.

Leeds and District ringers are specially requested to send in their names for tea at the Burley meeting. The difficulty of catering is especially great in this district, as there are no cafes in the neighbourhood.

The long run of good fortune enjoyed by St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, came to an end on Saturday last. A peal of Yorkshire Maximus had progressed as far as the 'middle' in the last course when one of the ringers felt faint and had to stop.

It was the intention of the society to ring twelve peals in twelve months in twelve different Maximus methods. Half that intention had already been realised. We hope the plan may yet be successfully accomplished.

RINGS OF TWELVE.

WHICH IS THE BEST PEAL?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On Whit Sunday morning I heard a course of London Surprise Major rung on the back eight at York Minster. It was a very good course, and except that in the first lead or so the little bells were rung rather too fast, the striking was good. It was the tenor ringing which was notable. That bell must be a masterpiece of the bellhanger's craft, but, even so, the way in which Charlie Kippin turn her in was splendid.

My impression (for what it is worth) is that York are better as an eight than they are as a twelve. It would seem that a very heavy ring of bells with modern tuning, unless they could be rung very slowly (say at the rate of five and a half hours to a peal), are musically a failure. Leaving Mancroft out of the question (for which bells I have a natural prejudice), I think the best ring of twelve I have ever heard (both inside and outside the tower) is St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. I wonder how many people agree with me?

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

UNSIGHTLY PEAL BOARDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the Provost of Southwell's comments on the very poor peal boards which may be seen in belfries, with a little thought and effort by the right executors it is possible to produce a peal board (or a framed notice) that is not blatant and respects the style of building in which it is to be placed. But why not a Record Book? If necessary, it could be of vellum or parchment and bound in leather, and if kept in a case would last for centuries. As a preface some historical data could be included.

The ugly boards seen coincide with the ill-designed notices, brasses and stones so prevalent in public buildings. The result is caused by handing the job to the nearest signwriter or mason at so much a letter.

Chelsfield Park, Kent.

O. CULLEN.

WYKE REGIS BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With your kind permission, may I make an appeal through 'The Ringing World' to all my fellow-ringers and church-workers on behalf of the bells of Wyke Regis (Weymouth) Church? This peal has been rung for Sunday services for 47 years, but has been silent since November, owing to the fact that after examination by the bellfounders it was stated they were unsafe to ring.

Unfortunately we have had some very heavy expenditure in our parish quite recently. We have had to purchase our Church Schools at a cost of £7,000, the cost of church restoration has amounted to £1,600, and of the organ £350. A large portion of the above has been paid, but more money is required to clear the debt on the schools, church restoration and organ. Now we require £300 to put our eight bells in order.

Many ringers come to this beautiful district for their holidays during the summer, and bands of ringers come for their outings. I feel sure they will miss the pleasure of a touch on this merry peal.

I shall be most grateful to receive any donations.

C. H. JENNINGS.

3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—23.**JOHN WORTH.**

One of the conductors who has helped to make ringing history is Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, for he led the band that resumed the good work, begun in his own county in the early 'twenties by the Norbury company, and carried on the record-breaking exploits in Spliced Minor ringing. Under his conductorship Cheshire men built up the total to 51 methods in seven true extents, and, after their Lincolnshire rivals had carried the number by stages to 61, Mr. Worth called peals in 66 and 68 methods, and later took part in a peal in 73 methods. At the moment honours rest in Lincolnshire with the 80-method peal rung last December. But it was Mr. Worth's initiative that set the ball rolling again in 1934, little more than five years after he had rung his first peal, a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on June 3rd, 1929, which was the first peal by all the band.

Mr. Worth was born at Macclesfield in 1910 and learned to ring at Christ Church, where the conditions, to say the least, are not easy, and among the peals which he has rung he, therefore, values particularly two at this church, a peal of Grandsire Triples by the Sunday service band and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

In addition to the record peals of Minor in which Mr. Worth has taken part, he has rung peals of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus, and Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. He conducted the first peals of Staffordshire Surprise Major, Manchester Surprise Major and Carishbrooke Delight Major, and also the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods in Cheshire.

He recently rang his two hundredth peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild, and out of the total of 233 peals in which he has taken part, he has called 161. He has rung two peals of Maximus, two of Cinques, ten of Royal and conducted six, six of Caters and conducted five, 114 of Major and conducted 85, 15 Triples and conducted 12, 80 of Minor (in one to 73 methods) and conducted 50, and four of Doubles, of which he has conducted three—and he has been peal ringing only nine years!

Mr. Worth is a Branch Ringing Master in the Chester Guild and serves on the Guild Committee.

Next week: Mr. Harold J. Poole.

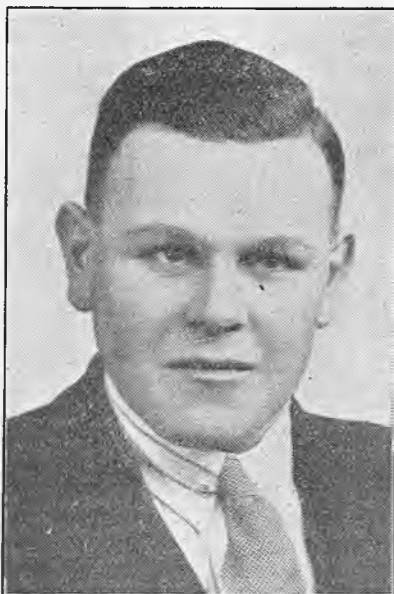
ANOTHER VETERAN PASSES ON.**FORMER MEMBER OF THE OLD BURTON BAND.**

The Stoke (Coventry) band lost its oldest member when Mr. William J. Smith died on June 4th at the age of 72. He joined the Stoke band in 1912. He had previously been a ringer at Burton-on-Trent for many years, and became a member of the Midland Counties Association in 1886. While at Burton he took part in 123 peals, including Cambridge, Superlative, New Cumberland and London Surprise Major, with the famous band which included the brothers Wakley, J. Griffin, J. Austin, J. Jagger, etc. Since coming to Coventry he rang a further 22 peals, adding Bristol to his list of Surprise methods. His last Surprise peal was one of London Major, rung 25 years after his previous peal in the method.

Although living more than two miles from the tower, he was most conscientious in his attendance for service ringing until, 18 months ago, a seizure prevented him taking part in any more ringing, and for more than three months before the end he had been confined to his bed.

The funeral took place at Coventry Cemetery on June 9th, the mourners including the widow, brother, three daughters, son-in-law, representatives of the Warwickshire Guild and the Stoke band. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. E. Sibley, F. E. Pervin, A. Beamish and J. Taylor.

In the evening a quarter-peal of the deceased's favourite method (Stedman Triples) was rung at Stoke Church with the bells half-muffled by F. E. Pervin (conductor) 1, E. H. Johnson 2, F. Hayne 3, C. Freeman 4, D. Ellender 5, J. Taylor 6, W. T. Cox 7, F. Rouse 8.



MR. JOHN WORTH.

DEVON GUILD.**AMALGAMATION HOPED FOR.**

The annual meeting of the Devonshire Guild was held at Cullompton on Whit Monday. The usual Guild service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. G. W. Grubb, Vicar of Cullompton, the address being given by the Rev. Major T. H. E. Woods, Rector of East and West Woolington, who said that as a lover of bells he rejoiced at the opportunity of addressing such a large assembly of ringers. References to his varied experiences abroad greatly interested the congregation.

Luncheon was served in the Assembly Room of the Half Moon Hotel, over 150 members and friends being present. Following this the business meeting was held, the president (the Rev. E. V. Cox) being in the chair, supported by the Revs. F. Carter, H. L. Hustwayte, F. W. Moore, G. W. Grubb, Major Woods and representatives of each branch of the Guild.

In moving the adoption of the annual report and financial statement, the Chairman expressed the thanks of the committee to all the members for their loyal support, and hoped that before long the Guild and its sister—the Devon Association—might unite by eliminating the rule which at present formed a barrier to amalgamation.

Sympathy was expressed with the Rev. E. J. Barton, of Holcombe Regis, and Mr. O. Gatter, of Littleham, both in hospital.

The president and general secretary were re-elected as before, and Mr. F. C. Smale, of Okehampton, was elected general treasurer in place of Mr. T. G. Bartlett, who wished to resign. It was resolved to record on the minutes the gratitude of the meeting to the late treasurer for his 17 years of faithful service. Mr. J. C. Oke was re-elected auditor, and the general secretary and Messrs. E. W. Marsh, G. C. Woodley and F. C. Smale elected Central Council representatives.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Plymouth.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Vicar of Cullompton, Major Woods, the organist, and the local band for their assistance in the arrangements.

The fine toned ring of ten in St. Mary's tower were heard throughout the day in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, a local wedding ceremony benefiting by the ringing.

THE USE OF CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the last issue of your journal there is an account of a quarter-peal, rung in honour of the appointment of a ringer to the chairmanship of an Urban District Council. This is only one of many occasions when church bells are rung to celebrate purely mundane events, and it is open to question whether ringing of this description is either in order or in the best of taste.

On looking through your columns of the past year I find many incongruous reasons for ringing peals. Among these are the birth of a local baby, birthdays of local people (21st and otherwise), a tribute to a long-deceased inventor of shorthand, the engagement of a local couple, a tribute to the parents of a ringer, and now, to crown all, the appointment to the Urban District Council chairmanship.

Church bells are primarily installed for the glory of God, and, secondly, to summon people to the services of the church. Apart from recognised occasions for ringing, such as weddings, commemoration of the departed, welcomes and farewells to incumbents, national occasions of rejoicing, etc., there can seldom be an occasion when a peal is rung that there is not some festival or saint's day to which the ringing could be dedicated. If no other reason could be found on any particular day, then the peal could be rung in honour of the patron saint of the church which owns the bells.

In conclusion, I would advocate that we 'render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's,' thereby keeping our ringing in the high position which it ought to occupy as one of the services of the Church.

Streathley, Berks.

A. R. C. POYNTZ.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**A WELCOME TO WORTLEY.**

The June meeting was held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 11th. Members were present from Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, Rotherham, Sandal, South Kirkby, Sheffield (St. Marie's), Shelley, Wath and the local company. Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m., and tea was served in the Wortley Arms.

At the business meeting the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. B. Brockwell), who presided, was accorded thanks for all he had done to make the meeting a success and for the cordial welcome he had given to the ringers. The thanks were even more grateful than usual, because the meeting had been previously arranged for Wentworth, but word was received from the Vicar of that church that, through the bells being in a bad condition, they had been advised to cease ringing; therefore, the meeting had to be transferred to Wortley at short notice.

The Vicar suitably replied, and assured the members that he was very pleased to attend such a gathering.

Touches were rung on handbells, and further ringing continued on the tower bells in a variety of Minor methods and touches of Plain and Treble Bob Major.

The next meeting will include the six-bell contest at Horbury on July 9th.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

WELCOME TO LEEDS.

Publications to be Revised.

When the third session of the sixteenth Council (the forty-sixth meeting) opened at Leeds on Whitsun Tuesday, there was an attendance of 92 members, and the chair was taken by the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis).

The Deputy Mayor of Leeds (Councillor Mrs. L. Hammond) welcomed the members to the city on behalf of her father, the Lord Mayor. She confessed that she knew very little about church bell ringing, except by hearing them. Sometimes they were very beautiful, but sometimes she thought they were rather a nuisance when she wanted a little rest and they started ringing (laughter). But she could say in all sincerity that, when one was in the country or in the garden and heard the bells ringing in the distance, there was no more musical sound anywhere (applause). Mrs. Hammond went on to say that in the Registrars' Room at Leeds Parish Church were four volumes bearing the title 'The Ringers' Book,' covering a period from 1746 to 1883. These volumes were in reality minute books of the records of the ringers. The first entry was in 1746, when they 'received 13s. 4d. for ringing for a day of thanksgiving for the suppression of the late Rebellion.' From the commencement of the book the wages or gratuities of the ringers were entered for each quarter, but they ceased in 1853, 'the reason the ringers' salary is not inserted as usual is in consequence of it being so irregular and small we are ashamed for future generations to see it' (laughter).

'Most of you are ringers from the love of the work,' continued the Deputy Mayor. 'I hope after your deliberations you will not have to make entries in your ringing book of such a character' (laughter). In 1854, proceeded Mrs. Hammond, another complaint was entered that the salary of the ringers used to be £60 a year, but since the rebuilding of the church they had had to depend on subscriptions from pew holders and others interested, and the sum since 1843 was only £36, which seemed gradually falling until in 1854 it was only £23, 'with every chance of it getting less.' Mrs. Hammond added that if any of those present had the opportunity of examining the book they would find it very interesting. She concluded by renewing the welcome to Leeds and expressing the hope that the Council would have a successful conference.

The President thanked the Deputy Lord Mayor for her kind and charming welcome. The Council, he said, had been a long time coming to Yorkshire, but now they had got there they felt they had got a real, good Yorkshire welcome (applause). On the preceding day they had been treated to one of the finest outings the Council members had ever had. They would like to thank the civic authorities for allowing them the use of that room for their meeting. Mr. Lewis went on to say they knew that Yorkshire was a sort of breeding ground for bishops, and if they looked up the list of bishops in Crockford, and examined their antecedents, they would find that nearly all of them were either curates or vicars of Leeds. In the same way, Yorkshire was famous for its ringers. Many of the famous ringers of old, outside London, came from Yorkshire, among them Thackrah, Snowdon and the Hattersleys, while their old friend Mr. W. T. Cockerill was also a Yorkshireman. They felt that Yorkshire was a real, live centre of bellringing. The members of the Council had had the opportunity of seeing its lovely scenery, and they would go away with very pleasant memories of their long delayed visit (applause).

Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association) expressed the sincere apologies of the Vicar of Leeds that he was unable to be present to welcome the Council on behalf of the Church in Leeds. He gave a provisional promise some time ago to be present, but now he found he had to be away from the city. The Vicar had asked him to assure the Council of his hearty welcome. He was very proud of the bells in Leeds Parish Church and of those who rang them. He realised to the full the very great work which bellringers and the Central Council were doing for the Church, and in Leeds they felt that they had in the ringers a most devoted and loyal band of workers. The Vicar asked him to give the Council a hearty welcome to Leeds and his very best wishes for the success of the conference (applause).

The President expressed thanks for the kind message conveyed by Canon Marshall and said how much the Council appreciated meeting in Leeds and having the opportunity of ringing on the various peals of bells that had been placed at their disposal. They were sorry the Vicar had not been able to be present, but they appreciated his message very much (applause).

After the report of the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) as to the constitution of the Council (printed in our last issue), the following new members were presented to the president: Mr. J. C. Pollard (Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association), Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Middlesex County Association), Miss E. Steel (Ladies' Guild), Mr. F. H. Dallaway (Sussex County Association), Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley and District Society) and Mr. J. P. Hyett (Hereford Diocesan Guild).

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The retiring honorary members, Messrs. W. A. Cave and A. Walker, were re-elected, on the motion of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. J. Hunt.

The Standing Committee recommended the election of Mr. Gilbert E. Debenham, of St. Albans, as an honorary member. The President

said that owing to Alderman Pritchett's age he was unable to do that work for the Council on the legal side that they would sometimes like him to do, and it would be very valuable if they could have another lawyer on that Council, because legal questions sometimes cropped up, such as questions of alleged nuisance, insurance and so on. Mr. Debenham had been a solicitor since 1930. He was a son of the late Mr. E. P. Debenham, a member of the Council from 1894 to 1902, and was treasurer of the Hertford County Association.—Mr. Debenham's election was unanimously agreed to, on the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge.

The President said Alderman Pritchett had written suggesting that, as he was 83 years of age, he should retire from the Council, but as they still had some vacancies among the hon. members, the Standing Committee suggested the resignation be not accepted, at least for the present (applause). Alderman Pritchett would come up for re-election in the normal course next year.

LOSSES BY DEATH.

Five members or past members had died during the year, and, in accordance with custom, the names were reported to the Council.

Canon G. F. Coleridge said one of the deceased members and one of the most distinguished was the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. He was referring to him because the president, being his brother-in-law, could not very well do so. Mr. Richardson was a member of the Council for 30 years, and in his early days at Cambridge made history with other distinguished men, who had made their mark upon ringing. Mr. Richardson had done a very great work indeed for the Council. As convener of the Peals Committee, he undertook the task of proving over a thousand peals of Treble Bob. That was a pretty big haul for any man to take on, but Mr. Richardson did it, and ringers who wished to ring the peals in that collection could be sure that they were absolutely sound. The work required great concentration and effort, and a considerable amount of time. In his later days, when he was Vicar of a busy parish in Hereford, Mr. Richardson carried on the work with the same ability, and the result was in the hands of the Council. He (Canon Coleridge) looked at the book on the previous day and it was marvellous. They had to thank Mr. Richardson and the other members of the committee for the scrupulous care and the assiduity with which they carried out the work. Mr. Richardson had long been a leading light in the Council and no one mourned his death more than he (the speaker) did.

The President referred to the other past members. Mr. W. H. Hollier had been a member of the Council from 1924 to 1937 and had attended 14 meetings. He was convener of the Peal Boards Committee, and it was a branch of work on which he spent a great deal of time and an enormous amount of trouble in the effort to collect these old records. He (the president) did not think the members, apart from those intimately connected with Mr. Hollier, realised the time and trouble he took in the matter. They would very much miss him as one of their members.

Mr. Frank Smith, of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, was a member of the Council from 1915 to 1935 and attended seven of the meetings. He was a very useful member in a quiet way.

Mr. F. W. Thornton was a member from 1891 to 1893 and from 1897 to 1900. He was a member of the Society of Trinity Youths and of the Kent County Association, and attended five meetings.

Another whom they had lost was one known to them all, their dear old friend, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who represented the Ancient Society of College Youths on the Council for 44 years, from 1893 to 1937, and attended 23 of the meetings; in fact, he was a member of the Council almost as long as he was secretary of the Ancient Society. He (the president) had spoken on more than one occasion of Mr. Cockerill's sterling qualities, and he thought they were known to all of them. All he need say on that occasion was how much they missed him. At the same time he could not help feeling how happy his ending was. He was 78 years of age; he rang the seventh at St. Paul's Cathedral on the Sunday before his death and was in unusually good form in calling the customary three courses of Stedman Cinques. He was taken ill on the way home and only lasted two or three days afterwards. They could feel glad that he passed away, as he must have wished, in a happy time of his life and in harness right up to the end.

There were two other names, said the President, that he would like to mention, although they were not members of the Council. During the year they had lost Mr. Joseph J. Parker, who was so well known to the Exercise. He doubted if there was any ringer in that room who had not, at some time or other, rung Parker's Twelve-part peal of Grandfire Triples and other of his compositions. He thought it would be nice to mention the fact when they felt the loss of so eminent a ringer and composer. Also, recently there had passed away one who was known to many members of the Council; he referred to the release of Mrs. Goldsmith.

The members of the Council stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

A PEAL 'DISQUALIFIED.'

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were then presented and passed.

The Standing Committee, said the President, asked for instructions with regard to a peal of Minor rung in Yorkshire that was questioned by the Analysis Committee in their report for 1936. As the result of the committee's inquiries it appeared that, in a peal in seven methods, a plain course was inserted between the first and second 720's. This

was against the decisions of the Council, and the Standing Committee felt with regret that it should be deleted from the records.

The hon. secretary proposed that the Standing Committee's recommendation be confirmed.—Mr. F. W. Perrens seconded and the motion was carried.

The President said the letter explaining the occurrence admitted quite frankly that the course was put in because one of the band was a bit uncertain of the method, and this was a little bit of practice put in in the middle of the peal (laughter).

Another point arising out of the minutes was with regard to the preparation of a book on handbell ringing. The hon. secretary said this was being drafted by Mr. Chris. Woolley, who was also seeking the advice of other prominent handbell ringers.

PUBLICATIONS.

The hon. librarian (Mr. W. H. J. Hooton) presented the following report: Sales of publications are down, partly owing to the absence from the list of the book on Minor Methods and the exhaustion of the book of Major and Cater Methods. For the former I have had many inquiries, and it is hoped that this publication and the pamphlet relating to the law affecting church bells will be available shortly. The stock of 'Hints' is low and should be replenished. The Bristol sheets have gone sufficiently well to justify the printing of 500 to be sold at 2d. each. The whole stock of Glossaries has been given away, and about 12 associations have taken advantage of the Council's offer.

Books have been borrowed from the library for the purpose of a lecture on bells and for the extraction of peal records. The thanks of the Council are due to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher for the gifts of volumes of 'The Ringing World' for 1935 and 1936; also to Mrs. H. S. T. Richardson for duplicate copies of the peals of Treble Bob and for volumes of 'The Ringing World.'

In accordance with the Council's instructions the library and publications have been insured against fire with the General Assurance Corporation for a sum of £250. The annual premium is to be 8s. 9d., the first premium 9s. 3d.

The number of books sold during the year was 397 and of method sheets 106. This brought in £13 2s. 1d. Expenditure had been £9 18s. 1d., leaving a balance on the year of £3 4s. The number of books in hand was 2,680 and of method sheets 1,199, of a total value of £138 15s. 7d. Of the books in hand 1,042 are sections 1, 2 and 3 of the 'Collection of peals,' valued at £72 4s. 8d.

On the motion of Mr. Hooton, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the report was adopted.

The President said the Standing Committee had considered the question of the stock of the 'Peals Collection,' and under the powers already given to them had decided that the price of all these books should be reduced to a uniform one of 9d. each, and that the Corrigenda leaflets be inserted as a matter of course and included in the price.

A suggestion being made that the Corrigenda leaflets might be gummed into the books, Mr. W. A. Cave said the safest way was for those who had a copy to make the corrections on the pages of the books straightaway, otherwise they were absolutely useless.

The President reported, as a matter of interest to the Council, that the 'Model Rules' were out of stock. There had been a certain amount of demand. The Standing Committee had come to the conclusion that the present rules were quite unsuitable for modern conditions and had appointed a committee of their own members, consisting of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. Stephen Wood and the hon. librarian, to revise the rules and subsequently print them. With regard to the booklet on the preservation of bells, which was also practically out of stock, the committee had decided it should be reprinted, after revision by the Towers and Belfries Committee, and that would be proceeded with as soon as possible.

Replying to Mr. F. W. Rogers, the Hon. Secretary said the Standing Committee already had power to reprint 'Hints to Conductors and Beginners,' and stock would be replenished when necessary.

The statement of accounts showed the balance at Whitsun, 1937, was £105 11s. 7d. Receipts included 1936-37 affiliation fees arrears, £3 10s.; 1937-38, £33 5s.; subscriptions from hon. members, £2; interest on stock, £5; balance on sale of publications, £3 4s.; total £152 10s. 7d.

The expenses were: Printing method sheets, £1 16s.; sums voted at last meeting—Carter ringing machine fees, 10s. 6d.; Anti-Noise League donation, £1 1s.; purchase of Davis 'silencers,' £2 5s.; insurance of library and publications, 9s. 3d.; advertising, printing, stationery and postage, £11 9s. 3d.; wreaths, £3 3s.; gratuities, £1; leaving a balance of £130 16s. 7d. The investments in Conversion and Consolidated Stock have a market value of £142 1s.

The accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. C. T. Coles (auditor), seconded by Mr. E. A. Young.

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. Young presented the following report of the Trustees of the Carter ringing machine and proposed its adoption and the payment of the fees: The machine was taken out and tried over on April 23rd last by the two demonstrators, Messrs. Sharman and Driver. I was unable to be present myself, but by co-trustee, Mr. A. A. Hughes, was present, and it would appear that all three gentlemen were satisfied with the demonstration. Mr. Sharman suggests that the contact pins of the electric circuits controlling the sounding of the bells be reset, as they require adjusting and would be more reliable if reset with stouter wire. Mr. Sharman offers to do this work free if paid expenses, but it would mean the taking of the lower part of the machine to his home at Lewisham, and it would be away a month. The trustees

recommend that consent be given. There are two fees of half a guinea to pay, and the petty expenses amount to 1s.

Mr. Young said Mr. Driver had mastered the machine and had set it to certain methods without the aid of the MS. book compiled by Mr. Carter, so that Mr. Carter's mantle seemed to have fallen upon a worthy successor. It was remarkable how Mr. Driver, although not a ringer, had mastered not only composition, but also the way in which change ringing was demonstrated on this machine.—Mr. F. W. Rogers seconded.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said there was some anxiety among members near him as to the petty expenses—they worked out at 4d. each (laughter).

The report was adopted, as was also the Standing Committee's recommendation that the expenses be paid and that permission be given for the removal of part of the machine for resetting.

A formal report by the Standing Committee that they had considered the agenda, and that various recommendations had been or would be laid before the Council, was adopted on the motion of the president.

(To be continued.)

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S YORKSHIRE EXCURSION.

A MEMORABLE TRIP.

One of the privileges of being a member of the Central Council is to enjoy the hospitality which the Council receives wherever it goes. All the associations are the same in this respect, but none perhaps has ever arranged an outing so successful and so enjoyable as the one on Whit Monday to North Yorkshire. All the details were well thought out, the time table was kept and the weather was everything that could be expected.

Three fully laden motor-coaches (officially known as 'charas'—but why?) left Leeds headquarters at 9 o'clock en route for Fountains Abbey. We passed through Harrogate, where the waters are good for those suffering from 'free living, combined with excess of alcohol' (vide guide book), but, as Leeds beer had not yet reduced us to that state, we did not stop.

Fountains, as everyone knows, is one of the most extensive monastic ruins in the country and is delightfully situated. But we understood a good deal more about it, and how the monks lived and so on, after we had been taken round by Dr. Moody, the organist of Ripon Cathedral, who evidently knows and loves every stone in the place and who had most kindly come to meet us and be our guide.

Then to Ripon and the Cathedral, where there is a good modern ring of ten bells. Though the party was so large and the time strictly limited, everyone who wanted to got a pull; no more than courses being rung. Some managed to make a tour of the church, where again Dr. Moody acted as guide.

Lunch at the Studley Royal Hotel and then on again to Middleham, famous in history for its castle, the stronghold of the Nevilles in the Wars of the Roses. But we did not all go there. We went to the Church of St. Aeldra, where there is a good Taylor ring of eight bells, with a tenor 18 or 19 cwt., and which go splendidly. Several plain courses were rung in different methods, including Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge; and one very decently struck touch of Spiced Surprise by a mixed band (Croydon, Beddington, Portsmouth, Edmon-ton, Ealing and Coventry).

All along the scenery had been very fine (the Croydon men were heard to remark that it was nearly as good as Surrey), but now we got among the foothills of the Pennines, and, climbing out of Wensleydale, came down Swaledale into Richmond. That was by far the most beautiful part of the journey.

At Richmond we had tea at the Bishop Blaise Hotel, an old rambling house with narrow passages and steep stairs. Outside, in the Square, there was a fair on with cokenut shies, and presently nearly all the ladies were strutting about carrying cokenuts and pretending that they had won them in fair fight. One did not like to ask what the price was at the shop.

Members of the Standing Committee of the Council had to leave at 6 o'clock, but most of them managed to get a ring first at the Parish Church. The bells are nothing to talk about. The rest of the party stayed on until 7 o'clock. It seems that many of the visitors were disappointed with Richmond. They had been told that it is one of the three most picturesque towns in England, and they'd be hanged if they could see it.

The truth was that we came into the town by the wrong way and we left it in the wrong way. We came out of Swaledale suddenly and the first thing we saw of Richmond was some ordinary modern houses. They don't seem to fit into the picture—'foul' one Central Councillor called them. I suppose he expects the Richmond people to live in ruined abbeys or roofless cottages. To see Richmond you should come from the south. How many of the visitors realised that the Castle, which most of them saw, stands on a rock with a sheer drop on three sides of over a hundred feet to the river? There was one brief glimpse of what Richmond looks like as we looked back on leaving the town; but that's not the view of Richmond you should see. J. A. T.

CAMBERWELL.—At St. Giles' Church for evening service on June 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by Miss B. Mills 1, B. R. Harris 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, J. W. Chapman (Streatham) 4, E. J. King 5, J. Grandsbury 6, A. Diserens 7, F. Hopgood (Wimbledon) 8. This touch was rung as a 50th birthday compliment to F. W. Wicks, of Wimbledon.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for June, all at 7.30 p.m.: St. Magnus, June 23rd, *St. Paul's Cathedral, June 21st; Southwark Cathedral, June 28th. *Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Ticknall on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Methods suitable to all, but don't forget Cambridge Minor. Special invitation to Derby District members.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield Societies and the above association will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, in the New Rectory Rooms, 1s. 3d. each, at 5 p.m.—S. F. Palmer, Hon. Treasurer, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, with tea after.—A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, June 18th. Towers open: Horsham, 2.30 to 5.30 and after meeting; Warnham, 2.30 to 5. Service at Horsham 5.30, with address by the Rev. R. W. D. Lee, M.A. Tea (2s. 6d., 1s. to members) at the King's Head, Carfax, 6. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Snap out of it and be loyal to the Ladies' Guild.—E. Dorice Kelly, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A joint meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Usual travelling allowances will be paid at this meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Akelda's, Giggleswick, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Church at 4.30, to be followed by tea. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has kindly consented to demonstrate his very latest ringing machine at this meeting. Do not miss this opportunity. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held on June 18th at Church Lawford, near Rugby. Solihull bells not available. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at the White Lion at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.15. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next district meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth (10 bells), at 3 p.m., on Saturday, June 18th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Parish Hall at 5 p.m., and business meeting at 6 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m.—N. H. Manning, 21, Burlington Gardens, Chiswick, W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The meeting of the Grimsby District, which was fixed for Bigby, will, instead, be held at Barrow-on-Humber on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head, in the Vicar's Room. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held in Bolton on Saturday, June 18th. The bells of the Parish Church will be available from 2 p.m. Holy Trinity bells from 4.15 p.m. At the Parish Church, in connection with the Ladies' Guild, there will be a service, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s.). All ringers invited.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Tower Branch) **AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Cosgrove on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send to Mr. E. Lambert, Church Cottages, Cosgrove. All visitors will be welcome.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Radcliffe, on Saturday afternoon, June 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Heckington on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) open at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m., 1s. each. Will those intending to take tea please notify J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Sleaford.—H. S. Hinkins, Dis. Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billesdon on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing (6 bells) commencing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at Saxmundham on Saturday, June 18th. Six newly-hung bells. Benhall (6), Kelsale (8). Tea (9d.) at Albion Hall (near the station) at 4.30.—W. Smith, Farnham, Saxmundham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Cramlington, St. Nicholas' (6 bells) will be the scene of the next meeting on Saturday, June 18th, at 3 p.m. Will members note that Cramlington buses 4 and 5 run from Newcastle Haymarket?—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec., 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Newcastle, 4.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—Saturday, June 18th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea at Red Spider Rooms 5.45. Business meeting after. Excellent train and coach service.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270). Herts Association.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. A mid-week practice meeting at Kimbolton on Thursday, June 29th. Bells available 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late Final.—Wallington (near Baldock). Peal of six available Saturday, the 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea at the Derby Arms, 5 p.m. Don't forget to support the six-bell meetings.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Mountsorrel on June 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will friends please accept this short notice and turn up in full force?—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A joint mid-week meeting of members of these two organisations will be held at Ewell on Wednesday next, 22nd inst. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the Mary Wallis Hall at 5.30 p.m. for those who notify Mr. Charles E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, by Monday, the 20th inst. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—Combined practice at 8 p.m., Thursday, June 23rd. Special methods, Double Norwich and London. Visitors will be welcome.—W. Ayre.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Thursday evening meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23rd, at Tilsworth. Bells (6) available from 5 p.m. Come and learn a new method and there will be plenty of youngsters need coaching.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Leighton Buzzard.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) will be available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.15. Tea, at 5 o'clock, will be provided free to all who notify Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton, by Thursday, June 23rd. Business meeting follows tea in Church Hall. Buses from Hull, York and Leeds every hour, and from Selby every two hours.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells: Cathedral 4.20-5 and 6.30-7.30; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Hall at 5. Fully paid up members 9d., non-members 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—First general meeting, Bottesford, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. Meat tea (2s. per head) at the Rutland Arms Hotel at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. J. W. Girton, Grantham Road, Bottesford, not later than Thursday, June 23rd. Lincoln Diocesan Guild friends will be most welcome.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, June 21st. All ringers very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 25th. Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 14½ cwt.). Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea after, 1s. per head, by invitation, in the Vicarage garden, if fine, otherwise in the Parish Hall. Short business meeting to follow. Reports available, subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, Ealing, W.13.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ropley on June 26th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.30 in the Coffee Room. Bells from 2.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Henbury on June 25th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Visitors to Blackpool and district heartily welcomed. Train leaves North Station 2 p.m. for Poulton, then bus at Poulton Square at 2.20.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Saltburn on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing. Tea will be provided in the Parochial Hall at 5 p.m. Please notify me for tea not later than Wednesday, June 22nd. All ringers and friends are welcome.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Stow on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Cross Keys Inn. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the Tuesday previous?—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Preston Branches Joint Meeting.—This meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at a small charge, for which please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan.—S. Forshaw and A. Blogg, Branch Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. S. Hough, 12, Hayton Street, Knutsford.—K. Lewis, Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A practice will be held at Wargrave, Berks (8 bells) on Saturday, June 25th, 6 till 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Clewer (6 bells) on Saturday, June 25th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than June 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Tydd St. Giles', on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All are welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Watermoor, Cirencester, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells open 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify by June 21st.—W. H. Hayward, Hon. Branch Sec., 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Burley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Drake, 7, St. John's Terrace, Belle Vue Road, Leeds, by Wednesday, June 22nd. Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 315th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. each. Will all those attending please notify me?—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 25th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30 to 8.30. St. Neots (8) available from 3 to 4.15. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Littleport, near Ely, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please let me know by card you are coming.—F. Warrington, Over, Cambs.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Short evensong at 6 p.m. Old and new members very welcome. A card re tea would oblige.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road Hawkhurst, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, June 25th, instead of July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting following. Notifications for tea must reach me by Wednesday, June 22nd. It is hoped that all members will take advantage of this meeting, also all ringers and friends will be made welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on July 2nd. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.30. St. Cuthbert's, 3 to 4.30 and after the meeting. Service (St. Cuthbert's) 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Other towers could be open on short notice.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The summer meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 2nd. Ringing arrangements:—St. Giles' (8) 3.15-4.30, St. Mary (8) 3.15-4.40, St. Laurence (12) 6.30-8.30, Caversham (8) 7-9. Service at St. Mary at 4.45. Address by the Rev. Canon A. G. Parham (Vicar, St. Mary). Tea follows service at 5.15. A cordial invitation is extended to all ringers in the Reading district to come and 'have a pull' with us at this meeting. Kindly let me have names for tea not later than June 29th.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Rd., Bexleyheath, Kent.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Callington on Saturday, July 2nd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Callington (6), St. Dominic (6), St. Ive (6), Pillaton (6), South Hill (5), Stoke Climsland (8). Service at Callington 4 p.m., preacher, the Archdeacon of Bodmin. Tea 4.45 (free to ringers). Reply to the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Southard, Penheard, Bodmin Road, Truro, by June 20th.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Up- lowman on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Monday, June 27th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Angmering on Saturday, July 2nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vestry Hall 1/- per head. Half rail fares (maximum 1/5) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield, on Wednesday, July 6th. Tower open 2.30. Tea and business meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Names for tea by Saturday, July 2nd, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual six-bell shield contest will be held at Horbury on Saturday, July 9th. Open to all members. Entrance fee 6s. per band. All entries and voluntary subscriptions for prize fund must reach me not later than June 25th. A good entry is hoped for.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—Great Bentley, near Colchester, Essex. Re-opening of the bells on Saturday, July 16th, at 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

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