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## COUNCIL TOPICS.

Despite a somewhat routine-looking and unpromising agenda, the Central Council last week found a fairly full day's work when the members, in record numbers, met in London for the first meeting of the seventeenth Council. There were many representatives new to the Council, and correspondingly a number of familiar faces were missing, some that had been associated with the Council for a long period. Apart, however, from the changes in representation which are compelled by the efflux of time, the introduction of new and young blood is a gain to the Council, both, we hope, in energy and ideas. While the Council will probably always keep a substantial leavening of age and experience, the future of ringing lies with youth, and anything that will encourage the enthusiasm and widen the outlook of the younger members of the Exercise is to be welcomed.

Out of the variety of subjects brought before the Council, mostly arising from the reports of committees, the one which occupied most attention was the draft sets of rules for a company of ringers. The Council some years ago published a 'model' set of rules, of which incumbents and others forming or reorganising their local bands availed themselves. A committee of the Council has now revised this pamphlet and presented alternative sets, one which could be considered the ideal and the other a less strict code. Many differences of opinion on certain points were expressed in the Council, but the criticism offered was all of a friendly nature and, after spending a lot of time in a careful revision of the draft, two sets of rules were adopted which should form a satisfactory basis for the guidance of any company. What must not be lost sight of, although even in the discussion some members seemed to overlook the point, is the fact that these are only a recommendation upon which a company can frame its own rules to suit its own requirements. There neither is, nor can be, anything binding in them as far as the Council is concerned.

The surprise of the day was, perhaps, the way in which the meeting accepted, almost without challenge, the recommendation that when the new Surprise methods book is printed the names shall be added. After the discussion on this point last year, it was expected there might be considerable opposition, but little was said about it. It was a wise decision to make, and there is now nothing to prevent the work proceeding to publication. The Methods Committee are open to adopt any suitable names which ringers, contemplating ringing any of the methods, have selected, even though a peal has not yet been rung, but the putting of a limit to the time when these names can

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be submitted was essential, and a month from the date of the meeting was fixed. Any band practising a new Surprise method to which they wish to give a name, should submit it at once to the committee, and, if the method is included in the book, the name will be adopted. It would be unfair to delay this privilege any longer because it is not merely a question of altering a name over a column of figures; it affects references and indexing as well, and there should be nothing done now to delay its issue, especially in view of the extremely gratifying response of the associations in guaranteeing to take up more than half of the edition.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.

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

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

T. HENRY REEVES ... .. Treble	FRED PRICE ... .. 7
F. ERIC HAYNES ... .. 2	E. GEORGE A. WALKER ... .. 8
E. THOMAS ALLAWAY ... .. 3	J. STANLEY MASON ... .. 9
S. O'CONNOR HOLLOWAY ... .. 4	A. EDWARD NORMAN ... .. 10
W. CHARLES DOWDING ... .. 5	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 11
H. HORTON FEARN ... .. 6	G. ERNEST FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2	JOHN SMITH ... .. 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	* WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 9
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 10
DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 5	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 11
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5070 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt, 3 qr. 6 lb.

CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. Treble	ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHEARMAN ... .. 8
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 9
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 5	* SIDNEY FOSKETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal on ten bells.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS MARY RAWLINGS ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. THOMPSON ... .. 6
* DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 2	† THOMAS G. FOX ... .. 7
MRS. A. N. RAWLINGS ... .. 3	† LEONARD J. FOX ... .. 8
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 9
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 5	* JOHN O. WELLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS.

Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

\* First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method.

## NEWBURY, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in D.

*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... Treble	*WILLIAM H. GOTTERRIDGE ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	*JESSE HARRISON ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 8
*ALBERT BRIDGES ... 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 9
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 5	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by E. FRANCIS.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

\* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 30, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*G. HAROLD NORMAN ... Treble	†W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	J. LESLIE WILLARS ... 7
SIDNEY HARRISON ... 3	†KENNETH A. ROE ... 8
†ARTHUR WILLIAMS ... 4	ARTHUR CATTELL ... 9
†CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5	†C. RAYMOND HILL ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal in this method. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Mrs. Williams, wife of the Rev. Evan Williams, minister of Charles Street Baptist Church, who was interred during the peal.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT LEDKIN ... Treble	*FRANK REYNOLDS ... 6
*HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	*JOHN HASSELL ... 7
*ALFRED W. FROST ... 3	*ALAN J. BROWN ... 8
†HERBERT A. MCKINNEL ... 4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 9
†SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 5	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by F. REYNOLDS.

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

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... 5
JOHN E. CLARKE ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary.

## EDGBASTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CYRIL TABERNER ... Treble	MALCOLM MELVILLE ... 5
*ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... 2	*MAURICE G. TURNER ... 6
NORMAN G. LEECH ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
RICHARD J. WARRILOU ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal of Major.

## BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

HARRY J. PARKER ... Treble	FRANK W. LACK ... 5
*WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	STANLEY H. GOODWIN ... 6
†VICTOR CHAPMAN ... 3	HERBERT FIELDS ... 7
GEORGE E. CRISP ... 4	F. WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

## SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

*FRANK W. SHYNN ... Treble	FRANK C. MAY ... 5
ARTHUR HUBBLE ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
GERALD FROST ... 3	JOHN FOWLER ... 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 4	ALBERT E. NORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEYTON,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor B½ cwt.

NORMAN H. MANNING ... Treble	HENRY T. WILSON ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE DAWSON ... 6
ROBERT HEAZEL ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 4	CHARLES A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

## CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WALTER SCOTT ... Treble	ALBERT ASH ... 5
FRANK TAYLOR ... 2	WALTER SCOTT, JUN. ... 6
*MAY MOODY ... 3	ARTHUR BRADY ... 7
HENRY JENNINGS ... 4	SIDNEY MOODY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

\* First attempt for a peal. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's 72nd birthday.

## SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CYRIL W. HAMMOND ... Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 5
*ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES ... 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... 6
DENNIS G. BROWN ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER

\* First peal on eight tower bells.

## BOCKING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... 5
*NORMAN F. GRINHAM ... 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 6
†JOHN M. GAYFORD ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 4	ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

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

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. Treble	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 5
JOHN GOODMAN ... .. 2	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 6
BERNARD LAWTON ... .. 3	FREDERICK HANDLEY ... .. 7
JOHN WM. SMITH ... .. 4	ALFRED REYNOLDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

HATFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIE GREEN ... .. 5
THOMAS R. FLINT ... .. 2	*JOHN R. MATTOCK ... .. 6
MRS. EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 7
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 4	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal of Major, first attempt. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday and also a 21st birthday peal to Miss Flint.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES ... .. Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 6
DENNIS G. BROWN ... .. 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 7
PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... .. Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. 5
SYDNEY R. JENNINGS ... .. 2	FREDERICK C. RAMPLIN ... .. 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 7
FREDERICK ORRIS ... .. 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

NEWPORT, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 5
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... .. 7
HARRY THELWELL ... .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENBURY ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRILL. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

Rung for the 76th birthday of the conductor's father.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
JAMES ROSE ... .. 2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM KINSEY ... .. 3	GEORGE MORE ... .. 7
WILLIAM GROOM ... .. 4	EDWARD E. GRIMES ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JAMES ROSE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 31, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
*DOUGLAS R. HAYES ... .. 2	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 6
NORMAN V. HARDING ... .. 3	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4	GEORGE E. CLODE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 31, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 5
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 2	AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 6
†MRS. F. E. COLLINS ... .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 7
HERBERT J. SEELY ... .. 4	CHARLES POTHECARY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

HENRY F. SOUTHALL ... .. Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 5
MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 1, 1939, in Three Hours,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES T. LAKER ... .. Treble	ALBERT J. STEELE ... .. 5
*GILBERT C. H. CHARLTON ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 6
WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 3	ALBERT E. LAKER ... .. 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 4	CECIL NICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. Treble	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 2	JESSE HARRISON ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... .. 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

SYDNEY ROMANS born 1868 Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD " 1869 5
JOHN W. JONES " 1865 2	ROBERT KNOWLES " 1866 6
JOHN AUSTIN " 1863 3	JOHN CLARK " 1863 7
Ex-Sgt. WILLIAMS " 1852 4	JOHN W. DAVIS " 1869 Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS (82).

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Newman, of Barnwood.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, May 23, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*DENNIS E. WARD ... .. Treble	JOHN V. CROSS ... .. 4
†JAMES W. R. QUINNEY ... 2	*ALFRED RAYNER ... .. 5
VICTOR CHAPMAN ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HISTON, CAMBS.

SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*STUART BROWN ... .. Treble	VICTOR CHAPMAN ... .. 4
ARTHUR TEALS ... .. 2	JOHN V. CROSS ... .. 5
ALFRED RAYNER ... .. 3	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. R. QUINNEY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CUMNOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 26, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. PORTER ... .. Treble	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 4
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
*JONATHAN HONEY ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINE.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Graham Buston, who was recently inducted to the living.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Double Court.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

PERCY SMITH ... .. Treble	ARTHUR ABRAMS ... .. 4
RUSSELL PAUL ... .. 2	DODLEY PAUL ... .. 5
WILFRED YOUNG ... .. 3	WILLIAM SERKINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SERKINGS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Paul on his coming of age.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS BUSH ... .. Treble	LEWIS BUSH ... .. 4
EDWARD BARKER ... .. 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven extents called differently.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*KENNETH THOMASSON ... Treble	*FRANK BARNARD ... .. 4
ALBERT CRAWLY ... .. 2	ALBERT THOMAS ... .. 5
HARRY PARKER ... .. 3	HAROLD G. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal of Bob Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the interment of Mr. Jesse Bayly.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

Seven extents in 70 methods:—

1. Ennerdale, Cumberland, Killarney and Horsmonden.
2. Windermere and Frodsham.
3. Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Braintree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
4. Bicker, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Wainfleet, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Sibsey, Gosberton Alliance and Kent Little Court.
5. Chalfont, Cromer, Stevenston, Tibenham, Fulmer, Walsingham, Lamas, Olney, Northam, Penshurst Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob.
6. Chapel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Donottar and Pontefract Delight.
7. Lytham, Thetwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK LORD ... .. Treble	JACK BRAY ... .. 4
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

There were 181 changes of method. First peal in 70 methods by all. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven extents in 30 methods: (1) Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood, St. Albans and Braintree; (2) Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise, Ockley and Morning Star; (3) Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Newdigate and Marple; (4) Sandal, Kingston, Chapel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (6) Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (7) Pontefract and Donottar Delight.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN R. KEMP ... .. Treble	*ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4
VERNON TAYLOR ... .. 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 3	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. BARSLEY.

\* First peal in 30 methods. First peal in 30 methods as conductor. There were 131 changes of method.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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

Being 720 each of (1) St. Clement's Bob and Double Oxford; (2) Double and Single Bob; (3) Double Court; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES A. BASSETT ... Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 2	ALBERT RALFE ... .. 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RALFE.

First peal in nine methods by all the band.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Seven 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HARRY CUMMINGS ... Treble	REGINALD G. HOWSON ... 4
JOHN HIGGINS ... .. 2	*EDWIN R. LAMBERT ... .. 5
†ERNEST J. LAMBERT ... 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal, first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday, also the Rector's 88th birthday.

**CORRECTION.**

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Hilgay, Norfolk, on May 19th, was rung for the Ely Diocesan Association and not the Norwich Diocesan Association as recorded.



**HANDBELL PEALS.**

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.  
 JOCELYN B. GARDINER ... 1-2 | C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3-4  
 IVAN B. GARDINER ... 5-6

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

First peal of Minor 'in hand' by all the band.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, May 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT 20, SWAISLAND ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1-2 | GEOFFREY V. MORREY ... 5-6  
 DEREK M. SHARP ... 3-4 | JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

Witness—Mrs. J. E. Bailey.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, June 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5085 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... 1-2 | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6  
 HAROLD JACKSON ... 3-4 | HARRY ASHTON ... 7-8

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

**DEVON BELLS.**

ANOTHER PEAL RESTORED.

The bells of Alphington, Devon, have been restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have rehung the octave in a metal frame, and greatly improved the tone of the bells by retuning. The ring dates from 1749, when they were cast, from the original five, with additional metal, by Thomas Bilby, of Colloompton.

The work was dedicated on Whit Saturday by the Bishop of Exeter amid parochial rejoicings. When the appeal for funds for the restoration was made there was a magnificent response. On one day during November the Rector (Prebendary B. C. Bennett) sat in church the whole day to receive contributions, and altogether on that occasion he received £264 in amounts ranging from 2d. to £25.

In the course of his address, after the formal dedication of the bells, the Bishop of Exeter said he was always glad when the opportunity occurred—and it occurred very frequently in Devon—to be present at the dedication of bells.

'I have discovered how deeply Devon folk love their bells,' he went on, 'and I believe it is no exaggeration to say that we have more bells—and, I should like to think, more beautiful bells—than any other diocese in this country. We have well over 3,000 bells, or, at any rate, 3,000 ringers—a wonderful army of churchworkers.'

'I have discovered with what wonderful generosity the whole of the county, even the most remote of rural villages, will give to preserve their bells. I congratulate you upon the effort that you have made in this parish.'

Afterwards the bells were rung to call changes by members of the Alphington band, comprising Messrs. H. J. Brewer, W. J. Dayment, A. G. Moxey, F. G. Lake, A. J. Pike, F. G. Coles, N. G. Osborne and J. Rogers. Mr. J. J. Brewer (captain) was responsible for the ringing arrangements. Among the visitors were members of bands in Exeter and the immediate district, as well as from farther afield.

Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, were entrusted with the work, and the result, according to the verdict of those who handled the bells during Saturday afternoon and evening, was that a much-needed improvement had been effected.

Following the service a fete, arranged by the Friends of Alphington Association, was held to raise the balance of about £40 on the restoration fund, and so successful was it that the gross takings amounted to £52.

**PEAL NOTES.**

A SEVENTY METHOD PEAL.

The North Lincolnshire Minor 'splicers' are still adding to their laurels, and are not now far behind the record, which stands at 84 methods. They rang a peal in 70 methods at Dunholme, Lincs, on May 28th and included one extent, by A. G. Driver, which had not been rung before in a peal:—

	Continued	Continued
23456 Grayford L.C.	26345 Walsingham	25463 Crayford L.C.
56342	45632	25463
42635	—53264 Penshurst	63542
35264	64325 Lammis	42366
64523	25436	56234
—23564	36542	—34256 Little Bob
64352	42653 Olney	62534
52436	—25364	—34562
36245	64532	25634
45623 Little Bob	—43256 Northaw	46325
S 32645 Chalfont	35462 Cromer	53246
24356	56324	62453
45263	62543 Steventon	—53462
56432 Cromer	24635	24653
63524 Northaw	—43562 Northaw	38524
—32456 Fulmer	36425 Steventon	45236
56243	62354 Tibenham	62345
43625 Penshurst	25634	—45362
—32564 Fulmer	54236 Olney	23645
64253 Walsingham	S 34625 Crayford L.C.	56423
53426 Penshurst		—23456

Mr. James Quinney, hon. secretary of Cambridge Youths, is teaching eight beginners at Great St. Mary's and St. Benet's Churches. All are choirboys and have reached the stage when they can ring Bob Minor. Two of them, both aged 13, have just rung their first peal, one on the treble at Stapleford and the other on the treble at Histon.

A composition of Grandsire Caters, which we are informed is on a new plan, was rung for the first time at Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday. The composition is by Edgar Shepherd, but we have not yet seen it. Not that that makes any difference, but ringers will be interested to know what it is like.

A day before her 14th birthday, May Moody rang her first peal on May 27th at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. She began ringing about a year ago and is believed to be the youngest member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild to ring a peal. She rang the third and it was her first attempt for a peal.

The peal of Bob Major at Swanscombe on May 27th was rung, with the best wishes of all the band, as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., of Crayford, who was responsible for calling the first peal of at least two of Saturday's company. The peal was made possible by the kindness of Mr. C. W. Hammond, of Northfleet, who abandoned his garden at a moment's notice to come along and ring the treble.

**A DISAPPOINTING DAY.**

Whit Monday was a disappointing day to a party of ringers who went down to Sussex in the hope of ringing peals in two new plain Major methods. The first was attempted at Salehurst, and the bells, in spite of much coaxing, evinced their determination not to ring the method, which was ultimately abandoned in favour of the inevitable Middleton's, and thus Salehurst became the 50th tower in which Mr. P. A. Corby had rung a peal.

After a belated lunch, the party adjourned to Brightling, only to find that illness near the church precluded the possibility of ringing. Much disappointed, the ringers made their way to Battle, where permission was obtained for a short spell of ringing on the heavy-going eight and touches in both the new methods were brought round in fine style. The disappointment of Mr. J. C. E. Simpson in having learned two methods and two compositions in vain must have been intense. Indeed, there were several long faces, sore hands and heavy hearts as the train bearing the London contingent feared its destination.

To honour Her Majesty Queen Mary's 72nd birthday, the Leicester Thuredayites, or at least a few of the 'smaller fry,' journeyed to Nottingham on May 25th for Stedman Triples on the fine heavy ring at St. Mary-the-Virgin. Full compliments are due to Mr. Walter Nichols, who kept a perfect beat with the tenor. Mr. William Bottrill, by the way, seems to be uncovering his light from that 'bushel' in these days.

Mr. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, who called his wife's first peal, has now had the pleasure of conducting her first peal on an 'inside' bell. They rang together in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Ewell, Surrey, on May 31st.

The composition of the peal of Double Norwich rung at Bushey, Herts, on June 1st, is unusual. Composed by Mr. E. Morris, it contains 178 calls, with 768 and 678 at alternate course-ends throughout the peal. There are, however, no 87's at back stroke. The previous peal of Double Norwich at Bushey, rung on April 20th, contained all the 468's and 678's.

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**THE OLDEST PEAL RINGER?**

Who is the oldest man to ring a peal? Ex-P.S. Joseph Williams, of Newent, Glos., was born in 1852 and he rang last Saturday a peal of Bob Major at Barnwood with a band, the youngest of whom was 70, and the average age over 74 years.

The conductor was no chicken either. John Austin was born in 1863 and he called a peal composed by George Williams, born in 1857. The peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Newman, of Barnwood, where Mr. H. Newman is towerkeeper and sidesman.

Seven years ago Mr. Thomas R. Flint rang his last peal, the occasion being the 14th birthday of his daughter. Her coming-of-age was honoured by a peal at St. Lawrence's Church, Hatfield, near Doncaster, on May 27th, when father rang the second to a peal of Kent Treble Bob. Bracketed with the honour was the birthday of Queen Mary.

The peal of Bob Royal at Worsley, Lancs, on Saturday, enabled Mr. Frank Reynolds to complete peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

**BIRMINGHAM MEN AT LINCOLN.**

The peal at Lincoln Cathedral rung on Saturday for St. Martin's Guild was rung, not by an 'international' band as at Shoreditch, but by a complete Birmingham band, who made the journey to Lincoln by road. They were welcomed at the Cathedral by Mr. John A. Freeman, who had very kindly made all the preliminary arrangements for the peal and also had the bells up in readiness, and also by Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and Mrs. Richardson.

Peals at Lincoln are usually attempted in the evening, after evening-song, but on this occasion permission had been given to start at mid-day, with the proviso that ringing should cease before the commencement of the 4 p.m. service. With the bells going into changes at five past twelve, no anxiety was felt on that score, but, to the surprise of most of the band, the end of an excellent peal did not arrive until only a very few minutes remained!

Several new (?) names are to be observed in the report! In case our readers do not recognise them, may we say that the band were Tom Reeves, Frank Haynes, Ernest Allaway, Sidney O'C. Holloway, Bill Dowling, Harry Fearn, Fred Price (our correspondent couldn't very well 'monkey' with that), Albert Walker, John Mason, Albert Norman, Paddon Smith and George Fearn.

The peal at Cumnor, Berks, on May 26th, was rung as a welcome to the Rev. Graham Buston, who was recently inducted to the living. The ringers received a very cordial welcome from the new Vicar, who was formerly at St. Mary's, Battersea. He is learning to ring, and after the peal he and the churchwardens kindly provided the ringers with refreshments.

Congratulations to the band who rang their first peal in nine methods at Lamberhurst, Kent, on Saturday, May 27th. The occasion was a birthday peal for Mrs. Jarvis and Mr. A. Kitchenside.

There was only one extent, and not three 720's, of Plain Bob in the peal of Minor at Willesborough, Kent, on May 20th. And the weight of the tenor at this tower is 12 cwt.

Mr. J. M. Bailey, the well-known Suffolk ringer, has rung well over 80 peals 'in hand,' but until this Whitsuntide had never rung one outside Leiston, Suffolk, and had never rung one which had not been called by his brother, Mr. C. F. Bailey. A visit to Dartford on May 28th, when he rang one conducted by Mr. D. M. Sharp, broke the sequence.

**DEATH OF MR. J. C. TRUSS.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. John C. Truss, of Marlow, who passed away on Thursday of last week.

He came of a ringing family, and until illness overtook him a few years ago he was prominently identified with ringing, not only in the Oxford Guild area, but also in London, where he took part in many peals, including the 'John' peals of London Surprise in 1904 and the Stedman Cinques in 1912.

**QUARTER-PEALS.**

At St. George's, Beckenham, Kent, for evening service on Trinity Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: \*Miss M. Rawlings 1, A. S. Richards 2, \*Mrs. W. J. Rawlings 3, W. J. Rawlings 4, G. E. Rawlings 5, A. J. W. Hughes 6, P. A. Corby (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8. \*First quarter-peal of Stedman.

On Whit Sunday at Market Harborough, Leicestershire, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Randall 1, W. Wallington 2, W. Heggs 3, F. Wallington 4, W. Hector 5, R. March 6, A. Manning (conductor) 7, W. Kilsby 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of treble and 3rd.

At Burnham, Bucks, for matins on Whit Sunday, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major (1,288 changes) by the local band: M. A. Blamey 1, G. W. Limmer 2, P. A. Blamey 3, Miss S. M. S. Fleming 4, J. D. Taylor 5, C. A. Burgess 6, B. O'Neil 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except conductor.

On Whit Sunday for morning service at St. Lawrence's Church, Upwey, Dorset, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: E. G. Carpenter 1, S. Foot 2, Miss B. Baker (first quarter-peal) 3, Miss G. Notley (first quarter-peal) 4, C. Smart (conductor) 5, H. Chalker 6. Also on May 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, ten callings: C. F. Guy 1, C. Smart 2, S. Foot 3, Mrs. C. F. Guy 4, F. Virgin 5, H. Chalker 6.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

There were three ringers present at the Central Council meeting last week who attended the first meeting in 1891. Canon Coleridge has been a member without a break since that time and is the only one who has attended every meeting of the Council.

Mr. George Williams has also been a member from the outset, having represented the old Winchester Guild and the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild from 1891 to 1896 and from 1919 to 1939; the Sussex Association from 1897 to 1905. From 1906 to 1918 he was an honorary member.

The other original member, whom everyone was delighted to see, was Mr. Joseph Griffin, of Burton-on-Trent, who represented the Midland Counties Association from 1891 until 1923, was elected an hon. member the following year and served until 1936. He came to London last week specially to meet his old friends. Like Canon Coleridge and Mr. Williams, he is well into the 'eighties.'

The ring of six bells of Over Stowey Church, near Bridgwater, Somerset, is to be tuned and rehung in a new frame and a new treble added to make six. The work is being entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

A correspondent informs us that there is a suggestion afoot for a peal attempt by a band of bald heads. 'A rapid survey of the Ringers' Directory,' he says, 'prompts me to suggest the following for a peal of Turned-In Bob Maximus: W. Ayre 1, W. H. Barber (conductor) 2, A. Cutmore 3, F. I. Hairs 4, A. J. Hindes 5, A. E. Lock 6, C. C. Mayne 7, R. C. Parton 8, J. E. Rootes 9, H. J. Trim 10, Rev. C. E. Wigg 11, C. W. Woolley 12.'

Mr. Edwin Shepherd, of Exeter, on June 6th, completed 60 years as a member of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, having been elected on June 6th, 1879. He has been a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 59 years and a member of the St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter, for 61 years. He was a sidesman at St. Sidwell's Church from 1890 to 1904, and churchwarden from 1904 to 1911, from 1918 to 1922, and again from 1935 to 1939. A truly great record of work for the Church.

Owing to an error in our last issue, the date of the Kent County Association meeting at Hartlip was omitted. The meeting will be held to-morrow (Saturday) and the bells will be available from 3 p.m.

A cycle ride of 130 miles and three more towers 'in the bag' was Mr. F. Hopgood's Whitsun diversion. His expedition took him from Wimbledon to Hastings and back.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.

On a recent Saturday a meeting of the above branch was held at New Mills and 32 members and friends were present. The bells were set going early in the afternoon and touches in various methods rung. The usual Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an inspiring address. Tea was served in the nearby Parish Hall by the local ringers' wives and a very enjoyable meal was speedily disposed of. The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of a very old friend, Mr. J. H. Jackson, of Disley, who has reached the age of 88. The way in which he dealt with the business would have done credit to a much younger man and shows he still retains his old vigour for presiding at meetings.

The business was all of a routine nature. One new member was elected, John Anthony Beaumont, of Disley, and members were reminded of the annual festival of the Guild at Runcorn.

The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar for his assistance, to the chairman, the local ringers and the ladies who prepared tea, and to the organist.

The meeting learned with regret that the Vicar was very shortly leaving the parish for another post in Scotland on account of his health, and expressed a wish that in that 'foreign' clime he would regain it.

Further ringing was enjoyed on the bells until a late hour, particular attention being given to the learners.

## RINGING IN BOURNEMOUTH.

### A WORD TO INTENDING VISITORS.

#### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On Whit Monday last a party of ringers sought and, after much persistency, obtained last-minute permission to ring our bells. Two other outing parties had already used the peal, having obtained permission in the proper way some weeks ago.

The Vicar said to me later in the week, 'I gave way against my better judgment, rather than spoil their day's outing, but it must not occur again.' So in future will organisers of outings who would like to use our bells kindly address their application to me, at least a fortnight before the date, so that I can place same before the Vicar at a convenient moment? Written permission will be sent and this should be produced at the tower on the day of the visit.

As before explained, our bells are situated badly and we do get some complaints if they are rung too frequently. Permission can and will be granted at reasonable intervals, and the Exercise enjoys the support and interest of the present Vicar, so I hope ringers will not spoil this happy state of affairs by thoughtless action.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS, Tower Captain, St. Peter's, Bournemouth  
115, Alma Road, Bournemouth.



## LEADING CONDUCTORS—74.

### JOHN PHILLIPS.

One of the leading conductors in South Wales in recent years has been Mr. John Phillips, of Cardiff, who has rendered valuable service to the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. He comes of Devonshire ringing stock and learnt to ring in the Barnstaple district, where, although it was only call changes, the ability to strike well, as Devonshire call change ringers can strike, was early acquired, and has proved a valuable asset all through his subsequent ringing career.

Mr. Phillips was born at West Down, North Devon, on April 22nd, 1904, but was taken at the age of five to live at Tawstock, where he began learning to ring when only twelve years old on the six bells at the Parish Church. He removed to Cardiff in 1921, but up to then had done nothing but call changes; indeed, it was not until 1926, when he joined the band at St. John's, Cardiff, and the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, that he became interested in the art.

From that time, however, his enthusiasm grew, and he rang his first peal at Marshfield on May 7th, 1927, and called a peal of Grandsire Triples at Peterstone on October 13th, 1928. Mr. Phillips is one of those with a natural gift for conducting, and any band, with him as pilot, can start a peal with the utmost confidence. The scope for conducting peals in South Wales is to some extent limited, but Mr. Phillips has called peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, and of Minor and Major, and can call a peal of either at a moment's notice. Last year he conducted the only Past Masters' peal rung for his association. It was a peal of Stedman Triples at Cardiff. He has conducted 45 out of the 118 peals he has rung.

Mr. Phillips was Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association for the year 1931, and represented the association on the Central Council from 1930 to 1932.



MR. JOHN PHILLIPS.

This series will now be suspended for a short time. We hope to resume it in the near future with short sketches of the careers and photographs of some of the men who were leading conductors in the past, but who now, while still, happily, with us, are not so active in this department, and leave most of the conducting to younger aspirants.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

#### A NORTHERN DIVISION DISAPPOINTMENT.

A very poor attendance marred the success of a meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association, held at Belchamp St. Paul's on Saturday, June 3rd. Only 17 ringers attended, probably the lowest ever recorded in this division. It was, however, very encouraging to note that the 17 ringers represented eleven towers as follows: Wickham St. Paul's, Bocking, Stisted, Sible Hedingham, Sudbury, Clare, Greenstead Green, Earls Colne, Halstead, Great Tey and the local company.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. Flynn), who gave the ringers a cordial welcome. This was followed by tea, the Rev. and Mrs. Flynn being present.

At the business meeting which followed, with the District Master (Mr. F. Ridgwell) in the chair, Great Yeldham was selected for the next meeting, the date being fixed for September 2nd. It was also decided that the secretary try and get the use of Sible and Castle Hedingham bells also on this date.

The District Master moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, to the organist and to Mr. W. Cutmore for so ably arranging such a splendid tea. It was a pity, he said, that so few had turned up to partake of such an excellent repast. The Master went on to say that the members certainly could not blame the weather for their absence; a ride in the country was just the thing on such a glorious afternoon.

The Vicar briefly replied, and gave an interesting talk on the history of Belchamp.

The members then returned to the tower. The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Bob Minor to London Surprise. Several other visiting ringers turned up after tea to ring on this delightful peal of six.

## DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

### BAR ON COMPETITIVE RINGING REMOVED.

The 65th annual general meeting of the Devonshire Guild was held at Plymouth on Whit Monday. The usual Guild service in St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Martin), included an address of welcome and reference to the similitude of the bells and pomegranates on Aaron's robe to the fruit expected from the work of the ringers.

Dinner was served for 170 in Goodbody's Restaurant, followed by the business meeting, with the Rev. E. V. Cox, president, in the chair. The annual report, as circulated, was adopted, and a vote of thanks was carried to the Vicar of St. Andrew's and Mr. H. Toope, the organist, for their kind assistance.

The president, general treasurer, general secretary and auditor were all re-elected, and the Bishop of Plymouth and the Rev. W. H. Smale elected additional vice-presidents.

A question as to the validity of a peal rung last year was referred to the committee to deal with.

The president's motion for deletion of Rule 12, forbidding certain competitive ringing was carried after much discussion by a majority of 71.

The President, in proposing his motion, said the existing rule cast a stigma on members of the sister organisation, the Devonshire Association. When the rule was made it was most essential that no member of the Guild should enter competitions, as they were associated with things the Church could not sanction or approve. Everything, however, had changed nowadays.

The Rev. E. J. Pizey, Vicar of Walkhampton, opposed the resolution. He said in his experience, and in the experience of many other clergymen in the country, competitive ringing had a tendency to cut down the interest of bellringing in the parish itself.

'A band of ringers is formed,' he said, 'and in some parishes they are apt to discourage anyone else from taking part in ringing. Sometimes six or eight ringers form themselves into an exclusive band, and if only five turn up for ringing they won't ring in respect for those who have not turned up.'

'When I first went to my parish,' he continued, 'I was told by the ringers I had no jurisdiction over the bells at all, and if I did it would probably only be over the tenor bell. My predecessor had the same trouble, and had to have the ropes cut off the bells, and they had no bells for ten years.'

A motion by Mr. T. G. Myers (Plymouth), seconded by Mr. E. J. Ryall, of Exeter, 'That one of the objects of the Guild is not to encourage competitive ringing,' was defeated by 28 votes to 17.

The President thought the finest thing for the striking of the Guild would be to have some sort of competitive ringing, and Mr. C. E. Lilley supported the view that competitive ringing would be a good thing for the improvement of striking. 'Why should we be ashamed of having competitive ringing?' he asked.

Automatically the alteration of a branch rule was approved.

Holworthy was selected for the annual meeting, to be held on Whit Monday in 1940.

## WISTASTON RINGER'S DEATH.

'He was one of nature's gentlemen; he had not an enemy in the world.' This is the tribute paid to the memory of Mr. Jesse Bayly, a ringer at Wistaston, Cheshire, who died suddenly on May 23rd, aged 46. When a local band was formed at Wistaston 144 years ago he came forward. A regular attendant and reliable ringer, Mr. Bayly had nine peals to his credit. For 38 years he had been a member of the local choir.

At the funeral the bells were rung half-muffled by various ringers from Crewe, Wyburn, Nantwich, Wenbury, Marbury, Davenham and the local band. Messrs. R. B. Langford, H. Overton, H. F. Holding and G. Packer, of Crewe, rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave. A peal to his memory was also rung on Saturday, May 27th.

## A STAFFORDSHIRE RESTORATION.

### REOPENING OF CHEADLE (R.C.) CHURCH BELLS.

The bells of Chedale Roman Catholic Church were rung again on Sunday, May 28th, after being silent for a long time. The six bells had not gone very well for some time, and it was decided to have them rehung and to add two new trebles, thus making them into a peal of eight with a tenor of 15 cwt. The work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the workmanship as well as tone and go of the bells is a credit to the firm, who have made them one of the best peals in North Staffordshire.

The visitors who attended and rang for the evening service were Messrs. J. E. Wheelodon (Norton), E. Steele (Longton), C. H. Page (Stoke), W. Perkins (Draycott), R. Warriolow and F. Healey (Stafford), B. Keys (Tettenhall), and C. Tabbinor (Wombourne). The towers of Kinsley and Chedale were also well represented. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

After the ringing the visitors were entertained to tea by the leader of St. Giles' ringers, Mr. A. W. Hall, and Mrs. Hall, and their kindness was very much appreciated. A vote of thanks was proposed to them for their generosity, and, in reply, Mr. and Mrs. Hall thanked the ringers for helping to make the opening of the bells such a success.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. A WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER. Association Representation.

When the meeting of the Central Council opened on Whitsun Tuesday, at the Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, with a record attendance, the chair was taken by the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, who announced that they had with them the Rev. Canon Jocelyn Perkins, of Westminster Abbey, to welcome them on behalf of the Church.

Canon Perkins said he ought to begin with a kind of apology, for the right person to welcome the Council was not a humble individual like himself, but that great potentate of the Church, the Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster. He was a greater potentate than any mere Bishop (laughter), and he (Canon Perkins) was sorry the Dean was busy with other people, otherwise he would have liked very much indeed to welcome the Council, but he had to be at St. Margaret's to preach to the Americans at their annual service in London. Canon Perkins, proceeding, said he could not claim to be a ringer. He had often intended to put himself in the hands of one of his ringing friends for instruction, but in the end he had come to the conclusion not to add one more to the accomplishments at which he was not proficient (laughter). He spoke of his earliest recollections of church bells and went on to say that when, in the 1880's, he was an enthusiastic choirboy at St. Paul's, Bedford, there was a carillon in the tower which had the barbarous custom of playing tunes every three hours, and the lives of the inhabitants of Bedford were made wretched day and night by hearing the bells playing such tunes as 'Barbara Allen' and 'There's no luck about the house' (laughter). Then the carillon got out of order and about the year 1892 his young brother had the impudence to write to the local paper about it. He said it was a disgrace to the town, and that letter, from a small boy, led to the bells at St. Paul's being recast and brought up to date (applause). Canon Perkins went on to pay his tribute to his friends the ringers at the Abbey. When in 1919 the Abbey bells were rehung and improved and the octave completed—it ought to have been done years before—their beloved Dean Kyle, he said, was good enough to make him superintendent of the belfry. That meant that he was responsible for the morals of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Oxborrow, Mr. Macdonald and others (laughter). What success he had had in that direction remained to be seen (laughter), but he had had a great deal of pleasure out of his association with the ringers. They had come to be some of his dearest friends (applause), and for absolute efficiency he was perfectly convinced there was no set of ringers in the country to excel them (applause). They never broke stays or anything of that sort (laughter). Canon Perkins concluded by wishing the members a successful and enjoyable meeting, and said when 1942 came round and they again met in London he hoped the members of the Council would be found in the belfry of Westminster discoursing their sweet music. He prayed God's blessing on their deliberations, for no one was more convinced than he was of the tremendous value of church bells and ringing to the cause which they as churchmen had at heart—the spreading of Christ's gospel throughout the world (applause).

The President, in thanking Canon Perkins for his welcome, said he would like to make an apology to him and anyone else concerned at the Abbey, because he understood that on the previous day the tenor stay was broken. If they got permission to ring there again in three years' time they would make it quite clear that the ringing was only for members of the Central Council and that they did not wish to have any 'gate crashers,' because it was a 'gate crasher' who caused the calamity to the tenor stay.

### THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW COUNCIL.

After the departure of Canon Perkins, the President said that was a new Council and there were many new faces among the members. He assured them the Council were very pleased to see them, and he hoped they would be able to do useful work for the Council.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report as to membership and representation, said it was with regret he had to report the failure of certain associations to forward the names and addresses of their representatives as provided for in the rules. The rules provided that these representatives should be elected at least four weeks before the commencement of each triennial session, and the names and addresses of those elected should forthwith be forwarded to the secretary. He had made two applications for the information, but so far had not received any replies in the following cases: Chester Diocesan Guild had forwarded £1 subscription, but no information as to membership and representatives, although through the kindness of a past member he had the names and addresses of two of the representatives. From the Hereford Diocesan Guild he had received £1 subscription, but no information as to representatives. No subscription and no information had been received from North Notts Association and North Wales Association, so these had been deleted from the list of associations affiliated. The Scottish Association had forwarded 5s. subscription, but no information as to representative. With regard to the Barnsley and District Association and Dudley and District Guild, these two associations had supplied figures showing that they were entitled to elect a further representative. The collection of the balance of subscriptions would be dealt with. Suffolk Guild had elected four representatives and had paid for them, but from the particulars of membership it would seem that they were only entitled to three representatives. The particulars showed the startling reduction in annual

subscribing members of nearly 200, and he thought there must be some mistake. So far as was known, the Council was now made up of 49 societies entitled to 139 representatives; number of representatives elected 132. The honorary members numbered 16. Many familiar names did not appear on the new Council's roll. Among these were Mr. C. F. Winney, College Youths; Mr. H. W. Brown, Bath and Wells; Miss K. Willers, Ely; Mr. J. H. Cheesman and Mr. T. Groombridge, Kent; Mr. F. E. Dawe, London County; Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Midland Counties; Mr. C. E. Borrett, Norwich; and Mr. R. G. Black, Peterborough.

The list of members present was given in our last issue. A number of apologies for absence were received, among them one from Mr. James Parker, who was ill.

Mr. G. W. Steere said Mr. Parker had been a member for a great many years, having been first elected in 1894 for the Sussex Association. In 1897 he was elected as a representative of the Royal Cumberland Youths and again in 1906, since when he had been continuously a member and had made 30 attendances. He was only precluded by illness from being present that day. He moved that the regret of the Council be sent to Mr. Parker with good wishes for his speedy recovery.—This was at once agreed to.

Twenty-two new members were presented to the president.

### OFFICERS AND HON. MEMBERS.

The election of officers for the next triennial period then took place. Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed the re-election of Mr. E. H. Lewis as president. He could not, he said, conceive any man better fitted to hold the position than Mr. Lewis. He had extensive engineering experience, and his vast knowledge of the strains and stresses on towers caused by the swinging of bells had been of incalculable value to the Exercise and to Church authorities who had called upon him to advise on these matters. The Council were everlastingly indebted to him for his courtesy, urbanity and tact, and for the skilful manner in which in the conduct of the business of the Council he brought them back on to the lines—for sometimes they did get off the lines—without stifling discussion, and thus got them through their proceedings in a reasonable time (applause).

Canon Coleridge seconded the motion, which was carried with applause.

The President thanked the members for their renewed confidence. He said he felt sometimes that he did not do all he ought to do for the Council, particularly between meetings, and that had been specially the case during the last twelve months, during which things had not been very easy in the business world, and he had not had very much time for ringing matters, particularly outside his own tower. He would be pleased to do what he could for another term and hoped the Council would bear with the shortcomings which he knew he had and the many omissions of which he felt guilty during the intervals between meetings. Mr. Smith had put the matter so nicely and the Council had voted so unanimously in favour that he felt he could do nothing else than accept. He had had a warning to go rather more slowly, and it was only by the special dispensation of the doctor that he was there that day.

The President then went on to propose the re-election of Mr. G. W. Fletcher as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Council, a position he had held so successfully for the last three complete sessions of the Council. Mr. Fletcher got through an enormous amount of work—how he did it he (Mr. Lewis) could not conceive. There must be a great shortage of candles in the house at Enfield, for Mr. Fletcher was burning them at both ends (laughter and applause).

The motion was carried by acclamation, and, in acknowledging his election, Mr. Fletcher said he hoped in the next three years the associations would render it unnecessary for him to start the meeting with a grumble, as he had started that one, and others in the past. His report was the first item on the agenda and it made a rather bad start. He hoped in the next three years they would have a more happy note to start on (hear, hear).

The President said there was one possible explanation of how Mr. Fletcher got through so much work, and that was the fact that he had such an excellent assistant in his wife (applause).

On the motion of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dyke, the following honorary members were re-elected and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton added to the list: The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. R. B. Hesse, Messrs. C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex. Young.

Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed the addition of Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., who had, he said, been a member of the Council for a great many years and had done good work, not only for the Council, but also in his own county of Kent.

Mr. T. B. Worsley proposed the name of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, of Bath, and the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg proposed Mr. F. Sharpe, of Oxfordshire. All these were duly elected and one vacancy was left for emergencies.

The name of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough, who had retired from the representation of the Midland Counties Association, was also mentioned, but it was pointed out that Mr. Taylor, owing to advancing years, was retiring at his own request from participation in the Council.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton was then re-elected hon. librarian, and, in accepting office again, said he would like a little more assistance from secretaries of associations and others who still had books on sale or return, of which he had no account. He would like to see more people

who would take the Council's books on these terms, because he was convinced the best way to sell them was to take them to meetings and offer them.

The auditors, Messrs. C. T. Coles and A. A. Hughes, were re-elected on the motion of Mr. W. A. Cave, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton.

#### DEATH OF PAST MEMBERS.

The President said, as far as they knew, three old members of the Council had been lost by death. Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, was an honorary member from 1891 to 1894 and attended one meeting. There were not many present that day who would remember Mr. Pates as a member of the Council. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, of the Kent County Association, was, up to ten years ago, a member of the Council from 1894. During that 35 years he attended 22 meetings and took a great interest in the work of the Council. As they knew, he was largely responsible for the present successful position of the Kent County Association, of which he was hon. secretary for a great number of years. Mr. A. B. Bennett represented the Sussex Association from 1903 to 1905, and during that time attended all the meetings.

The Council marked their sympathy by standing in silence for a few moments.

The minutes of the meeting held last year at Leeds were adopted as printed.

#### THE COUNCIL'S LIBRARY.

The report of the hon. librarian was as follows: The thanks of the Council are due to Mr. W. H. Fussell for a gift of a large number of association reports of some 30 societies which cover a period from 1881 to the present day. Though not complete, these will form a valuable basis for a collection should the Council ever consider making one. In this event binding would be advisable. Two books, an 1885 copy of 'Church Bells' by Mears and Stainbank, and 'Church Bells and Ringing,' by W. T. Maunsell, M.A., 1861, formerly the property of Mr. Joseph Willshire, of Reading, have been given by Mr. C. E. Pearce, churchwarden of St. Andrew's, Rugby. A collection of letters between W. H. Thompson and others, and Dr. Secombe has been presented by Mr. J. Kenyon, of Great Yarmouth. Thanks should be given again to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher for a gift of volumes of 'The Ringing World' for 1937 and 1938.

One or two library books have been lent for research purposes. With the consent of the president and secretary, orders have been given for the repair of several of the early books. Some of these are in extremely bad condition, and will not exist in 10 years' time unless properly repaired. The book in worst condition, a copy of 'Campanologia Improved,' is being re-bound by Messrs. Gray, of Cambridge, who are expert in this kind of work. All parts of the book, including inscribed and papers and binding, where possible, will be preserved, and the cost of this particular work will be 7s. 6d. Messrs. Over, of Rugby, can cope with some of the simpler cases of re-backing and re-sewing.

Five hundred Cambridge Sheets have been printed; 'Hints to Instructors' is being reprinted, and 'Model Rules' and 'Law Affecting Church Bells' should be available before long. The 'Minor and Doubles Methods' book is in great demand, and accounts for £20 of the receipts.

The librarian's accounts showed the sale of 505 publications amounting to £26 9s. 2d., and £1 13s. 10d. received from books sold by agents. The balance carried to the general account was £14 12s. 4d. The stock in hand was valued at £154 6s. 1d.

Mr. Hooton said some of the books had already been satisfactorily repaired. They were presentation copies for the most part, which had been much used by old ringers; they could not be called collectors' copies, but it was advisable to have them repaired if they were to last at all.

The report was adopted and the librarian's action confirmed. It was also agreed that, as recommended by the Standing Committee, the librarian be given general powers for the maintenance of the books in the library.

#### SUGGESTED REVISED 'GLOSSARY'

The Rev. H. Drake asked what was being done with regard to the 'Glossary.' They had got rid of all the copies of the old book and now there was no 'Glossary' belonging to the Council. He thought there should be one, and he would like to know what was being done. He proposed they should discuss whether they should complete a new 'Glossary' or not. He certainly thought it ought to be a much smaller thing than the last, but he thought one was needed. There had recently been discussions in 'The Ringing World' about technical terms, and they ought to know what were the recognised technical terms which should be used. They ought to publish a small 'Glossary,' which should be sufficient to last for a certain number of years and be revised periodically.

Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded. In the old 'Glossary,' he said there was very much that was absolutely unnecessary, but there was very much that was valuable. They could not very well discuss it in a Council of that size. It did not necessarily follow that in a multitude of councillors they got a multitude of intelligence (laughter), but the matter could be considered by the proper committee, with a view to issuing a smaller edition.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said, as one who had had some experience in these things, his opinion was that, however good their intentions, no 'Glossary' fulfilled the object for which it was drawn up. The genesis of the first 'Glossary' was a statement by Sir Arthur Heywood that, as a writer, he found extraordinary difficulty in making

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## PRACTICAL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED.

### DERBY DISTRICT RINGERS AND LEARNERS.

A very successful meeting of the members of the Derby District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Melbourne on Saturday, June 3rd. Visiting ringers found difficulty at first in handling the ropes owing to the long draught from the guides to the floor, but this did not prevent touches of Grand sire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Little Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich from being rung. Visitors attended from Gainsborough, Coventry, Ibstock, Repton, Burton, Ticknall, Ripley, Sawley, West Hallam, Spondon and Derby (the Cathedral, St. Luke's, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's). After tea the Vicar, the Rev. R. John Morris, D.S.O., kindly placed the Church House at the disposal of the ringers for the business meeting.

One new member, Mr. Ronald Foster, of St. Peter's, Derby, was elected, having rung his first peal on Whit Monday afternoon.

It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Ripley on July 1st, special methods for practice being Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

An interesting discussion took place on conducting. It was pointed out that in many towers this was confined to one man only, but that this was decidedly a mistake, and the suggestion was made that the ideal to be aimed at was that each ringer should take it in turn to call a touch of some sort, as the more ringers there were capable of conducting, the greater the interest and improvement in ringing.

There was also a discussion on teaching learners. According to reports at various times in 'The Ringing World,' this is a vexed question in many districts, and the suggestion was made that when a ringer introduced a learner in a tower he ought to make himself personally responsible for his tuition, and not leave it to anybody to tell the learner what he thinks best, as this only led to the confusion and bewilderment of the learner. It was a well-known fact that anybody's job soon became nobody's.

Further discussion followed as to the merits or otherwise of practising a special method at a meeting. The opinion was expressed that it might have a tendency to scare away the learners, but one learner suggested, why not a method for the learners and another for the more experienced ringers? As the suggestion was well supported, it was decided at the next meeting to give learners a special practice at Treble Bob, as the place-making seemed to occasion no little difficulty, and to ask the more experienced ringers to look up Double Norwich.

The result will be eagerly awaited.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his hearty welcome and the use of the Church House, and to Mr. Charles Davies for making all arrangements brought the meeting to a close.

On returning to the tower more ringers were met, who had been picnicking round the famous Melbourne Pool, and further ringing was enjoyed until 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal.

Just previous to 'closing down' the Vicar once more visited the ringers and expressed the hope that all had enjoyed their visit to Melbourne, and that it would not be long before they visited him again.

### A CORNISH TOUR.

Arrangements are being made by the branch secretaries of the Truro Diocesan Guild for a touring party to hold combined practices at a number of towers in Cornwall from June 9th to 18th. All ringers will be welcomed and will be given an opportunity of ringing something different to what is usually rung in their own tower. The ringing will consist of rising and falling in peal, call changes, Grand sire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob.

The towers to be visited are: 9th, Gulval; 10th, Lezant (3 to 5 p.m.), Landulph; 12th, St. Stephen's; 13th, Probus; 14th, Lanivet; 15th, Kenwyn; 16th, Helston; 17th, Werrington (3 to 5), St. Stephen's (6.30 to 8.30). Except where mentioned, the times are 7 to 9 p.m. On Sunday, the 11th, there will be a quarter-peal after service at Redruth, and on Sunday, the 18th, special ringing at Truro Cathedral, 5.15 to 6.15.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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his views known to his readers, because he could never be quite certain that the meaning he attached to a word was the meaning the reader attached to it. Sir Arthur Heywood contended that it was the business of anybody who wrote to make sure he used his words in such a way that people understood. But people seemed to think, said Mr. Trollope, that dictionary definition could be given to ringing terms. That was not, in practice, possible. Words had different shades of meaning and it was the business of anyone who wrote to convey the meaning he intended. If they had a 'Glossary' definition they would not necessarily have exactly the meaning a writer intended. A number of technical terms in ringing were ordinary English words, which had been adopted and had grown up through their associations with ringing to mean what they wished them to mean. The ordinary word 'bob,' for instance, caused no confusion when used in the tower, but directly they sat down to put a glossary definition on it they found they could not do it so that a person would understand. He believed, therefore, that any 'Glossary,' however well intentioned, would be a failure in practice.

A suggestion that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee was adopted, it being understood that they would report upon it next year.

Mr. J. Hunt: And that will be the end of the 'Glossary,' Mr. Drake (laughter). (To be continued.)

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### HEALTHY ACTIVITY IN THE BRANCHES.

The annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild took place at Calne, Wilts, on Saturday, May 13th, in perfect weather. The Guild service, held in the grand old church, was preceded and followed by touches of Stedman Triples. A fine volume of sound rose from 150 male voices in the psalm and hymns. The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Guild) and the Rev. H. V. White officiated, and a characteristic sermon was preached by that stalwart champion of ringers, the Ven. Archdeacon Coulter, who gave utterance to some very straight speaking on the subject of clergy neglecting their bellfries.

A company of 153 subsequently sat down to an admirably served luncheon in the Town Hall. The Rev. R. H. Gundry, Master of the Guild, presided, and, after the loyal toast had been honoured, expressed the gratification of the members at the presence of the Mayor of Calne. His Worship made an eloquent and deeply impressive reply.

At the ensuing business meeting the Rev. R. H. Gundry was re-elected Master, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards general secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Green assistant secretary, the Rev. R. E. G. Newman and Mr. W. Hinks auditors, Canon Gorringe and Mr. E. Coward members of the committee, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and Messrs. S. Hollier, C. H. Jennings and F. W. Romaine Central Council representatives.

The hon. secretary's report made reference to the passing, at the age of 88 years, of the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, who was first Master of the Guild and held office for 14 years. The reports from the various branches, the secretary proceeded, indicated a healthy state of activity. The Marlborough Branch under the direction of its new officers had not only recovered from a state of suspended animation, but was now one of the most active branches in the diocese. Ringers had found good supporters among the clergy in that district. In the Dorchester Branch Mr. C. H. Jennings had completed 25 years of untiring work as secretary. The resolution adopted by that branch last year on the subject of 'synthetic bell music' in church towers had produced a strong and satisfactory statement from the Diocesan Advisory Board. It was greatly to be regretted that the sum required to put Wyke Regis bells in repair was not yet forthcoming. The great performance recorded at Evershot was proof of the progress made in West Dorset, where both the chairman and the Ringing Master had been active in conducting peals. The Calne Branch was to be congratulated on a splendid supply of ringers, most of the towers having 14 or more. One less satisfactory feature of the branch reports was the entry in several cases of 'No returns.' In some instances this meant that the tower had failed to keep in touch with the Guild without any notification of its withdrawal, and the Guild still continued hopefully to include the correspondent's name in the report. In other cases it was due to the failure of the correspondent to make the returns at the proper time.

The peal record contained three or four features of outstanding interest. The peal of Kent Maximus at Trowbridge was the first of Treble Twelve for the Guild and in the county of Wilts. It was conducted by the veteran Master of the Winchester Guild, whose honoured name had for well over half a century been frequently associated with peals rung in the Diocese of Salisbury. The first day of the year witnessed a similar record for the Guild and county in the eight Minor methods rung at Semley, while the peal of Doubles in 21 methods conducted by Mr. Bishop at Evershot in honour of Mr. W. Ruttle's 50 years of service in that tower might claim to have set up a world's record. The officers' peal at Salisbury a fortnight later was of personal interest to the writer of these notes, while it was also the conductor's 100th peal. The first peal on the massive bells of Gillingham was also a notable event. The report concluded with cordial thanks to the officers of the Guild for their splendid work and to the vice-presidents and honorary members for their valued support.

The Master, in his report, said it was a surprise to many at the previous annual meeting to learn how many of the members of the Guild had a record of 50 years' service. It would be interesting to compile a record of all members who had completed 50 years and over of ringing, and he asked those who had done so to send him a postcard, giving their name and the number of years they had been ringers, so that he might compile a correct list. He specially congratulated the hon. secretary on having completed his 50th year of ringing, but he (the Master) had to confess that it was 59 years ago that he started. He congratulated the Rev. C. C. Cox and Mr. W. C. West upon having attained their hundredth peal and the Evershot band on ringing a peal in 21 methods. Referring to the increased interest taken in change ringing in the diocese, the Master said it was due a great deal to the excellent work of the instructors, who had spared neither time nor distance in carrying out their job.

The hon. secretary's balance sheet showed receipts from the branches amounting to £40 16s., from hon. members and associates £16 6s., life members £2 7s. 6d., sale of medals and certificates £3 5s., a total of £62 14s. 6d. The expenditure, which includes three grants of two guineas each to bell funds, amounted to £65 15s. 10d., thus reducing the balance in hand by £3 1s. 4d. to £61 6s.

The bells of Calne and other churches for some miles round were kept in active use during the day.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The memorial window to the late Canon Elsee, at St. George's, Bolton, will be dedicated on Saturday, June 10th, by the Rev. Arthur Scott, M.A. (President). Service at 3.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Bertram Jones, M.A. (Vicar). Tea, at a nominal charge, in Schools, at 5 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

CHEADLE PARISH CHURCH, STAFFS. — The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Lichfield on Saturday, June 10th, at 2.30 p.m. A ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea 1s. per head. Half fares allowed to members attending this meeting (maximum 2s.).—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Blackhill on Saturday, June 10th. The bells of St. Aidan's (8) will be available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Aidan's Church Hut, 1s. per head. Will those ringers who require some, please advise Mr. W. F. Macfeggan, 22, Cort Street, Blackhill, as soon as possible. A good attendance is requested.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers very welcome.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome. Please notify if tea is required.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting at Bentley on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at East Bridgford on June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Buses leave Nottingham bus station, platform 4, at 2.37, 4.7 and 4.52. Everybody welcome.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.



**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, June 10th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify for tea.—F. Far-rant, Martock, Somerset.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A meeting has been arranged to take place at Hartlip on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea at the Rose and Crown. It is hoped that as a result of this meeting Hartlip will rejoin the association, so please turn up in good numbers.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sitting-bourne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, June 10th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. A short service, taken by the Rector, will be held at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be at the Rectory at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. E. A. Hall, Main Street, Peckleton, near Leicester. The Rector is retiring this month. He would like to see a really good meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Wisborough Green on Saturday, June 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at the Three Crowns 4.30, price 1s. Service 5.45. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, June 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amphill Road, Liver-pool 17.

**LADIES' GUILD (Northern District) AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and the business meetings in the schools.—Mrs. E. D. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, June 11th, at 5.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meetings for June: St. Giles', Cripplegate, 13th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 15th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 20th; St. Magnus', 22nd; Southwark Cathedral, 27th; St. Clement Danes, 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meet-ing afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**DISS, NORFOLK.**—The Royal Norfolk Agricultural Show will be held at Diss on Wednesday and Thursday, June 14th and 15th. The bells of the Parish Church will be available each evening for visiting ringers. All welcome.—Albert G. Harrison, 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, June 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Ringers going will enter by the main gates entrance Milborne Road. Permission has been given to ringers going to this meeting to ring at Hilton, Bere Regis and Puddletown. Kindly advise early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Rd., Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAF-FORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 17th. Bells: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6), from 3 p.m.; Cathedral from 3 to 3.15 and 6 to 7. Sunday School Teachers' Festival Service in Cathedral at 3.15. Tea and general meeting in St. Mary's Parish Room, Wade Street, 4.30. Tea, 9d. to fully-paid members, to others 1s. 3d. Please send word by Tuesday, June 13th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea, please notify Mr. A. Panther, 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, by Wednesday, June 14th. A hearty welcome is extended to all.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Dis. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Biddenden, on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. The usual travelling allowance will be paid at this meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Haxey, Isle of Axholme, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6, tenor 18½ cwt.) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5, at the Duke William for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. This church is known as the 'Cathedral of the Isle,' and it is well worth a visit.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., 248, Lea Road, Gainsborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 17th, at Bakewell. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Wheatsheaf Hotel, fol-lowed by general meeting. Special invitation is issued to this joint meeting with fellow-members and friends of Peak Society. Come along, but don't forget to send your name for tea to Mr. W. J. Alexander, 15, Stanton View, Yeld Road, Bakewell, to avoid disappointment. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Kineton, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, June 17th. Bells avail-able from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on June 17th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present kindly send me word by the 14th inst?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thurstaston on June 17th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea followed by meeting at 5 p.m. Please notify me by the 15th.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 13th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Alton and Petersfield District) **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—A combined meeting will be held on Saturday, June 17th, at Bramshott. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Parish Room 5. Business meetings follow. Kindly let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, June 14th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—A meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please let me know number for tea by Thursday morning, June 15th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. All ringers will be welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kington District.—A meeting will be held at Weobley, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30, 6d. each. Business meeting to follow. Please advise me by Tuesday, June 13th, the number to expect for tea.—Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Hartlebury on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. For tea please notify Mr. A. W. Glazzard, 2, Bungalow, Titton Sands, Stourport-on-Severn, Hartlebury, before Wednesday, June 4th.—N. J. Goodman, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the Oxford City and District Branch will take place at Dorchester Abbey on Saturday, June 24th. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and ringing. All ringers from all parts cordially invited. For tea, please notify early to Mr. E. J. B. Morton, 11, Water Eaton Road, Summertown, Oxford.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) from 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., at the Ferry Tea Rooms. Service 6 p.m. All ringers very welcome. Will those who require tea please let me know by Wednesday, 21st? Subscriptions for 1939 now due.—F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.**—The ring of eight bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be reopened on Saturday, June 24th. Service 3 o'clock; preacher, the Archdeacon of Northampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open for ringing at six o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The Burton District will hold its next meeting at Measham on Saturday, June 24th, and extends a cordial invitation to all ringers, especially friends from Birmingham and Nuneaton Districts. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting, and the peal (8 musical bells) available at 2.45. Lastly, don't forget your postcard by Wednesday or Thursday for tea.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service and tea. Methods for special attention are Double Oxford Bob Minor and London Surprise Minor. Other methods will be rung as required. Church within sight of St. Ann's Road Station, Seven Sisters Road.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The summer meeting of the Western Division will be held at the Church of Holy Trinity, Skipton, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Tea (1s. 6d.) at Castle Cafe (opposite church) at 4.30. Business meeting in vestry 5.30 approximately. Names for tea to Mr. H. Stanforth, 13, Brookside, Skipton, by Thursday, June 22nd. All welcome.—F. Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow, Essex, on June 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. George Green, 3, Bell Street, Great Baddow, near Chelmsford, by June 22nd.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Established 1623).—The 316th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, for all who notify me by June 21st.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road.

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**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, July 8th. Fuller particulars later. Any members or friends in London wishing to join the party travelling by cheap ticket to Ipswich are asked to communicate with me as soon as possible.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—A summer meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 8th. Both towers will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, by July 4th.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Summer festival at St. Neots on Saturday, July 22nd.—K. Willers, Gen. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Annual Salmon Supper will be held at the Angel Hotel, Ruardean, on Saturday, July 8th, at 6 p.m. sharp. Tickets 4s., and will not be obtainable after June 17th. Please don't forget the date. Tickets may be had from Oliver Thomas, 11, Victoria Rd., Lydney, Glos., or W. Scott, The Lawn, Ruardean, Glos.

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