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These famous bell-sounding firms have kindly consented to this adaptation of their advertisements to meet the pressure on our space, due to the compulsory reduction in the number of our pages this week.

A RULE OF THE COUNCIL.

The Central Council consists mainly of members elected to represent the various guilds and associations throughout the country, to whom is added a number of honorary members appointed by the Council itself. The reason for these honorary members was stated in the original draft of rules drawn up in 1890 to be 'in order to obtain the support of gentlemen who have not been returned as representative members but whose assistance the Council may desire.' It is pretty certain that the class of men Arthur Percival Heywood, the founder of the Council, had in mind was those who were not actively connected with ringers, but for one reason or another were authorities on subjects connected with bells and ringing, men like W. H. Thompson, Dr. Raven and Canon Wigram, and probably to secure room for them he introduced the rule that no representative member should be eligible as an honorary member. That has been the rule ever since, though there is nothing to prevent an honorary member being elected as a representative member.

The original rules provided that an honorary member should retire after the third annual meeting from and exclusive of the meeting at which he was elected. As he became a full member of the Council immediately on election, that gave him a four year membership instead of the three year term enjoyed by ordinary members. This was an anomaly, but we believe it was intended. At the last revision of the rules, however, it was abolished, and it was provided that the honorary member should not become a member until the close of the meeting at which he was elected.

The new rule was more consistent than the old, but rules are made, or should be made, for the benefit of the community, and it was not long before it became clear that to carry out the new rule might cause great inconvenience. For if a representative member for any reason fails to secure election from his association, he cannot, according to rule, be made a member, however much the Council may desire his presence, until one annual meeting has gone by. It may happen to one of the principal officers of the Council or to some other valued member, and the only way out of the difficulty is to ignore the rule. This has been done more than once, but to have a rule which must be ignored when it becomes operative is not only farcical, but may be unjust

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to those who cannot claim to be sufficiently important to have the law set aside for their benefit.

It is not surprising that notice has been given of a motion to amend this rule, and when the time comes the change is almost certain to be made; but it may be asked why Mr. Coles should confine his suggested alteration to the three principal officers of the Council. It may easily happen that other valued members of the Council (even Mr. Coles himself) may be placed in a similar situation. Surely all that is needed is that it should be made clear that the Council can, at any meeting, fill up any vacancy in the number of honorary members in the way which will best meet any emergency that may arise. In other words, to make it strictly legal for the Council, if it thinks fit, to do for any member what it has had to do by a breach of its laws for exceptional members.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 4, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER 7
MARGARET E. TELFORD 2	WILLIAM JUDGE 8
BETTY SPICE 3	MAJOR J. H. R. FREEBORN 9
HARRY MILES 4	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT 10
FRED A. H. WILKINS 5	NEIL I. ALLNATT 11
JOHN E. SPICE 6	RICHARD WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED RIDER Treble	RICHARD D. LANGFORD 6
GEORGE WILKINSON 2	EDWARD STEEL 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	EDWIN SHARRATT 8
RICHARD T. HOLDING 4	JOHN RIDER 9
GEORGE A. PACKER 5	DOUGLAS G. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by JOHN RIDER.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
CHARLES POTHECARY 2	HERBERT LANGDON 7
FREDERICK E. COLLINS 3	ALFRED B. PECK 8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
ERIC B. HARTLEY 5	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by R. F. DEAL.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SMALLEY Treble	FREDERICK BROWNLOW 5
MRS. MARY KENYON 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH 6
EVEREST FORD 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD 4	ERNEST FARNWORTH Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	WALTER CLAYDON 5
ERNEST J. KING 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE SPERRING Treble	HARRY PYE 5
*MISS HAZEL CLOSE 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 6
JAMES SWINDLEY 3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7
JOHN HAYES 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 4, 1945, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*CYRIL WARD Treble	SIDNEY CHAMBERS 5
*MISS JEAN METHAM 2	HAROLD MARCON 6
*JACK HODSON 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 4	H. LESLIE PASK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

On the Gabriel Eight.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING 3	WILLIAM G. MAYERS 7
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 4	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.



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DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, June 7, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY RAYNOR Treble	NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 5
FREDERICK A. COLBY ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	HARRY HOVERD... .. 7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	†JAMES E. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHT. Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

* 150th peal. † 100th peal.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 28½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... Treble	DAVID MACKAY 5
NORMAN H. COOMBS 2	LEONARD DERRICK 6
GEORGE TALBOT 3	RONALD G. BECK... .. 7
CLEMENT GLENN... .. 4	DONALD G. CLIFT Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung for the wedding at the above church of Mr. R. E. May and Miss Joan Budden, of the Bristol University Society.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM E. NOTT 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 6
ALLEN MORGAN 3	REGINALD WOODYATT... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER BOWERS... .. 4	DENNIS MORRIS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LEWIS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

HENRY PRATT Treble	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 5
CHARLES A. WEAVERS ... 2	RALPH BIRD 6
ALBERT CATTERWELL... .. 3	RONALD SUCKLING 7
ARCHIBALD FITCH 4	THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVE. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED A. SALTER Treble	PERCY E. BALL 5
THOS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	HAROLD PAILING... .. 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY... .. 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 7
*ROBERT A. WARD 4	FRANK BRADLEY Tenor

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

* First peal on tower bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... Treble	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	WALTER LEE 6
PERCY NEWTON 3	ALFRED LEVETT 7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

VERNON J. BENNING Treble	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN... .. 5
FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
DR. E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 7
SIDNEY JARRETT 4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1945, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

EDWIN JENNING... .. Treble	CECIL N. AUSTIN... .. 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN... 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	H. WALTER SMITH 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	WALTER ARNOLD... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 10, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THÉ-ARCHANGEL,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS... .. 5
MISS VALHALLA HILL... .. 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
WILLIAM C. PORTER 3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... .. 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

KIRK ELLA, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1945, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

PHILIP H. SPECK Treble	G. RICHARD HESSEY 4
*JOHN G. HOBSON 2	FREDERICK BRAITHWAITE ... 5
FRANCIS W. DALE 3	ROBERT COLLING... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. COLLING.

* First peal.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES L. LAKER Treble	KENNETH SMELLING 4
WALTER CLAYDON 2	ALFRED J. BULL 5
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 7, 1945, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. V. LATHBURY Treble	*J. GIBSON 4
E. G. HIBBINS 2	R. LATHBURY 5
R. T. DENNIS 3	J. W. WARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. LATHBURY.

* First peal of Minor.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 wtl.

*GEORGE PILGRAM Treble	MISS G. BURCHNALL 4
OSWY STREET 2	MISS K. BURCHNALL 5
*MISS JOSEPHINE SALT 3	HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1945, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 15 in C.

DANIEL T. MATKIN 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS... .. 5-6
MRS. F. JOHN MARSHALLSAY 3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., June 1, 1945, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JULIA M. PRESTON 1-2	JEAN A. SOUTHERST 5-6
JOHN E. SPICE 3-4	BETTY SPICE 7-8

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5046 CHANGES;

JOAN HOULDSWORTH 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEASE... .. 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... .. 7-8

*LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 9-10

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Royal.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 7, 1945, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 76, DIMSDALE VIEW, PORTHILL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

A. R. PARGETER 1-2	R. S. ANDERSON 5-6
A. THOMPSON... .. 3-4	GEO. W. BIDDULPH 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by R. S. ANDERSON.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Friday, June 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MARGARET D. TELFORD ... 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE 5-6
BETTY SPICE... .. 3-4	JEAN A. SOUTHERST 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

Contains 2,528 changes of Oxford and 2,496 of Kent, with 46 changes of method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
ALAN G. HALL 3-4	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 7-8

EDWIN BARNETT... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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Donald Paddon Smith, elder son of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Corps of Royal Engineers. He has served from the outbreak of war, in France, in North Africa, and in Italy, where he now is.

The peal of Double Norwich at St. Peter Mancroft was a welcome home to Mr. A. E. Smalls, over four years a prisoner of war.

MR. G. V. MURPHY.

After more than five years overseas, Mr. Geoffrey V. Murphy, of the Crayford band, returned to this country about a fortnight ago. After going through the first siege of Tobruk, he was taken prisoner in the desert. When Italy collapsed he got away, but after six months' freedom was recaptured and taken to Germany, where he remained until liberated by the Russians. After enduring so many hardships he has been warmly welcomed by the ringers of North Kent and has been able to take part in two peals within a week of his first ringing since April, 1940.

CONTINENTAL BELLS.

TAKEN FOR MUNITIONS OF WAR.

According to the correspondent of 'The News Chronicle' with the Second Army, hundreds of Dutch, Belgian and German church bells, many of them centuries old and of exquisite workmanship, have been discovered by a British Army officer in the yard of a smelting plant at Wilhelmsburg, near Hamburg.

One heap includes at least 250 bells, all in perfect condition, ranging from small handbells to bells 4ft. high.

The oldest noted in this pile bears the date 1722. All have religious inscriptions.

A director of the firm said that this pile would have been used only in an emergency.

All the bells recovered bear chalked code inscriptions, and it is hoped that records will be discovered showing where each bell came from.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT PEBMARSH.

Thirty-four ringers from twelve parishes were present at a meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association, held at Pebmarsh on June 2nd. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. D. S. Bayley, who gave an address. Tea in the Church Hut was given by the local band. The District Master, Mr. L. W. Wiffen, presided at the business meeting, and was supported by the secretary, Miss H. G. Snowden. Sible Hedingham was chosen as the place of the next meeting. A presentation from the Pebmarsh ringers was made to Mr. C. Weavers, of Wickham St. Paul's, in recognition of his kindness in teaching them change ringing. A collection for the bell restoration fund realised £1 6s. 8d. Several methods were rung, including London Surprise Minor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT CANTERBURY.

Nearly 80 members and friends were present at a meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association, held at Canterbury on May 28th. Service was in St. Stephen's Church and tea followed and business. Six practising and one honorary member were elected, and the next meeting arranged for Margate on July 7th. During the evening there was ringing at the Cathedral and at St. Dunstan's. Members were present from 16 towers in the district, and from the Ashford and Rochester districts.

COVERING BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago the leading article of 'The Ringing World' gave expression to what I feel must be the feelings of the majority of ringers on the subject of covering bells.

I feel, therefore, that I must write and protest against two peals which appear in this week's 'Ringing World.' One is Grandsire Triples at Newport, Mon., with five covering bells, and the other is Doubles at Longney with three covering bells. The music in both cases must be very monotonous and not so very different from call changes. That alone is sufficient to prevent my taking part in any such peal attempt.

I cannot find in the reports any justification for including these extra bells. The weight is in neither case excessive (tenors 21½ and 14 cwt. respectively), and no great strain should be involved in the use of the back eight and back six. Only one first peal is mentioned among the 20 ringers concerned. No special occasion is mentioned as the reason for either peal, and as both were rung on a Saturday the question of giving everyone a chance on a Sunday does not arise.

The question of the extent to which the treble man takes part in, say, London Surprise and the tenor man in covering odd-bell methods has been the subject of much debate. However, their necessity cannot be denied and I feel that they are entitled to full credit on this account. But in these two peals there were four and two ringers who need have had no knowledge of change ringing, only the ability to ring rounds and they performed no useful function. It seems to me an attempt to credit as many ringers as possible with a peal where some have not deserved it.

You, sir, I note include the performances under the 'Eight Bell' and 'Six and Five Bell' sections. How many ringers are to be credited with a peal by the Central Council? There may be something to be said by the other side, and, if so, I should be interested to hear it.

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Biddick Lane, Fatfield, Washington, Co. Durham.

IRISH ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Irish Association was held in the belfry of Christ Church, Lurgan, on June 2nd, with the branch president, Canon W. J. Gransden, in the chair. Twelve ringers were present from Belfast (St. Thomas'), Enniskillen, Londonderry Cathedral, Lurgan and Rostrevor, as well as Pte. T. E. G. Taylor, from Maidstone, Kent, and Mr. F. E. Dukes, hon. secretary, Irish Association.

Lurgan was selected as the place of the next meeting, the date to be decided later. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Canon W. J. Gransden; vice-president, Mr. C. W. Neill, re-elected; branch secretary, Mr. W. Webb, Belfast; branch treasurer, Miss A. McBride, Belfast; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Irwin, Lurgan; assistant secretary, Mr. R. Nelson, Enniskillen. Messrs. W. Webb, R. Nelson and J. Lightbody were appointed to act on the General Committee.

A report on change ringing showed that three of the twelve towers in the province were practising Plain Bob.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern District of the Essex Association was held at All Saints', Maldon, on June 2nd, when about 50 members and friends attended from Great Baddow, Broomfield, Ohelmsford, Danbury, Galleywood, Goldhanger, Maldon, Springfield, Great Totham, Brentwood, Harwich, Ipswich, Sudbury and Richmond. The bells of St. Mary's were also available.

The association service was held at All Saints', where the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Seymore, welcomed the association, and in place of an address gave a short history of the church. A collection for the association's bell restoration fund amounted to 30s.

After tea the business meeting was held, at which the Vicar presided. Two new ringing members were elected, Mr. E. Lodge, of Galleywood, and Mr. E. W. E. Kempton, of Goldhanger. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Ingatestone on July 28th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Kettering on Whit Monday. The Rector, the Rev. G. Holborow, conducted service, and the address was given by the Rev. C. R. Norcock, chairman of Kettering Branch. Over one hundred persons were present.

The officers, who were all re-elected, were: President, the Archdeacon of Northampton; Master, the Rev. E. S. Powell; guild secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. G. Black; and auditor, Mr. A. P. J. Ward. Some slight amendments were made to the draft rules, which had been prepared by a committee, and they were then put to the meeting and passed. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Northampton. The representatives to the Central Council were asked to support any criticism of the publications in 'The Ringing World' which might arise at the Birmingham meeting. There was ringing at Kettering, Rothwell, Burton Latimer, Isham, Warkton and Weekley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT KIBWORTH.**

A meeting of the Leicester District of the Midland Counties Association, held at Kibworth on May 19th, was attended by 65 members and friends from Aylestone, Anstey, Be'grave, Billesdon, Birstall, Groby, Ilston-on-the-Hill, Leicester (St. Margaret's and Cathedral), Market Harborough, Thurmaston, South Wigston, Wigston Magna and the local belfry.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Ottaway, who in his address said that it was St. Dunstan's Day. St. Dunstan was Archbishop of Canterbury at the end of the Dark Ages. He issued an order to his clergy that each of them should take up some useful occupation and himself cast some bells.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, Mr. D. Briggs took the chair. It was decided to hold the next meeting on June 16th at Lutterworth and Bitterswell, and Miss D. M. U. Thurmaston was elected a member. A collection of £1 6s. 3d. was given to a fund towards the augmentation of the bells at Ilston-on-the-Hill from three to six.

The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE CULLUM.

The death is announced of Mr. George Cullum, of Lyminge, who passed away after a long illness at the age of 74.

Mr. Cullum was in earlier years closely associated with ringing at Erith. He had rung about 50 peals, all in the plain methods. When the new ring of eight was put up at Christ Church, Erith, in 1915, he formed a band and became their first leader, holding that position until he removed to Lyminge some eight years later. There he joined the local company and was a regular attendant at Sunday service ringing until he was overtaken by the illness which eventually caused his death. In 1940 he returned to Erith. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and many years ago was one of the band at Dartford.

The Cullum family has been associated with St. John the Baptist's, Erith, for over a century. Mr. F. Cullum, who died at the age of 93 in June, 1925, had been steeplekeeper for a number of years. His son, F. J. Cullum, carried on until his death in 1931 and was succeeded by his son, Mr. F. J. Cullum, jun.

Mr. George Cullum's funeral took place on Friday, June 1st, at Christ Church, Erith, and a half-muffled peal was attempted on Friday, June 8th, but came to grief. Before leaving Erith Mr. Cullum was a sidesman for many years and also secretary of the C.E.M.S.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, WALTHAMSTOW.

On the night of June 6th, the Church of St. Saviour, Walthamstow, was seriously damaged by fire, the cause of which is unknown. The roof was constructed of pine and burned furiously. In the chancel was a fine mosaic reredos, one of the panels of which is completely destroyed. The organ, valued at £10,000, is ruined beyond repair, and a marble screen, erected to the memory of the first vicar, has been destroyed by the heavy timbers of the roof crashing upon it. The Lady chapel and south aisle have escaped destruction, and the tower and bells remain intact. These bells are a right of eight, with tenor of 16½ cwt., by John Warner and Sons, and were installed shortly after the building of the church in 1874. During the past the ringers have included such men as Harvey Reeves, the founder of 'The Bell News,' Alfred Estall and G. B. Lucas, the latter being Ringing Master for many years. The last time the bells were rung was on VEI-Day, but during recent years they have not been rung very frequently.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE TOMSETT.

The death is announced of Mr. George Tomsett, who passed away on May 27th at the age of 70. He was one of a family of brothers nearly all ringers, who as young men began ringing at Lindfield in Sussex. About the year 1919 he went to Guildford and joined the S. Nicolas' band, with whom he rang most of his 50 peals, all in the standard methods.

Although he never was, and never pretended to be, brilliant as a performer, he could always be relied upon to be in his place at the time fixed and to do his best when he got there.

For the funeral at S. Nicolas' on May 31st the bells were rung half-muffled by members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which Mr. Tomsett was a founder member. The Guild was represented by the general secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover, and vice-president, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.**

A meeting of the Bedfordshire Association at Husborne Crawley on June 9th was attended by members and friends from Biddenham, Bromham, Dunstable, Eversholt, Linlade, Leighton Buzzard, Luton, Maulden, Silsoe, Stagsden, Stevington, Tempsford, Woburn and the local belfry. The ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted of rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Westoning on July 21st.

QUARTER PEALS.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Saturday, May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Jones 1, H. Belcher 2, H. G. Miles (conductor) 3, W. A. Lewis 4, H. C. Chandler 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. T. Godfrey 7, B. Rose 8.

STREATHAM.—At St. Leonard's, on May 27th, 1,120 Bob Major: F. Hopgood 1, A. J. Clayton 2, A. Miller 3, E. L. Miles 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, C. Potheary 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Saturday, June 2nd, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss N. Davis 1, T. Moulden 2, W. H. Trueman 3, W. A. T. Carter 4, H. Taylor 5, T. Cullingworth (conductor) 6, A. G. Wells 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8.

BISHOPSTOKE.—On May 8th, 1,344 Bob Major: H. Russell 1, Mrs. E. F. Salmos 2, H. Hixon 3, R. Burford 4, S. G. Pullinger 5, G. Hutchinson 6, P. Whitford 7, E. Wheeler (conductor) 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Goldsmith 1, Mrs. E. F. Salmos 2, H. Hixon 3, R. Burford 4, G. Pullinger 5, F. Griffin 6, P. Whitford (conductor) 7, H. Russell 8.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. E. Brocklesby 1, S. Jessop 2, A. Freeston 3, C. E. Darmon 4, F. Dewey 5, A. Ellis 6, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 7, B. Jackson 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Wednesday, May 23rd, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Knight 1, Miss R. Sergeant 2, P. Hammond 3, W. J. Southam 4, C. F. Sayer 5, B. Johnson 6, R. Darvill (conductor) 7, T. J. Southam 8.

BOLDMERE, SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Saturday, May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John Gilbert 1, Norman Raybone 2, Terry Hampton 3, N. F. Smith 4, W. G. Anker (conductor) 5, G. W. Anker 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Mary Walshaw 1, S. Thompson 2, W. Hawke 3, A. Roberts 4, R. Edwards 5, B. Walshaw 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, V. Turner 8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 3rd, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: S. Warne 1, E. Jennings 2, H. W. Hammond 3, R. Martin 4, G. Lindridge 5, H. R. Felton 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, A. Wiffen (conductor) 8. Also 1,280 Double Norwich Major: S. Warne 1, A. Wiffen 2, H. W. Hammond 3, G. Lindridge 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, H. R. Felton 6, E. Jennings (conductor) 7, W. Hammond 8.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, June 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Cummings 1, E. J. Lambert 2, J. Higgins 3, F. Lambert 4, W. Yates 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—On Sunday, June 3rd, at the Norman Tower, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. E. Moore 1, C. Lomax 2, S. Sturgeon 3, R. Simmonds 4, C. Stannard 5, F. Everett 6, H. Foulger 7, W. Goodship 8, W. Stannard (conductor) 9, F. Buckle 10.

ROTHERFIELD.—On Sunday, June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Rogers 1, E. Bishop, jun. 2, A. R. Miles 3, A. F. Lewry 4, T. E. Sone (conductor) 6, F. Hammond 7, W. Rogers 8, E. Bishop, sen. 8.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On June 4th, at St. Luke's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Young 1, J. Lyddiard 2, Miss H. Oakshott 3, G. F. James 4, W. Daynes 5, I. Emery (conductor) 6, S. J. Humphrey 7, C. Cullen 8. Rung for Mr. E. Alex. Young's 80th birthday.

EPSOM.—On Monday, June 4th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Potheary 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, J. E. Beams 3, W. Massey 4, W. Robinson 5, F. Oakshott 6, F. E. Collins (conductor) 7, F. Mann 8.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On Tuesday, June 5th, 1,344 Bob Major: Miss Joan Morris 1, D. Vincent 2, H. McKinnell 3, Miss Mary Elkins 4, R. Wake 5, A. R. Elkins 6, R. Broome 7, A. J. Brown 8.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Tuesday, June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. Savill 1, Miss T. Waldron 2, G. C. Tarr 3, H. Hodgetts 4, J. Cleaver 5, L. R. Tarr 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, F. W. Allaway 8.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Tuesday, June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. White 1, W. Higdon 2, Miss B. Look 3, H. Horler 4, H. Lintern 5, P. Hulle 6, H. J. Sanger (conductor) 7, A. Lintern 8.

NUNBURNHOLME, YORKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wilkinson 1, Frank Kneeshaw 2, Fred Kneeshaw 3, Frank Wilkinson 4, John W. Kneeshaw (conductor) 5, J. D. Wilkinson 6.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 10th, 1,282 Stedman Caters: A. R. Glasscock 1, D. Wright 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, J. Armstrong 4, W. J. Bowden 5, J. E. Miller 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, H. Miller 8, J. G. Nash 9, S. Wade 10.

TRING, HERTS.—On Sunday, June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Peacock 1, F. J. Reeve 2, H. Bull 3, R. Metcalfe 4, C. Badrick 5, H. C. Jones 6, Edwin H. Lewis (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Frederick A. H. Wilkins 1, Miss Valhalla Hill 2, George Carter 3, George Upshall 4, Thomas Upshall 5, Frank C. W. Knight 6, Charles F. Andrews (conductor) 7, Albert E. King 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, E.1, Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck.

ISLEWORTH.—Saturday, June 16th, 2.30 p.m. Tea Church Hall, 4.45. Bells (10), 6 to 8. 37 bus from Hounslow East, Isleworth or Richmond Station to Isleworth Square. Names to H. W. Rogers, 22, The Grove, Isleworth.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. (Southern District) and BARNSELEY, DONCASTER AND SHEFFIELD SOCIETIES.—Wath-on-Deerne (8), Saturday, June 16th, from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church House, 5 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Acting Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Quarry Road, Totley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Practice, Stonham Aspal (10) on Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall at 5 o'clock (1s. 6d.).—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Corley (5), June 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Keresley (5) after meeting.—W. A. Stote, Dis. Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Terrington St. Clement (8), Saturday, June 16th, 2.30 p.m. Tea provided.—W. W. Cousins, Terrington St. John.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Burton and Derby Districts.—Repton (8), June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.; bring food.—J. W. Cotton and W. Lancaster, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSN.—N.E. Division.—Kirby (8), June 16th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at the Lion Inn. Names early. Last train 7.42 p.m. and bus 6.40 p.m.—L. Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Quarterly Abergavenny, June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Meeting to follow.—F. J. Harrington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Leicester District.—Lutterworth (8), June 16th, 3 p.m. Also Bitteswell (6). Tea at cafe, Lutterworth, 5.15 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Western District.—Tring (8), Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

CHESTER GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Hilary's, Wallasey, Saturday, June 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided. Names to H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Practice, All Saints', Harrow Weald, Monday, June 18th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Nottingham District.—Stanton-by-Dale, Saturday, June 23rd, 2 p.m. Cups of tea on Vicarage lawn. Bring food and sugar. Buses leave Ilkeston 2.5 and 4.5 or Sandiacre 1.40 and 3.40.—T. Groombridge, jun., Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSN.—North-Western Division.—Harlow Common, Saturday, June 23rd. Service. Tea provided. Names by Wednesday, June 20th.—W. Wheeler, Mill Street, Harlow Common, Essex.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK (8).—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 23rd, 2 to 8. Tea shop opposite church open 3 to 5.30.—Stedman H. Symonds, tower-keeper.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual, Wednesbury (10), June 23rd, 3. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 3d.), British Restaurant 5. Meeting to follow. Names to Mr. A. Hingley, 16, Blockhall, Darlaston, by June 19th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby St., Wolverhampton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Fawley, June 23rd, 2.30. Tea 4.45. Names by June 19th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Branch. — Mark (6), Saturday, June 23rd, 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Assembly Rooms.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Andover District.—Goodworth Clatford, Saturday, June 23rd, 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Vicarage. Business follows. Names for tea by June 19th to Mr. W. Mulford, Lower Clatford, Andover.—F. S. Marle, Hon. Secretary.

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Branch. — Annual, Saturday, June 23rd, 5.30 p.m. Middleton Stoney (6). Service, 6.30 p.m. Bicester (8) and Heyford (6) after meeting. — F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Cefn Coed (6), Saturday, June 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business after. Merthyr Tydvil bells after meeting. Names for tea by June 16th.—D. H. Bennett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. —Farnham Royal, Saturday, June 23rd, 5 to 8 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — Wistaston (6), Saturday, June 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by June 19th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Cranford (6), Saturday, June 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by business in belfry. Cups of tea provided. — J. E. Lewis Cockey. Perival 5320.

NORTH NOTTS ASSN. — Everton (6), Saturday, June 23rd. Names for tea to Rev. W. J. H. Thurston, Everton Vicage, Doncaster, by June 20th.—H. Denman, Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Hersham, June 23rd, 3.45. Service 5. Tea, Waterman's Arms, 5.30. Notify W. Simmonds, 33, Berwood Close, Hersham, by June 19th. Walton-on-Thames, 3 to 4.30 and after tea. — G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division. — Billingshurst (8), Saturday, June 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by meeting. No tea. — L. Stilwell, Pikeholme, Pulborough.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Marchington (6), Saturday, June 23rd. Cups of tea provided. Bring food. Train leaves Uttoxeter at 2.57 to Marchington.

HERTFORD ASSN.—St. Albans District. — North Mymms, Saturday, June 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea. —R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

ELY ASSN.—General, Ely, Saturday, June 23rd, 2 p.m. Committee 3.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. — K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington.

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Western Division.—Ilkley, Saturday, June 23rd, 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Bring food.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District. — Annual, Kirk Ella (6), Saturday, June 23rd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, free to all who notify Mr. A. H. Fox, Kilmarnock, 122, Beverley Road, Kirk Ella, Hull, by June 20th. Business after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 45, Green Lane, Selby.

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Practice, Sonning (8), Saturday, June 23rd, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District. — Lingfield, Saturday, June 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Wallis, Mount Pleasant, High Street, Lingfield, by June 27th.—Alfred Gear.

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch. —Annual, Witney, Saturday, June 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) 4.30 p.m., Social Club. Names to W. Evetts, Hon. Sec., Hampton, Tackley, Oxford, by Thursday, 28th.

SURREY ASSN. — North-Western District.—Ash-tead, June 30th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names to Mrs. Massey, 173, Coverts Road, Claygate, Surrey, by June 27th. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bromham (8), Saturday, June 30th, 1 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names to L. H. Bowler, Maisonette, Bromham, Bedford, by June 27th. Frequent buses from Bedford. Two six-bell towers available in evening.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. — Knowle Parish Church, Warwickshire, Saturday, June 30th, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 27th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

NORWICH ASSN.—E. Norfolk Branch. — Loddon (8), Saturday, June 30th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Room. Names for tea by June 26th to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Hagley, Saturday, June 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 26th.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Hinckley District. —Burbage (8), Saturday, June 30th, 3 p.m. Tea only for those notifying Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, by June 27th.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Soc.

DEVON GUILD.—St. David's, Exeter.—Practice (Stedman and Bob Major), Saturday, June 30th, 3.30 p.m.—8 p.m. Meeting of General Committee 4 p.m.—F. C. Smale, Hon. Sec.

BARNESLEY SOCIETY.—Annual contest, Felkirk, July 14th. Open to all members. Tower open for practice until June 30th. Entrance fee 6s. per company. All entries must reach me not later than July 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

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