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GUILLOTINE

Looking back on the Central Council meeting at Exeter, the most talked of matter was the introduction of the guillotine to the amendment submitted to the report of the Peal Analysis Committee. To move to pass on to the next business is legitimate and a recognised procedure in public business. Its effectiveness as a guillotine depends on one thing only, the measure of support received. At Exeter this was not less than 75 per cent. of the members of the Council, and it came before a member of the committee had replied.

When it was too late, one sensed a consciousness in many minds that the motion to pass on to the next business was premature. The questions of Mr. C. H. Kippin had not been answered; they had been brushed summarily aside. It is true that much of the ground was traversed at Norwich, when the peculiarities of the nine bells at Basingstoke—two separate rings of eight and in no sense a Caters combination—were digressed upon at length. The arguments of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. Kippin were based on the decision not being explicit. In their minds there was uncertainty, but as far as the majority of the Council were concerned opinions had been formed. Unpleasant as it may sound to those who participated in the performance of Kent Treble Bob Major at Basingstoke on October 11th, 1946, with a covering tenor, the Exercise as a whole regarded it as a stunt and, in the words of the Psalmist, these changes 'travaileth with mischief.'

Mr. P. J. Johnson introduced Yorkshire wisdom and logic to the debate. His point that the backbone of our art is to secure as musical a combination on the bells as possible should be kept constantly to the fore. Ringers are largely dependent upon the goodwill of the public, and this is one of the reasons why so much emphasis is given by our leaders to the importance of good striking. The rhythm of the bells is no idle catchphrase, and it is purely from an interest in the listener's viewpoint that the Council decided 'that a performance on seven bells without the addition of a covering bell is to be discountenanced.' It is to be hoped that in peal ringing there will not be too great a concentration on 'polishing off' the 5,000 changes. There is no credit in the quickest peal on the bells if it becomes a jangle. No, the first consideration must be the musical qualities of the peal.

At the conclusion of the conference Mr. Harold Poole wisely warned the Council of the dangers attached to the

premature introduction of the guillotine. It would have been a pretty point of procedure for the president to decide if, after the pass on to the next business motion had been carried, another amendment had been submitted not relating to the Basingstoke performance. The introduction of a new topic would, subject, of course, to the president's ruling, appear to be in order. It was generally felt that much was left unsaid, but the fact that the Rules and Decisions of the Council are to be revised is a crumb of consolation to our friends at Southampton.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	WM. A. STOTE 8
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 9
THOS. W. SHEPPARD ... 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 10
WM. C. DOWDING 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 11
GEORGE F. SWANN 6	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN S. MASON Treble	WM. C. DOWDING ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	ALBERT WALKER 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	ALAN SHORT 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
HENRY H. FEARN 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 11
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

TEN BELL PEALS

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
ERIC A. DENCH 2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 8
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE 9
MRS. P. A. CORBY 5	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
In honour of the 80th birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*RONALD W. HAYWARD Treble	HENRY BUNGAY 6
THOS. H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*WILLIAM E. TURNER ... 7
THOS. W. TAFFENDER ... 3	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 8
ARTHUR H. REED 4	THOS. J. SETTER 9
WALTER S. POOLE 5	WM. G. GIGG Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. In honour of the 80th birthday of Queen Mary.

KINGSTON, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 27½ cwt.

MRS. E. E. DAVIS ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	GEORGE GILBERT 7
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 3	THOS. H. FRANCIS 8
H. WM. BARRETT 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... 5	THOS. BEVAN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by T. H. FRANCIS.
* First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. J. Matthews.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILFRED NEWMAN ... Treble	*IVOR GOULTER 6
EDWARD EVANS 2	*EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 7
*WILLIAM SIDWELL 3	*FRANCIS MILES 8
TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 4	LESLIE BARRY 9
OLIVER ATTWOOD 5	*LESLIE ASTON Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
MRS. P. A. CORBY 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Rita F. Cullum.

ALPHINGTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(Exeter Branch.)

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lb. in F.

HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Treble	FREDK. WREFORD 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
WM. A. WILLS 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN ... 7
MRS. SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 4	WM. H. HOWE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.
First peal on the bells since being relung by Taylors in May, 1939.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... Treble	*ERIC A. DENCH 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
*LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* First peal in the method. 150th peal for ringer of the 5th.



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LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL, EVERTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE R. NEWTON ... <i>Treble</i>	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ...	5
GEORGE HESKETH ...	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ...	6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ...	THOMAS W. HESKETH ...	7
DAVID VINCENT ...	FREDK. S. ALMOND ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by P. W. CAVE.
First peal on the bells.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN P. FIDLER ... <i>Treble</i>	C. W. H. POWELL ...	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	ALFRED BALLARD ...	6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ...	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	7
*WILLIAM YATES ...	†PETER CROOK ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman. † 250th peal.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ...	5
WM. WIGHTMAN ...	LESLIE G. WIGHTMAN ...	6
CHARLES W. BEECROFT ...	WALTER W. MILLER ...	7
WM. J. BUTTON ...	ALBERT E. WHITING ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK L. FISHER ...	5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	ALBERT E. WHITING ...	6
WM. WIGHTMAN ...	LESLIE G. WIGHTMAN ...	7
WM. J. BUTTON ...	LESLIE G. BRETT ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT W. BARBER ... <i>Treble</i>	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ...	5
GEORGE A. SPARKS ...	CLIFFORD BIRD ...	6
GEORGE SAYER ...	ARTHUR G. BASON ...	7
HENRY TOOKE ...	*WALTER GOWING, SEN. ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by G. SAYER. Conducted by G. SAYER.
* First peal, 68 years old. In honour of Queen Mary's 80th birthday.

UFFCULME, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., May 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

MRS. JACK BRAY ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	5
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	ARTHUR H. REED ...	6
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ...	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by WILFRED WILLIAMS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ...	5
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	PERCY PAGE ...	6
WILFRED W. RING ...	HILDRED S. WICKENS ...	7
WM. A. OLDFIELD ...	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOS. CULLINGWORTH.
First peal of Major in the method by all the band and on the bells.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

*MISS BERYL COWLIN ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK BENNETT ...	5
MISS D. FLETCHER ...	HENRY STALHAM ...	6
MISS K. FLETCHER ...	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	7
ALFRED C. LEVETT ...	HARRY WINGROVE ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal with a Treble Bob bell. Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary. Believed to be the first Surprise peal on the bells.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., May 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, WOLBOROUGH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt in F.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... <i>Treble</i>	JACK BRAY ...	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ...	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ...	FREDK. E. COLLINS ...	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., May 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. H. DALLAWAY ...	5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	6
MRS. C. W. PIPE ...	CECIL W. PIPE ...	7
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ...	THOMAS J. LOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

MISS FLORENCE WRIGHT <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS HEMMING ...	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	JOHN LLOYD ...	6
*RAY SMITH ...	WILLIAM SMITH ...	7
THOMAS GREENHALL ...	*ROBERT LEES ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by WILLIAM SMITH.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ray Smith and William Smith.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

DAVID C. R. WARDELL ... <i>Treble</i>	CALEB FENN ...	5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ...	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	6
JAMES CARROTT ...	FRANK V. GANT ...	7
RICHARD W. STANNARD ...	FREDK. FREESTONE ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed and Conducted by CALEB FENN.
Rung for the 75th birthday of the tenor ringer, towerkeeper at the above church and a member of the Society for 36 years.

ELY, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN B. ROWSELL ... <i>Treble</i>	*ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	5
†FRED WIGMORE ...	*WM. BUCKENHAM ...	6
WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ...	7
†EDWIN J. LINDLEY ...	CLAUDE COUSINS ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 960 each of April Day, Plain Bob and Canterbury and 2.160 of Grandsire.

WILFRED L. GOODACRE <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD T. BONSHOR ... 3
*ROGER M. SPENCER ... 2	CHAS. E COOPER ... 4
*DENNIS TOON ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by H. T. BONSHOR.

* First peal.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUGHES ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS H. MATHER ... 4
CHARLES H. WARD ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
ROBERT B. P. HULSE ... 3	JOHN ORME ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. ALLMAN.

Rung by the Sunday service band for the induction of the Rev. L. S. Brasnett.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in Two Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's Kent Treble Bob and four 720's Plain Bob (differently called). Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD DRAKE ... <i>Treble</i>	R. B. SMITH ... 4
HERBERT COOPER ... 2	T. W. TUNE ... 5
WM. ARTHUR HUDSON ... 3	LESLIE WOODHEAD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE WOODHEAD.

A birthday compliment to R. B. Smith on his 70th birthday.

EAST ANSTNEY, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MRS. F. BEER ... <i>Treble</i>	SYDNEY SMITH ... 4
EDGAR QUICKE ... 2	†GEORGE SPARKES ... 5
CLAUDE TARR ... 3	HARRY PURCHASE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. PURCHASE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in an 'inside' bell in the method. First peal as conductor in the method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

BURRY PORT, CARM.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RAYMOND LEWIS ... <i>Treble</i>	C. H. HAWKINS ... 3
GWYN FRANCIS ... 2	L. HURREN ... 4
*E. P. SAGE ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Canon D. J. Morgan.

SMARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CHARLES MARSHALL ... <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD... 4
†MARK W. MARSHALL ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

RINGWOULD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr.

*ARTHUR C. RYE ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES TURNER ... 3
E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 4

HUBERT FURMINGER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRIGGS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN BAILESS ... 4
*HARRY DUNCOMB ... 2	FREDK. WATSON ... 5
GERALD BALL ... 3	*ROY COLEMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. BALL.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Farewell peal to ringer of tenor, who is joining the Royal Air Force.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., June 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) London Surprise; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Double Court and College; (5) Oxford Bob and Hereward; (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*JOHN B. ROWSELL ... <i>Treble</i>	*ROGER LEIGH ... 4
KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 2	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 5
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3	*STANLEY E. DARNOW ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in more than six methods. First peal in more than seven methods for the Guild. In honour of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Cambridge.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFREY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ARTHUR PATRICK ... 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on eight handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFREY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ARTHUR PATRICK ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by CHAS. MARSHALL.

First peal as conductor on handbells.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT 16, SHERBORNE LANE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

HAROLD J. POOLE ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3-4	*CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL 7-8

† JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First handbell peal. † 350th peal.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., May 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDWIN JENNINGS ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	OLAVE BROYD ... 7-8

Composed by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by E. W. PYE.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., June 2, 1947, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
AT 78, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Grandsire and five of Plain Bob each called differently.

*JOHN N. JUKES ... 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4
*VINCENT W. RIGG ... 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal in two methods.

QUARTER PEALS

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Salmons 1, R. Clark 2, H. Higson 3, R. Burford 4, G. Pullinger 5, E. Wheeler 6, E. Salmons (conductor) 7, W. Trill 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Feloe 1, A. Crane 2, W. Sear 3, W. Daniells 4, F. Stanton 5, J. Meager 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, H. Pearson 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, H. Greenough 3, A. R. Greenough 4, F. James (conductor) 5, H. Dunsden 6, C. Corderoy 7, C. Corderoy 8. For the wedding of Miss Rose Squires and Mr. H. Aldridge, a regular service ringer.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Whit Sunday, at St. Peter's, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. Thomas 1, E. J. Ocharman 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, A. Gravett 4, R. G. Cross (conductor) 5, E. J. Oliver 6, A. W. Bond 7, W. C. Hart 8, F. Page 9, A. Hobden 10.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Skidmore 1, Miss Mary Bennett 2, Mrs. D. C. Bennett 3, F. Sampson 4, A. C. Baker (first as conductor) 5, V. L. Lucas 6, R. G. Hooper 7, J. Cox 8.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On May 21st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: R. Beale 1, Rev. E. S. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, C. W. Powell 5, A. Tomlinson 6, H. E. G. Jeanes 7, Peter Crook (conductor) 8.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On May 24th at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Law (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, F. B. Steman 3, H. J. Stead 4, W. J. Simons 5, F. Precey (conductor) 6, J. W. Smith 7, R. H. Duke 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. W. White (first quarter) 1, W. Jones 2, M. Mason (first quarter inside) 3, P. Mason 4, R. Elliott (conductor) 5, D. Mason 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,272 Bob Minor: R. Fuller (first quarter) 1, G. Dear 2, Miss D. Hare 3, K. Wilton 4, L. H. Bywaters 5, J. Church 6.

HALSALL, LANCS.—On May 25th, 2,520 Bob Minor: W. Core 1, Miss M. Ackers (first half-peal) 2, R. Critchley 3, J. Pounds 4, C. Ackers 5, A. Mawdsley (conductor) 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On May 25th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: S. Childs 1, F. Corke 2, P. Jones 3, W. Honor 4, W. H. Coles 5, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Retter 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, J. Salway 3, Miss Q. Pring 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (conductor) 6, A. J. C. Holway 7, A. Colley 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On May 24th, 720 Kent, 360 Oxford, 180 Plain Bob: W. Izzard 1, Miss E. Steel 2, C. Izzard 3, R. Chapman 4, P. Inskip 5, M. Stephens (conductor) 6.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral on Whit Sunday: 1,287 Stedman Caters: R. F. Smith 1, T. Pyle 2, L. Snell 3, S. A. Chambers 4, H. C. Edwards (Bletchley) 5, W. Tomlinson 6, J. L. Millhouse (conductor) 7, G. M. Mayer 8, H. L. Pask 9, A. T. Lowman 10.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. R. Newton 1, W. H. Pasmore 2, W. S. Langdon 3, H. Belcher 4, A. B. Peck (conductor) 5, H. N. Pitstow 6, H. Langdon 7, J. Rumley 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church on Whit Sunday, 1,287 Stedman Caters: W. Gayes 1, A. Challinor 2, W. Stevenson 3, A. A. Potts 4, J. Tipper 5, L. Ward 6, J. Worth (conductor) 7, H. Farmer 8, G. Hamer 9, E. Seed 10. Longest length of Stedman Caters by 6, 8 and 10.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. E. Jefferies 1, Miss N. Gardner 2, C. Harding 3, E. Palmer 4, W. Richings 5, R. Harding 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, E. Cocksley 8. First quarter of Stedman for 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 8th.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On May 11th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: B. Madeley (first in method) 1, R. H. Tyler 2, F. Price 3, A. M. Hickman 4, W. J. Chester 5, T. Price 6, W. H. Tyler (first in method as conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8. First Superlative rung by a local band. Rung as a farewell to the conductor on joining H.M. Forces.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,280 Bob Major: A. Bellamy 1, W. J. Whitmore 2, S. G. Robinson 3, A. Gibbs (longest length) 4, B. J. Stubbs 4, H. Richardson 6, W. Copperwheat 7, E. E. Whitmore (conductor) 8.

RHYL.—At St. Thomas' Church on March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Clarke 1, J. Dean 2, Mrs. M. M. Osborne (first quarter) 3, C. Evans 4, J. Griffiths 5, C. Powell 6, J. Evans (conductor) 7, J. Dickens (first quarter) 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thorley 1, L. Gerrard 2, E. Thorley 3, C. Thorley, jun. (first quarter inside) 4, E. J. Padgett 5, T. D. Leask 6, C. Thorley, sen. (conductor) 7, J. M. Thorley 8.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. Newman 1, Joan M. Newman 2, R. J. Scott 3, F. J. Cook 4, W. A. Twidell 5, J. G. Newman (conductor) 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 22nd, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, F. C. Case 2, A. J. Green 3, F. D. Wesley (first quarter) 4, W. Yates 5, T. E. Roberts (conductor) 6, J. A. Green 7, G. Holland 8.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Lloyd 1, Miss A. Humberstone 2, R. Carter (first quarter) 3, A. Chamberlain 4, E. Harrold 5, K. Roe 6, J. S. Carter (conductor) 7, E. Lloyd 8.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.—On May 13th, 720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: E. Carvell 1, Miss E. Bedford 2, R. G. Edwards 3, E. J. Gilbert (conductor) 4, E. F. Bennett 5, G. Ledsham 6.

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1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Mr. Herbert Parkinson, hon. secretary of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association, is emigrating to South Africa. A farewell presentation of a leather writing wallet was made to him at a gathering at Morecambe Parish Church on May 31st by Mr. Herbert Palmer, the oldest ringer at Morecambe. Mr. John Wood and Mr. Peter Crook both spoke in appreciative terms of his work. The presentation was followed by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by Miss Betty Schofield 1, E. Swain 2, S. Clifford 3, J. Skeat 4, R. Rainford 5, J. Butterworth (1st quarter of Grandsire Triples) 6, P. Crook, sen. (conductor) 7, H. Palmer 8.

By his peal of Grandsire Doubles at Ringwould, Kent, Mr. William Bottrill has rung peals in the Grandsire method from Doubles to Cinques.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Kingston is one of a series of attempts that have been arranged to celebrate the bi-centenary of the Royal Cumberlannd Youths.

Through an injury to his hand, Mr. F. J. Cullum was unable to conduct the peal of Cambridge Surprise at Erith in honour of his daughter's 21st birthday.

Miss Margaret E. L. Beamish will have a special reason to remember the Exeter conference. It was the day she rang her first peal of Surprise 'inside.' This she has achieved at the age of 11½ and she can claim to be the youngest lady to ring a Surprise peal 'inside.'

From Mablethorpe we have received a letter from the ringers of St. Mary's expressing their deep regret at the news of the death of Mr. F. Barber, of Doddington, Northants. During his stay at Mablethorpe from 1934-1940 Mr. Barber took a great interest in all branches of church work, being captain of the belfry.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. James George, now 93 years of age, has compiled a list of peals he has rung for Royalty. These date back to Feb. 26th, 1901, when he rang at Birmingham for the passing of Queen Victoria. Queen Mary has graciously accepted a copy of these peals and Mr. George has received the following acknowledgment: 'I am commanded by Queen Mary to thank you sincerely for your letter of congratulation on the Queen's birthday and also to tell you how interested Her Majesty was in reading of all the peals you have rung for Royalty. This record is to be put in the file of loyal service.—Margaret Wyndham.'

Mr. John W. Adshead, of Falfield, has written pointing out that the peal of Bob Minor with two covers rung in 1923 and quoted by Mr. Kippin was not performed at Falfield as mentioned in our report of the Central Council meeting. Mr. Adshead suggests that the peal was rung at Fairford as there is not a ring of bells at Falfield Parish Church. If we misheard Mr. Kippin, our apologies.

Veteran captain of St. Michael's, Basingstoke, is Mr. John E. Ballard, who has held the post for almost 30 years and has completed 60 years as a ringer. On May 25th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of his 75th birthday by Mrs. F. A. Munday (first quarter) 1, C. W. Munday 2, R. A. Hickman 3, J. E. Ballard 4, J. Weaver 5, D. H. Anstey (conductor) 6, F. A. Munday 7, J. B. Woodley 8. On the following Saturday a peal was rung in honour of the happy occasion.

Mr. Walter Brittan, who is 82 and has been a member of the Wednesbury Parish Church band for 66 years, rang in 1,260 Grandsire Triples on Whit Sunday, the 57th anniversary of his wedding. The band was G. Darlington 1, W. Brittan 2, H. Morton 3, K. W. Knowles (conductor) 4, A. Hubble 5, A. Hingley 6, D. Tranter 7, J. H. Morton 8.

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FIFTIETH CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

BROADCASTING NEGOTIATIONS.....TELEVISION.....'RINGING WORLD'.....MR. J. A. TROLLOPE'S WORK
 RULES TO BE REVISED.....CENTRAL COUNCIL HANDBOOK.....SYNTHETIC BELLS
 THE NEXT BUSINESS—A PROTEST

THE second half of the agenda was of wide interest. The Revision of Rules debate was not such an uphill battle for the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. In 'Other business,' a variety of topics was raised, including synthetic bells and commemorating fallen ringers. LITERATURE, PRESS & BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

Many and frequent references to bells and bellringing in the Press at large during the past twelve months indicate that editors have reason to regard the subject as one of general interest, and it is satisfactory to note that articles and occasional paragraphs of this nature show a marked improvement in accuracy and afford proof of commendable care taken to acquire correct information.

On the lighter side two or three national newspapers made midnight ringing on New Year's Eve the subject of humorous cartoons, while a local publication, after reporting a peal rung at Wrexham, indulged in unconscious humour by stating that 'the same band set up a record in London by ringing a peal that lasted 18 hours.'

'The Ringing World,' after having been ably piloted through a most critical period under the erudite and resourceful editorship of Mr. J. A. Trollope, has during the past year been edited with marked success by Mr. T. W. White.

On the subject of broadcasting we are glad to be able to present a definitely gratifying report. Through the good offices of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, the criticisms and suggestions made in our report last year were communicated to the Rev. M. W. Willson, Religious Broadcasting Assistant, from whom a letter was subsequently received with a copy of a memorandum submitted by him to the Director of Religious Broadcasting. This memorandum embodied, though with some considerable modification, the points suggested by the committee. It is perhaps to be regretted that Dr. Welch shortly afterwards vacated the post of director, but in any case the recommendations made have to quite an appreciable extent been put into practice. The principle was accepted that bells broadcast before a service should be heard for a short time without any interruption, and only after that faded into the background to give place to any introductory statements, and that change ringers should have opportunity to bring the bells into rounds before such fading out. In some instances this has been done with complete success: a notable example was that of the ten bells at Watford on a Sunday morning.

It is satisfactory to note that in most of the broadcasts heard, whether method ringing or otherwise, the striking has been good, though there have been a small number of indifferent performances. Some broadcasts were supremely good.

Apart from religious services, both church bells and handbells have been heard in various connections, and here again a high standard has been consistently maintained. With assistance from members of this Council an admirable talk was broadcast to schools on 'Ringing the Changes.'

A perfect example of a broadcast designed to interest the general public was given from Cambridge. It included information about Great St. Mary's bells, the Cambridge Youths, method ringing and the Curfew, with corresponding illustrations. A recent broadcast from Loughborough gave a lucid explanation of the making, tuning and ringing of bells. The bells of Loughborough Parish Church and the famous carillon were heard to full advantage.

In view of the fact that most broadcasts of ringing take place without being specifically announced in 'The Radio Times,' the committee request on behalf of the Exercise that those arranging to broadcast make a point of notifying the fact, with details of date and time, through 'The Ringing World.'

The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report, said in the Transatlantic quiz the English question master asked his American counterpart: 'What would a man be doing if he was hanging on to "Sally" and calling "Bob"?' Naturally, the American was stumped!

Mr. A. Walker seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. W. Ayre said he had a tentative enquiry in regard to televising. He was going to continue his enquiries and then pass them on to the Central Council.

Mr. Atkins said he had also been asked about televising. The difficulty was to find a suitable tower within 15 miles of Alexandra Palace. Handbells had been televised.

The President: I took part in the first televising of handbells.

Mr. F. Dukes spoke of the good relations concerning broadcasting that had been established in Northern Ireland. The time signal was of bells rung by ringers instead of chiming of the bells of Armagh Cathedral. No less than five occasions were the bells broadcast, and on one occasion the secretary of the Northern Branch attended to give a talk on change ringing and gave illustrations on the bells.

The report was adopted.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

Mr. W. Ayre said unfortunately Mr. Wilson, the convener of the committee, had been sentenced to six months in bed. A few more records had come in and they hoped to have them copied out in the proper way.

Mr. P. Crook said he had been asked to give some assistance from the Northern District. These would be completed before long.

The President: How far have the committee got records of peal boards destroyed by enemy action?

Mr. W. Ayre: If we had a list of the boards destroyed we could check on that. I have had one of interest: On January 31st, 1911, a peal of Small Bob Minor, consisting of 12 changes.

Mr. Kippin: How does that comply with the rules? (laughter).

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

The work during the past year has consisted mainly in obtaining biographies of present members of the Council. One hundred and twenty letters and forms were despatched, and so far 53 have been filled in and returned. We are grateful to these members, and hope that the remaining forms will be received shortly.

In some cases photographs of members have been sent to us on loan, and we ask the Council to give us permission to reproduce these, and others that we may receive on the same condition, in order that they may be returned speedily. We ask for this permission in these cases only, for the cost at the present time is rather prohibitive, being 6s. per photograph. It is estimated that at the present time there are some 30 to be copied.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, in moving the adoption, thanked Mr. Dyke and Mr. Golden for their help.

Mr. Hair seconded and the report was adopted.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Mr. G. W. Fletcher presented the accounts of 'The Ringing World' for the year ending September 30th, 1946. The revenue for the year was £1,918 11s. 7d. and there was a profit of £158 9s. 7d. against £293 9s. 6d. in the previous year. He regretted that it had not been possible to complete the audit of the accounts. There was one serious question, that of income tax, which he would go into. He asked permission for the accounts in future to be brought up to December 31st in each year, which would simplify the apportionment.

He did not think there was much else to say. They had topped the 4,000 circulation mark for, he believed, the first time in the history of the paper. The introduction of 16-page issues depended on the release of paper. They could still take additional subscribers.

Mr. Barber proposed and Mr. Kippin seconded that the financial year as regards 'The Ringing World' end on December 31st.

On the proposition of Mr. F. Perrens, seconded by Mr. Hair, it was decided to circulate the accounts to all associations.

Mr. Fletcher said they had all heard that Mr. Trollope was seriously ill. He did feel that the services that he rendered throughout the war years should be recognised. It was discussed by the Standing Committee and they recommended that they grant to Mr. Trollope £1 per week for the coming year and the position be reviewed at the next annual conference. They knew that they did make a considerable profit during the war years and that was largely due to Mr. Trollope.

The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards: It was a wonderful work that he did when there were no meetings.

Mr. J. Jones, Mr. Harold Poole and the Rev. H. Drake supported the motion, which was carried.

REVISION OF RULES.

One notice of motion was before the Council, viz.:-

'That the rules of the Central Council be revised, especially those governing the ringing of peals.'

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said he hoped that if this motion did not meet with the wishes of the majority it would not be guillotined like the amendment. It would appear from the morning's discussion that there was every reason for a revision of the rules of the Central Council. If the rules had been revised there would have been no controversy that morning. A clever person could get round a rule, as the Editor of 'The Ringing World' said, but these peals that had been disallowed were not rung with that idea at all. They were rung because of certain circumstances which the Central Council rules did not face and these circumstances should be faced. The second point was that the rules should be logical. One point mentioned that morning was that a covering bell for seven may or may not be necessary, but is necessary for nine and eleven and not for five bells. As far as he could see, this was quite illogical. The third point was that the rules should be brought up to date to cater for new circumstances. The reason there was this talk of nine bells was because in that particular tower there were nine bells.

Mr. Frank Smallwood: On a point of order, is it in order to bring it up when we have already made a decision.

The President ruled that the mover was in order.

Continuing, the Rev. Felstead said the rules of the Central Council had grown up piecemeal. There was another point mentioned by

Mr. Butler, of Liverpool, in asking whether local conditions could not be taken into account. He did not think that their rules should be hard and fast and thus prevent people getting on. Take the nine bells at Basingstoke; there was a chance of ringing Caters and it was the only chance for miles around.

Mr. G. Pullinger seconded on behalf of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. Apart from peals, he said, there were other matters requiring attention as were mentioned at Norwich. It was possible for an officer to be elected by the Council to an important office and for his own association not to elect him to the Council.

Mr. Harold Poole pointed out the irregularity of the Basingstoke peals, as the bells were not a ring of nine, but two rings of eight. They had two rings at Leicester, he said, and although a peal of 13 bells had been suggested, he had not fallen for it. It might be argued that the first peal at Basingstoke was due to ignorance, but on the second occasion the views of the Council were known. His opinion was that with the exception of peals on five bells, only peals on an even number of bells should be permitted.

Mr. P. J. Johnson remarked that it was an elementary fact that the reason they could ring peals on five bells without a cover was because ringers were ringing the extent of that number of bells, but to suggest that one could extend that principle to the higher numbers would jeopardise the principles of ringing. He suggested that the words 'especially those governing peals' be deleted from the rules. If the committee was going to spring a surprise they would not have it.

The Rev. Felstead said his one idea was to get the rules logical so they knew where they stood.

Mr. Pullinger added that he had no time for the ringing of stunt peals, and when it was brought forward there was no intention of bringing the matter in again at a later date. So far as he was concerned he did not wish to lower the standard of peal ringing.

The President: If this is carried it does not go beyond the stage of a committee making suggestions.

Mr. Johnson: We have a Standing Committee and I am going to suggest that the Standing Committee be asked to set up a sub-committee for the purpose of revising the rules. You have a Standing Committee which is the consultative governing body of this Council, and I feel that they are the people to deal with this matter in order to present their views to the Council. To establish a further committee would be creating a precedent.

The Rev. H. Drake supported Mr. Johnson's point of view, and the Rev. Felstead said he was prepared to accept it.

The motion thus amended was carried.

Mr. F. Dukes: May I suggest that the draft rules be submitted to each member of the Council for comment and brought back to the Standing Committee before the next Council meeting?

Mr. Pullinger: Would it not be easier if it was done through 'The Ringing World'?

The Hon. Secretary: There seems to be some doubt as to what we are talking about. The thing that required revision was the decisions of the Council; the rules were a domestic matter.

HANDBOOK.

The Hon. Secretary said they wanted to give all members of the Council and secretaries of associations some handbook which contained everything in the Council's records. He had a rough draft showing sections and asked the Council for permission to print such a handbook. The first section would deal with the title of the Council when it was founded, past and present officers and leave room for additional officers. The second would give the objects of the Council, what they intended to do and what they had done and what the Council was formed for: the third would be the domestic rules as circulated;

the fourth a list of all voluntary societies and addresses of secretaries; the fifth a complete list of honorary members past and present; the sixth a list of the contents of the library and the rules governing the borrowing of books; the seventh, decisions of the Council since it was formed classified to cover all the different branches of ringing. The whole thing would be bound in such a way that they could insert supplements.

Mr. J. P. Fidler proposed that authority be given for such a publication.—Agreed.

THE NEXT MEETING.

The Council decided to hold the next meeting in London.

The Secretary asked members to consider whether the 1949 meeting should not be held at Dublin and be ready to vote on the matter at the next Council meeting.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

Mr. E. Alex. Young said at the end of the first world war they compiled a beautiful book which was deposited in the library of St. Paul's Cathedral containing the names of 1,200 to 1,400 ringers who fell in the war. He thought a similar list should be compiled of those who fell in the last war.

It was agreed that the Standing Committee appoint a committee of two to prepare such a list.

C. T. COLES MEMORIAL.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner called attention to the C. T. Coles memorial, which aimed at providing a bell in one of the rebuilt churches. Mr. Coles' activities, he said, were not confined to the Middlesex Association; he was a member of the Council for 25 years and he invited the members of the Council to contribute.

Mr. A. B. Peck supported the appeal.

The Hon. Secretary said the Standing Committee discussed the matter last night and recommended that the sum of three guineas be voted to the fund.—Agreed.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said he had been asked to give a lantern lecture at the Royal Archaeological Institute on October 15th on Norwich bells and bell frames. He would be grateful for photographs of Norwich bell frames, ringers and peal boards.

BROADCASTING.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards asked whenever bells were broadcast would the ringing master send word to 'The Ringing World' mentioning the time and programme.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Mr. H. Poole called attention to the Leicester Guild ringing festival, dinner and dance on October 25th.

Mr. G. Pullinger announced the Bournemouth festival for April 24th.

Mr. G. W. Steere said there were still a few tickets left for the Cumberland dinner on July 12th.

SYNTHETIC BELLS.

Mr. F. Waite asked if anything could be done about synthetic bells.

The Secretary: The matter was discussed at the Standing Committee and attention was drawn to the circular issued in 1938-9 to church authorities.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts said Cornish clergy were being sent a catalogue of carillon bells from an American firm.

Mr. J. W. Clarke: There is one thing we ought to remember—the Chancellor of the Diocese has to give the final decision before a faculty for such things is granted. The application for a faculty goes before the Advisory Committee and it seems to me that in the interest of ringing we should be represented on the Advisory Committees. I am from Chester and I am chairman of their Advisory Committee. The cost of synthetic bells is about £150. Ringers should be on their watch against these installations.

Mr. J. W. Jones said he knew of a tower designed by an architect to carry a proper ring of bells. Bluff had been brought to bear on the authorities and they had installed bells for chiming only.

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

Mr. Richard Post called attention to the very great evil which the Bishop of Exeter referred to of ringers ringing for a service and not attending it. He was not accusing anyone because everyone knew where he stood individually. If they as members of the Council were going to stop this evil they would have to see that they were all members of the Church.

THE ATTENDANCE.

The Secretary said last year he was able to report the attendance at Norwich of 100 members. That day they had a record attendance of 113. There were 23 associations wholly represented, 22 partially represented and seven not represented. There were 52 associations and these sent 102 representatives and had 37 absentees; 11 honorary members attended with six absentees.

THE NEXT BUSINESS.

Mr. H. J. Poole registered a protest against resolutions 'passing on to the next business.' Last year and again this year, he said, where there had been discussion somebody had recommended that we take the line of least resistance. He felt it was a most slipshod manner and a means of dodging the issue.

The Secretary: When a resolution of that kind is placed before the meeting it is voted on and members can defeat the resolution if they want to.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The President moved from the chair the following votes of thanks: To the Mayor for his welcome; to the Lord Bishop for coming to give us his welcome; to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells; to the incumbents of the various churches where we have rung; to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers for their hospitality and the arrangements they made for our comfort, particularly mentioning Mr. F. C. Smale and Mr. B. W. Biffin; to Mr. and Mrs. Stokes for their delightful hospitality; to all towerkeepers; to Archdeacon Thompson for taking the members round the Cathedral. (As they went round the Archdeacon pointed out the great damage done to the Cathedral. He suggested that they send the Archdeacon five guineas towards the cost of repairs. Agreed.)

Mr. W. H. Barber proposed a vote of thanks to the president and to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for the great work they had done. The resolution was carried with applause.

Mr. F. C. Smale, on behalf of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, thanked the conference for their visit. 'I have been looking forward to this day for a whole year,' he concluded.

Members of the conference were afterwards entertained to tea by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

OBITUARY

MR. F. W. BENNETT.

By the passing of Mr. Frederick William Bennett on May 29th at the age of 80 years, the Church of St. Swithin, Bicker, Lincolnshire, has lost its oldest ringer. Mr. Bennett was taught to ring a bell at this church by his father over 70 years ago and had been a ringer there up to his death. Four of his five sons are also ringers, viz., Mr. A. H. Bennett (Bicker), Mr. S. E. Bennett (Spalding), Mr. F. Bennett (Holbeach) and Mr. I. P. Bennett (Northampton). Three grandsons are also carrying on the family tradition. Mr. Bennett rang as recently as April 20th, 720 Bob Minor, two sons, A. H. and I. P. Bennett, and his grandson, N. B. Povargue, taking part.

The interment took place at Bicker on May 31st, when four ringers—Messrs. G. R. Dawson, W. B. Dawson, W. G. Short and C. Wander—acted as bearers. A course of Grand-sire Triples was rung over the open grave by W. B. Dawson 1-2, W. G. Short 3-4, C. Wander 5-6, and G. R. Dawson 7-8.

In the evening on the tower bells, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung half-muffled by W. B. Dawson 1, R. Howard 2, J. P. Morris 3, W. G. Short 4, C. Wander 5, G. R. Dawson (first quarter as conductor) 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Truro Cathedral Peal

Dear Sir,—The ringers of Truro Cathedral are very much annoyed with the ringers who claim to have rung a peal to commemorate the diamond jubilee of our Cathedral. Like the Kingston ringers, we knew nothing about any arrangements being made for such a peal, and at a meeting of our ringers it was decided not to recognise the peal. Our ringers had hoped to ring, with friends from other towers in the Guild, at the right time for a jubilee peal, and they feel that the peal rung on May 17th was in the nature of 'peal snatching.'

The Dean and Chapter were misled by the letter which they received from the conductor of the peal, but in future all applications for our bells will come before our ringers. Anyone wishing to ring a peal will have to be a regular Sunday service ringer. This will not apply to older ringers who have done good work for the Exercise and are more or less retired.

I should like to point out that we have a good band of unpaid ringers, most of whom are active workers at the Cathedral. These include the Rev. R. E. Sibthorp (Succentor), the Rev. K. Peeke, Vicar of St. Paul's, and his two sisters, one churchwarden, a sub-warden, four sidesmen, one lay reader, one choirman and one server.

I think this is a band to be proud of and must be a record for one tower.—Yours truly,
W. H. SOUTHEARD, Ringing Master.

Truro.

I REMEMBER

Dear Sir,—About 30 years ago I visited Exeter Cathedral, when Mr. Shepherd asked me to ring the 72 cwt. tenor to 503 changes of Grandsire Caters for Sunday evening service. It took three ringers to pull it off the stay. I then rang it without the slightest difficulty. Mr. Shepherd then arranged for me to come and ring it to a peal of Grandsire Caters. He then wrote me stating the authorities had decided that the tenor bell must not be rung in future unless two men were on it. I then wrote Mr. Shepherd declining to come as I shall never ring a bell with the assistance of another man. The next time I met William Pye I told him it was the easiest tenor I had ever rung and that I should have had not the slightest difficulty in ringing this bell single-handed to a peal.

About 20 years ago I rang at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, for Sunday morning service. I rang the 10th bell to a touch of Stedman Cinques with two men on the 11th. Mr. Winney then asked me whether I would like to ring the 11th with Mr. Prime, as that bell was going very badly. I declined as I would never ring a bell with assistance, but I offered to ring if the second rope was taken off. He did this and I rang the 11th single handed quite easily to a course of Stedman Cinques. One of the ringers then asked me how it went, when I replied that I found nothing wrong with the bell and that it only wanted a man on it. I then rang the heavy tenor five minutes for the service bell.
JAMES GEORGE.

Birmingham.

EVERCREECH BELLS

Dear Sir,—On the authority of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the seventh was put there when the tower was (c. 1450).

Several of the rest were subscribed by the Bibbie family, and I hope the bellfounders will do their best to live up to it.—Faithfully yours,
F. A. CLUETT.

Milton-next-Gravesend.

LICHFIELD TWINS—GREETINGS

Dear Sir,—My warmest congratulations to the twins, Peter and Dennis, and to their elder sister Joan, of Lichfield, who rang their first peal together recently.—Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM MELVILLE.

H.M.S. 'Wolfe,' Malta.

Psychology and Beginners

Dear Sir,—If it were possible, it would be interesting to obtain a record of the number of potential ringers lost to our bellfries through lack of encouragement.

No one is more acutely conscious of his inferiority than the inexperienced among experienced ringers. Hence the reluctance on the part of the former to 'stand in' at meetings. And, having been prevailed upon to do so, hence, too, the uncertain striking caused by fear of ringing over the wrong bell.

It may be that this sense of inferiority is a phase in the life history of every ringer—a phase too long forgotten by many—too long experienced by more.

But it is a crucial stage, when the ringer still feels elated after ringing a new method, however elementary. If psychology is to be trusted, his elation must be made justifiable if greater confidence is to be gained.

Every new effort is worthy of commendation. A first plain course of Grandsire Doubles, rung unaided, gives as much comparative pleasure as a first peal of Superlative Surprise. For any such occasion, encouraging words are alone fitting. The criticism can await a more opportune moment when the learner has enjoyed his sense of achievement. His elation may only be short lived, but it will be found to serve as a foundation upon which the teacher can then hurl his criticism with far less likelihood of his efforts at teaching coming to nought, and of his bellfry being bereft of potential campanologists.—Yours faithfully,
R. MARY DAVIES.

London, N.W.2.

FILM STUDIO RINGING

Dear Sir,—The film 'Green Fingers' just released has a scene depicting the ringing chamber of Whithy Church tower. The sound track is of Whithy bells.

The ringers operating the improvised bells at the British National Film Studio were seven members of the St. Albans Cathedral, one from the Oxhey band and two artistes.

The artistes appearing in the ringing had to be taught to handle the rope in half an hour before the actual shooting of the picture. The ringers were H. Hodgets (Oxhey band), Miss B. Copeston, L. T. Hansell, G. N. Blake, B. A. Cornell, W. J. Arnold, E. Sprague and H. E. C. Goodenough.

The improvised bells were certainly interesting, the (bell) being made up of pieces of metal tube, blocks of lead and tubular scaffold clips, hung fairly well out, the action was quite good, in so much that we rang a silent course of Stedman Triples. I should imagine this is the first ever to be accomplished in a film studio.—Yours faithfully,
H. GOODENOUGH.

St. Albans.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Golden's letter calls for a reply. I made no claims, and the 720's were just as my friend Mr. W. Taylor, of Penwortham, gave them to me. I pointed out to him that they were not new, and he has on 5 succeeded in reproducing what A. G. Driver did years ago. To the several correspondents who have written me privately, I say many thanks for the information which I asked for.

Finally a new generation of ringers has arisen since the Mad Hatter (A. G. Driver) gave these figures to the Exercise. So in their interest an occasional letter to 'The Ringing World' on a subject like this can do no harm.—Yours faithfully,
E. R. MARTIN.

86, Hartington Road, Preston.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Lockety 1, Miss Margery Watson 2, Miss Pat Gilbert 3, J. Davy 4, R. J. Sharp 5, A. C. Sinfield (conductor) 6.

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HERTFORD and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSNS.—Joint meeting at Stanmore, Sat., June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea.—S. H. Hoare and T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 1443

SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting Hawkchurch, Sat., June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, if notified.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 1484

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 14th, at Marsden, near Huddersfield. Bells (8) 3. Tea 2s. 3d. Reports for 1946 now ready.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1446

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Sat., June 14th, Merton (Colliers Wood Station), 1.15. St. Leonard's, Streatham, 2.30. Tea and business 4.20. St. Immanuel's, Streatham, 6.15. Names for tea, H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1438

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting Iffley (6), June 14th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30.—M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley. 1487

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Kintbury (6), Sat., June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 1478

SELBY AND DISTRICT and BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting Market Weighton, June 14th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. 1499

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Prittlewell, Sat., June 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1449

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (12), Sat., June 14th, 2.15. St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's and St. Clement's (6) also available. Service in St. Mary-le-Tower at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Tudor Cafe, St. Margaret's Plain. Business meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1435

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 14th, 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided. New members and visitors welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9. 1434

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hever (6), June 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Henry VIII. Inn. Names for outing by this date, please.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1475

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Great Totham (6), June 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30.—A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, New Hall, Boreham. 1469

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting Overseale, Sat., June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 1507

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Tibshelf, June 14th. Please bring food; cups of tea provided.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1494

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sat., June 14th, 3.—A. B. Peck. 1498

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Buxted, Sat., June 14th, 3. Tea 5. 1504

BITTON, NEAR BRISTOL.—Eight bells, augmented 1936 by Taylor's. Open practice (by permission) alternate Tuesdays, 7.15. Next date, June 17th. All ringers invited.—A. Corrigan, Le Coteau, Bitton, Bristol. 1395

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley, Sat., June 21st. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6.15. Names for tea by June 16th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 1493

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting Melksham, Sat., June 21st. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea by May 16th if possible.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath. 1461

SOC. FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting Burton-on-Trent, June 21st. Bells (St. Paul's) 3. Tea 1s. 3d. to paid-up members, to others 1s. 9d. Names for tea to B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street, Burton, by Monday, June 16th. Special coach (7s. 6d.) from Technical College, Wolverhampton, 1.30; John Harper and Co.'s Works, Walsall Street, Willenhall, 1.45; St. Paul's Church, near bus station, Walsall, 2.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 1464

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting Sat., June 21st, at Chertsey. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to me, please, by the 18th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1490

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting Singleton, Sat., June 21st. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Mapp, The Mill, Singleton, near Blackpool, not later than June 19th.—J. H. Foster. 1521

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting Westhoughton, Sat., June 21st. Bells 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1519

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Outing, June 21st. Drayton Turning, 6.25; Staverton Church, 6.30; Newnham Cross-roads, 6.35; Weedon Globe, 6.45; Heyford Green, 6.55; Bugbrooke, Heyford Turning, 7; Preston Capes Cross-roads, 7.20; Charwelton School, 7.30; Byfield, Rose and Crown, 7.35. Please be punctual.—F. W. Hancock. 1516

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby District.—Berkswell (6), June 21st, 3. Names for tea to me by the 17th.—T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. 1512

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Epworth (8) on Sat., June 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Cups of tea provided, but please bring your own eatables.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 1510

ST. DAVID'S DIO. GUILD.—Annual meeting Carmarthen, Sat., June 21st. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 1511

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Kirby-Bellars, June 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting Village Hall 5. Names by 18th to J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby. 1513

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—Meeting Barnby-in-the-Wil-lows (6), Sat., June 21st, 3 o'clock. Bring food.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 1502

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.—Meeting Draycott, Sat., June 21st. Names for tea to Mr. F. Shelley, Cresswell Farm, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1515

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Barrington (6), Sat., June 21st, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. Foxton (5) available after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1539

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting Fairford, Sat., June 21st. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Notify for tea by 16th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos. 1531

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern District.—Meeting Rotherfield, June 21st, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify Mr. W. Rogers, Vines Cottages, Rotherfield, by 18th.—John Downing, Hon. Sec. 1529

LAVENHAM.—The 136th ringing anniversary will be held on Sat., June 21st, 2.30. Everybody welcome. Tea shop near church.—S. H. Symonds. 1536

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Next meeting Worsley, Sat., June 21st, 3. Tea 5. Names to P. H. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley, by June 16th.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 1534

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Oaks-in-Charnwood (6), Sat., June 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting Parish Hall 5.15. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall, Copt Oak, Markfield, Leicester. 1533

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—S. and W. District.—Meeting Isleworth, Sat., June 21st. Bells 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Meeting 5. No tea arrangements.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. 1525

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting Kingston Seymour, Sat., June 21st, 4.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1535

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting Burton (6), Sat., June 21st, 3. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin. 1532

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Ringing meeting at Long Buckley (5), June 21st, 3. Bring own food; tea provided.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec. 1522

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting Felpham (6), June 21st, 2.30. Service 4.45. Names for tea to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1523

DEVON GUILD.—M.D. and S.W. Branches.—Buckfast Abbey, on Sat., June 21st. Bells (12) 2.30, also Buckfastleigh (8) 6.15. Tea 5.30. Names by June 18th to A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh (phone 3121). 1526

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting Over (8), Sat., June 21st. Please bring food.—D. C. Osborn, Hon. Sec. 1537

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston (6 bells), June 21st, 2.30. Important. Names by 17th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 1541

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Special meeting, Willesborough, June 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by first post June 17th, to Mr. E. S. Ruck, 3, Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1548

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Meeting Wheat-hampstead, Sat., June 21st, 3. Names for tea by June 17th.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 1547

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN.—June 21st, quarterly meeting, North Wingfield (8). Important business. Bells 3. Bring own food. 1543

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Redditch, Sat., June 21st, 3. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1542

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Quarterly Llangynwyd (6), Sat., June 28th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. David, 21,

Bridgend Road, Llangynwyd, near Bridgend, by June 21st. Maesteg bus Bridgend to Cross Inn, then Llangynwyd bus.—F. J. Hannington. 1524

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be at Deeping St. Nicholas on June 28th. Bells available 2.30. Names for tea before June 21st, to Mr. F. Taylor, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding. 1520

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Meeting Fyfield (5), Sat., June 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by Tues., June 24th, please.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1528

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath on Sat., June 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 4.30, followed by business and service. Names for tea to G. Miller, Lakenheath, Suffolk, by June 23rd.—R. A. Wallis, Sec., Mildenhall, Suffolk. 1509

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Southern District.—Annual meeting joint with district societies, Wentworth, near Rotherham, on Sat., June 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea 5 in Rockingham Arms. Notify Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham, by Tuesday, 24th.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9. 1545

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Contest at Almondbury, Huddersfield, July 5th. Draw 2.30. Ringing 2.45. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. Subscriptions due. Entries to reach me before June 28th.—S. Manchester, Sec., 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 1517

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual at Great Tew (8), Sat., July 5th. Service 4. Tea for those who notify before July 2nd.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 1514

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting Manchester (in place of Oxford), Sat., July 5th. Further particulars later.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 1497

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival Oxford, Sat., July 12th. Service Christ Church Cathedral 11 (preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford). Business meeting Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon Christ Church Dining Hall 1.30; tickets 4s. Application for luncheon tickets, accompanied by re-

mittance, to General Secretary not later than July 4th. Owing to catering difficulties no member or visitor can be guaranteed lunch unless in possession of ticket. Ringing: Cathedral (12), time next notice; Colleges, New (10) 4.5, Magdalen (10) 3-4, Mer-ton (8) 3.30-4.30; Churches, St. Giles' (8), 3-4, St. Ebbe's (8), 4-5, All Saints' (8), 5.30-7, St. Thomas' (6), 3.30-4.30, Holywell (6) 4-5 p.m., Carfax (6) 5.30-6.30, St. Aldate's (6) 6.30-7.30.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 1527

SIX RINGERS (Kent, Stedman) TOURING towers with Swindon as the centre; from July 12th to 19th.—Anyone interested who would like to join us, apply Box 1530, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 1530

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—Preliminary Notice.—The meeting arranged for East Norfolk Branch at Norton for July 26th is postponed to August 9th.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 1538

UNIVERSITIES ASSN.—August Ringing Week. Members hoping to attend, should organisation be possible, please send names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimberidge, London Road, near Maidstone. 1546

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TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On May 24th at St. James', 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: F. Matravers (first quarter) 1, H. H. Walker 2, F. Morris 3, H. Bungay 4, C. Williams 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 7, H. Churchill 8.

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