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### A BINDING LINK.

In a letter which is published in another column the Rev. H. Drake returns to the question of the powers of the Central Council, and, in view of the general attitude of the various affiliated associations in declining to give the Council compulsory authority—which they could not effectively enforce—makes another suggestion to the Exercise. Compulsory powers being out of the question, the Council must forego any desire which may exist to become an administrative authority, and content itself, as it has done in the past, with being a legislative body, and Mr. Drake's view is that Associations or individual towers should be induced to incorporate in their rules a resolution that they agree to abide, so far as the 'laws of the game' are concerned, with the regulations laid down by the Council.

Generally speaking, there can be no doubt that the spirit of this idea is very largely carried out now, and, this being the case, it could easily be argued that no further action is necessary; indeed, Mr. Drake himself adopts this line. But is not the suggestion worthy of further consideration? There is a genuine desire on the part of many people to see a more binding link between the Council and the Associations. The proposal of compulsory powers went too far, and would have been lacking in effectiveness, because control is, in the present state of affairs, impossible. There is nothing in the rules of any Association that we know of linking it with the Council, but the incorporation of a rule, both in the belfries and the Associations, giving effect to Mr. Drake's suggestion would provide a tangible tie with the Central body, and become a public acknowledgment of the Council's authority to lay down the rules that should govern ringing. At any rate the subject is one which deserves more than passing notice, and we hope in due time it may be properly considered by the Council and passed on to the Associations.

At the same time the Council will have to take some steps to settle once and for all—if that is really possible—the differences that exist among its own experts upon some points in connection with the principles of ringing, differences, the existence of which shake the confidence of the Exercise in the competence of any body of legislators to lay down rules. There are some outstanding subjects which ought no longer to be in question, but which, with present methods, look like dragging on to eternity. Those who have the knowledge of these technical matters, and who have the courage of their convictions, could quickly bring the thing to a head by resolution. The Council would then have to express its opinion or confess its own incompetence to do so, and the Exercise would know where it stands.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD  
On Saturday, July 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
At THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 33 cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 7
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 9
FREDERICK DICKENS ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... .. 10
CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 5	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 11
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 6	THOMAS SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

A. YORK BRAMBLE ... .. Treble	ALFRED CRIPPS ... .. 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. 2	GEORGE DURLING ... .. 7
ROBERT J. DAWEL ... .. 3	RICHARD STREDWICK ... .. 8
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 9
CHARLES PALMER ... .. 5	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Messrs. Groombridge and Durling were elected members previous to starting.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... .. 6
GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. ... .. 2	ALFRED PYE ... .. 7
*HENRY RUMENS ... .. 3	†WALTER STEED ... .. 8
†CHARLES A. HUGHES ... .. 4	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... .. 9
JOHN H. WILKINS ... .. 5	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by C. T. COLES.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. Treble	HERBERT AUDSLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 7
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4	HAROLD W. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

LEONARD HARRIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 5
OWEN H. GILES ... .. 2	JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 6
*EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... .. 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... .. 7
*FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Major.

EPSOM, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... Treble	WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. ... 5
REGINALD BROUGH ... 2	AMOS W. CLARK ... 6
ALBERT HARMAN ... 3	GEORGE ILLMAN ... 7
HENRY F. EWINS ... 4	*OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL MARSH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.  
\* 150th peal.

TICLMARSH, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, July 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

TOM TEBBOTT ... Treble	JOHN J. JOTSON ... 5
KATHLEEN A. JOTSON ... 2	GEORGE H. BARKER ... 6
*PHYLLIS HARE ... 3	GEORGE JEFFES ... 7
*ANNIE PARKINS ... 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. T. KING. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.  
\* First peal of Major.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... 6
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3	ALFRED WATSON ... 7
ERNEST LINCOLN ... 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

This peal was rung with half-muffled clappers for George Aldous, a ringer of the parish, also in memory of Alfred Funnell, a ringer at the above church, who fell in action September 4th, 1916. N. R. Bailey's 150th tower bell peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 21, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

CHARLES BURDOCK ... Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5
JOHN T. SCOTT ... 2	WILLIAM W. THORNE ... 6
ERNEST WEATHERBY ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Burdock, G. Steere and H. Hutton. It is 20 years since W. Thorne rang his last peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 22, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

*JOHN W. KIRTON ... Treble	RICHARD DRAGE ... 5
†WALTER TAYLOR ... 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 6
SAMUEL WESLEY ... 3	JOHN FLOWER ... 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 4	HENRY HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

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

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 25th, on the occasion of the unveiling of the War Memorial for the men of the parish who fell in the war, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1280 changes): A. Pierpoint 1, Miss M. Humblecroft 2, Miss U. Humblecroft 3, H. Runt 4, A. Holden 5, R. Eade 6, A. Reed (conductor) 7, W. Jenner 8.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ... Treble	ERNEST GOWER ... 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... 2	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 6
ALFRED CRIPPS ... 3	ALBERT D. STONE ... 7
CHARLES PALMER ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY.  
Conducted by KEITH HART.

BECKENHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	*FREDERICK TERRY ... 5
GEORGE DURLING ... 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
HAROLD W. CLARKE ... 3	WALTER SMITH ... 7
ISAAC EMERY ... 4	*FREDERICK SCUTCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

\* First peal of Stedman, and first in the method as conductor.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HARRY HALL ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 6
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 3	JOHN HALL ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	*ALBERT RICHES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.  
\* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 42 different six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MAURICE J. PAWLEY ... Treble	FREDERICK J. BOWLEY, SEN. 4
CHARLES H. WEBB ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	*ARTHUR CATTELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Doubles on the bells. \* First peal, for whom the above was specially arranged.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.  
THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

STANLEY M. REED ... Treble	JOHN W. WARD ... 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 5
CHARLES S. GOULDTHORPE 3	FRANK HARPER ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. AUSTIN.

First peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor, who are members of the local company; first peal inside and first as conductor by the ringer of the 2nd, who is a member of the Stapleford company. The ringer of the 5th belongs to the Fen Ditton company.



FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 7 different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. Treble	ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 4
WALTER WALLINGTON ... .. 2	*FREDERICK E. WALLINGTON 5
WILLIAM HECTOR ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. First peal of Minor by all except the conductor, who with treble ringer cycled 26 miles to give the band the opportunity to ring this peal.

PUTTENHAM, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent, Oxford Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM G. FOWLER ... Treble	*MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 4
*MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 2	ERNEST NEWELL ... 5
ALBERT J. CROUCHER ... 3	SERG. G. GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by SERGT. GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Mr. W. Fowler, who is leaving Puttenham for Christchurch. E. Newell hails from Binsted, W. Fowler from Puttenham, and the rest belong to the Aldershot band.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, July 15, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.  
Referee: ALBERT T. SCRIVENS.

RINGING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

On Sunday last five members of the Salop Guild cycled to Hodnet, where there is a fine peal of six bells by Rudhall, 1769. The visitors were met by Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, and succeeded in ringing a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins.: W. Wase 1, W. Weatherby 2, W. Lago 3, W. Saunders 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6. This is the only 720 rung on the bells within memory, and is in all probability the first on the bells.

It was also a very difficult performance, as the bells go very heavily, having been rehung by a firm of builders about 20 years ago, and having received attentions from the village blacksmith from time to time since. The bells go round 123456 and are hung back-handed, while the 4th and tenor are wellnigh unringable. A six score each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles was also rung.

The band were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, and rang several touches of Triples and Major on handbells. The band then made tracks for Stoke-on-Tern, where there is a musical ring of six by Mears. Here they were met by Mr. W. Lycett, of Stanton-on-Hineheath, who had cycled seven miles in the heavy rain, and they rang a 360 Bob Minor and several six scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

BISHOP AT RINGERS' FESTIVAL.

The Bishop of Buckingham attended the annual festival of the High Wycombe ringers, and preached a powerful sermon at the service that was held. After tea, provided at the Church House, the Vicar of Wycombe welcomed the visitors, and the Rev. E. J. Teesdale (Vicar of Bledlow) proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop, who suitably responded.—Mr. W. Lawrence proposed thanks to the ladies for providing tea. The ringing during the afternoon and evening included a course of Cambridge Surprise Major and touches of Stedman Cinques and Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Bob Major Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.  
SUBSCRIPTION DOUBLED.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at Minehead, drew together a large gathering of ringers from Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton, Ilminster, Dulverton, Minehead, etc.

The Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker), who presided, presented the annual report in which it was stated that there was a promising increase in membership, and that the association was recovering from the effects of the war. There were a considerable number of peals and some variety of method, though Grandsire Triples led the way with a large majority. Details given in the concluding part of the report showed that new members totalled 243, and the number of peals rung had been 33.

The Hon. Secretary presented the statement of accounts for the year ending June 1st this showing that there was a balance in hand of £74 7s. 11½d. The receipts amounted to £129 3s. 10d., and the expenses were £54 15s. 10½d.

In expressing satisfaction with the state of the finances, the Chairman hinted at the necessity which existed for increasing the subscription to meet growing expenses.

The report and accounts were passed with a vote of thanks to the auditor, Mr. D. G. Taylor.

The election of officers was then proceeded with: The Rev. C. C. Parker was re-elected Master of the Association; Mr. Burgess, hon. secretary and treasurer; and Mr. Taylor, auditor. To each one hearty thanks were expressed for the work he had done for the association.

The following were elected new members: F. Jennings, Wear; P. Arney, P. Arney, B. Harden, I. Harden, P. Rich, W. Tucker and R. Whitting, Brent Knoll; W. Mapstone, P. Gallop, C. Hall and W. Hall, Chew Magna; A. Bellamy, I. Farmer, and H. Parker, Carhampton; H. Howe, Cutcombe; W. Burge, Dulverton; E. Gould, E. Thorne, A. Welber, S. Grabham, and P. G. Merrett, Timberscombe; F. C. Arscott, H. J. Arscott, E. G. Arscott, H. L. Arscott, H. Arscott, Mrs. B. M. Arscott and V. Main, Selworthy; W. J. Baker, W. Baker, W. Biffen, W. Dascombe, F. Eprze, W. Greedy, J. Hartnell, W. Hartnell, and H. Rawle, Wiveliscombe; S. Baker and A. Court, Wootton Courtenay; honorary members Rev. W. T. H. Drew (Dulverton) and Rev. A. G. Locke (Carhampton).

An application from the Wiveliscombe branch of the Dunster Deanery that their tower should be transferred to the Taunton Deanery initiated a long discussion on the subject of the transfer of towers and the general working of the district between Minehead and Wiveliscombe. It was felt that some adjustments were needed for the sake of convenience, and ultimately it was resolved that a recommendation go to the general committee that they work out a scheme for the division of the diocese into ringing districts, each district to have its Ringing Master, Chairman and Secretary.

A decision of the committee that 3d. be paid for each peal entered in the peal book caused some discussion it being stated that this was decided on for the purpose of raising funds. The meeting, however, was of opinion that the raising of the subscription would meet this need better than the payment referred to, and it was resolved that the subscription to the association be raised from one shilling to two shillings.

The meeting concluded with expressions of thanks, heartily accorded, to the Rev. E. P. Liddon (Vicar of Minehead) for having kindly permitted the use of the tower that day and for arranging the service which was to be held afterwards, and to Mr. G. Atkins and the Minehead ringers, from whom the visitors had received a great deal of courtesy.—Mr. Atkins, in responding said it was a great pleasure to have visitors there, and they would always be pleased to see them at Minehead.

The discussion upon the War Memorial was reported in our last issue.

The party afterwards adjourned to the Queen's Cafe for tea, and here they were joined by other ringers from Old Cleve and Slogumber, whose train was so late in arriving that the meeting was practically over by the time they got to Minehead. Subsequently, most of the party made their way to the parish church for the special choral evensong which had been arranged. In an impressive and appropriate address, the Vicar (the Rev. E. P. Liddon) discoursed on the message of the bells.

During the day touches in a variety of methods were rung on the Parish Church bells.

RINGER FOR SIXTY-TWO YEARS.

At Paignton, on July 8th, members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild by the kind permission of the Vicar rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes) on the Parish Church bells in 50 minutes, with 6, 4, 8 covering: A. Reynolds 1, J. Collings 2, T. Collings 3, T. Mitchell 4, C. Austin 5, P. Allwood 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, F. Parnell 8. This is the first quarter-peal rung on the bells, and first attempt by all the band except the conductor. It was rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Drew on his 77th birthday, he having been a ringer at Paignton Parish Church for 62 years.

**NEW PEAL AT LOWESTOFT.**

The new ring of bells at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, dedicated last week by the Dean of Norwich, are a most interesting peal, as their inscriptions show. The 2nd is 'Dedicated to Lowestoft Fishermen,' the 3rd is 'The Drifters' Bell,' the fifth 'The Trawlers' Bell,' the sixth is dedicated to 'The Gallant Dead, 1914-1918,' and the 7th 'dedicated to the memory of Skipper Thomas Crisp, V.C., of the trawler "Nelson," who gave his life for his country, August 15th, 1917.'

A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue, but it is interesting to note that Mr. Woodley, formerly secretary of the College Youths, has undertaken to teach a band of ringers.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild was held at Merrow and Clandon on Saturday, July 17th. The Guild service was held in Clandon Church, and was conducted by the Rector. Rev. Sir John Herschel, Bt., who is general secretary of the Association. An address was given by Canon Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, who told his hearers, in his usual forcible manner, of some faults of which ringers are guilty, and urged them to try and overcome so that the strands they were weaving would help to make a glorious apparel for the church, who was the bride of the living Christ, their Lord and Saviour.

Tea took place in a hut on the Rectory lawn, under the supervision of Lady Herschel, who was unremitting in her attentions to the needs of the visitors.

Sir John Herschel, in apologising for the silence of his bells, spoke in feeling terms of the death (from sleeping sickness) and funeral of William Day, a much respected member of the Clandon band, and said he was sure his hearers would agree with him that the silence of the bells was the most fitting tribute of respect that they could offer. He was pleased to say that in addition to Merrow bells, Shalford would also be open during the evening.

The Rector of Merrow (the Rev. A. H. Fletcher) became an hon. member.

The annual outing to be held on Bank Holiday at Rammoor was referred to. A member remarked that the bells were worth going a long way to hear, and he once heard 'Alfred H.' remark to the steeplekeeper that if he saw the Germans coming he was to take the bells down and bury them, as they could never be replaced.—The

Ringling Master sent an apology for his absence, and deferred his report to the next meeting.

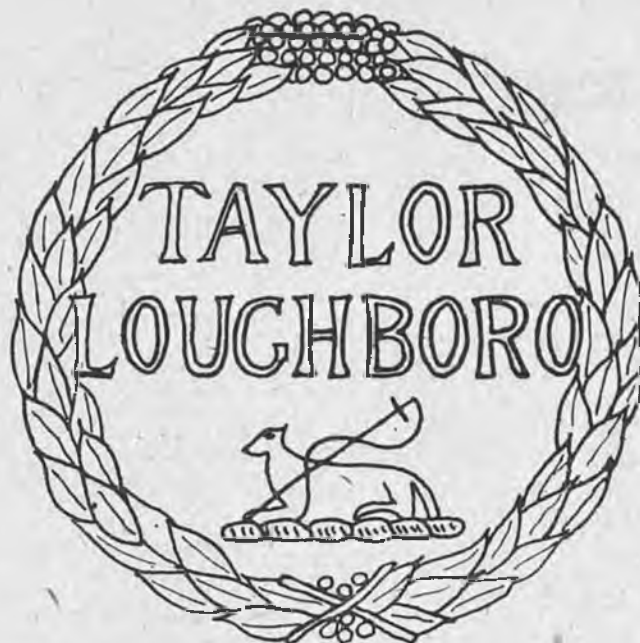
**A SALISBURY GUILD MEMORIAL.**

On the north wall of St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, immediately below the belfry, has been erected a tablet of Sicilian marble in memory of the nine members of the Dorchester and District Branch of the Salisbury Guild, who gave up their lives in the great war. The tablet is inscribed: 'This Tablet is erected to the glory of God and in faithful memory of E. Foote, Church of the Holy Rood, Buckland Newton; F. C. Northover, St. Mary's, Charnminster; W. A. Painter, St. Peter's, Dorchester; W. Drake and F. Samways, All Saints', Milton; W. J. New, St. Andrew's Leigh; H. Wilson, the Abbey Church, Milton; H. Brake, St. Lawrence's, Upwey; J. Anderson, All Saints', Wyke Regis; members of the above Guild, who gave their lives in the great war 1914-1918. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The unveiling ceremony, which was performed by Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth, Master of the Guild, was attended by a large number of visiting ringers. The service was of a most impressive description, and the dedication was performed by the Rural Dean (Canon Barclay), who gave an appropriate address. After the service, the Dead March in 'Saul' was played on the organ, and buglers sounded 'The Last Post,' followed by the 'Reveille.' Then the bells, which were muffled, played their part, the 'whole pull and stand' being rung 25 times, denoting the average age of the ringers whose names were inscribed on the tablet. The ringing of muffled touches took place both before and after the service.

**PONTEFRAC'T'S NEW BELLS.**

The dedication of the new peal of bells which have been placed in the Parish Church at Pontefract was performed on Midsummer Day by the Bishop of Beverley. The Mayor and Corporation attended in State, and there was a crowded congregation. After the service, a reception was held at the Mayor's rooms. The bells are a fine ring, with a tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lbs., and all the old inscriptions have been reproduced with one slight alteration, including the names of the present donors. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and has given great satisfaction. The firm was represented at the ceremony by Mr. Denison Taylor, and there was a considerable number of visitors present, who made good use of the bells afterwards.



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## THE BATH AND WELLS WAR MEMORIAL.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—As one belonging to that dreadful little city of Wells, and as one of the Cathedral ringers, I should like, with your permission, to say a word or two about what took place at the Bath and Wells meeting at Minehead, which unfortunately I was unable to attend. I quite agree that the memorial for the fallen ringers of the diocese, should be placed in the Cathedral, but might I ask if the Dean of Wells was approached personally on the matter? My experience with the Cathedral authorities here is, that as they have never been mixed up with ringing and ringing matters, like some of our clergy they want a bit of education. I have had several interviews with the Dean on ringing matters, and after sufficient explanation have gained my point each time.

Now, Sir, I am strongly of opinion that had a small deputation, which might have included one of the local ringers waited on the Dean, and explained to him fully just what was wanted to be done, and the amount of money that was to be spent on it, he would have readily granted the necessary permission.

Just one thing more, is it right for an association like the Bath and Wells to boycott the city just because they could not get what they wanted. What has the Vicar of St. Cuthbert's Church done to be treated so? He has always taken a keen interest in the association, which my ringing friends at Castle Cary can bear out better than I can. Is that the best way to promote the interests of the association in Wells?

Some of us have been working for years to get ringing and the association on a better footing here, and we have quite recently seen some results of our labours; but I am afraid the unchristianlike and unjust remarks passed at Minehead will give us a severe check from which it will take us some time to recover. This is not the only place that ringing has been restricted at a meeting. Last year at Bath only one hour's ringing was allowed at the Abbey, but nothing was said about that, and meetings are still to be held there. Personally, I do not think all the blame can be attached to the Dean and Chapter of Wells Cathedral. Some may be on the other side.—

Yours truly,  
Wells.

W. FARLEY.

## CHATHAM'S 'VICTORIA' BELLS.

Ringers in the Rochester District of the Kent County Association met at St. Mary the Virgin's Church on Saturday, July 17th, the occasion being the reopening of the 'famous' 'Victoria' peal of bells—famous, as any ringer who has attempted to ring a peal on them will understand.

The frame supporting the bells has been thoroughly overhauled and strengthened considerably, and the whole of the bells have been hung in steel headstocks, and fitted with new bearings throughout.

The work of rehanging was entrusted to Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich, and great credit is due to him for the manner in which he has carried out his task.

Touches of Grandfire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise, and Victory Major were rung, and the ringers—many of whom were present when the bells were first opened in 1897—were unanimous of the opinion that never have the bells run so well.

The local band wish to make it known that Sunday ringing is from 9.30 to 10.30 in the morning, and 5.45 to 6.30 in the evening. Practice on Monday evening from 7.30 to 9, and any ringer will be heartily welcomed at any time.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A pleasant afternoon was spent by the Southern District at Lee on Saturday week, when a large number of ringers from all parts of London were present, and were met by the Rev. F. B. Allen and the Rev. N. Robertson, and local ringers. The bells of St. Margaret's were utilised. Tea was provided by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. R. Meddings). The business meeting was afterwards held, and the Rev. F. B. Allen gave the ringers a hearty welcome, which was acknowledged by Mr. T. H. Taffender.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the tea and the use of the bells; also to Mr. S. G. Brasher for making the arrangements. Four courses of Stedman Caters on handbells were rung in the large hall, after which the tower bells were rung again.

## MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. H. A. COCKEY.

A dedication service will be held at St. Anne's Church, Oldland Common, near Bristol, on Saturday, August 14th, 1920. Service, which will commence at 4 p.m., will be taken by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Tea in School Hall, at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. Tickets for tea can be obtained from any of the Branch Secretaries of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, or direct from Edgar Guise, 39, Tankards Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol. Will all those who know the Rev. H. A. Cockey make a special effort to attend?



### THE PEACE BELL.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild has taken the lead in introducing the 'Peace Bell' as a perpetual memorial to the fallen. In a circular, signed by the Bishop, Lord Shaftesbury (who is president), Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth (Master) and the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. sec.), and issued to all incumbents in the diocese, it is stated: 'The mid-day Peace Bell is quite distinct in origin and significance from the Angelus. In the modern Roman use it has become merged with the morning and evening bells into a third Angelus, but originally it was rung on Fridays only, in honour of the Passion of our Lord, and the devotions associated with it took the form of Prayer for the peace and security of the realm. The special use of this Bell under Pope Calixtus III. (1456) and Alexander VI. (1500) as a call to prayer 'contra Turcos' affords an interesting parallel to our own nocturnal Bell during the War. Now that the War is over and we are in the act of settling terms of peace with the last of the belligerents, it is proposed, that as a perpetual memorial to the fallen, we restore in this Diocese the ancient use of the Peace Bell on Fridays at noon, thus uniting an act of solemn remembrance with Prayer for the peace and concord of this realm and of all Christendom through the merits of our Saviour's Cross and Passion. For this purpose the recitation of a short Office is suggested.

'Such a "Use of Service" as that suggested here will be the Church's own War Memorial in this Diocese and while the solemn sound of the bell on Fridays will bear its compelling witness to the cardinal truth of our Redemption, it is felt that no more fitting tribute could be paid to the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of right and freedom, than that of renewing the weekly call to prayer for the preservation of that peace which they died to win. Nor should the special opportunity be overlooked of intercession for the unity of Christendom.

'It is understood that more than half of the Incumbents of the Diocese have expressed themselves in favour of such a return to the pious custom of our forefathers. To all those an appeal is hereby made to arrange for the ringing of the Peace Bell from Friday 18th June, onwards, so that the great Cathedral Commemoration on St. John's Day may find the restoration of this ancient usage an accomplished fact. It is hoped that many others also will join in this movement, and that members of the Guild of Ringers everywhere will do their utmost to facilitate the revival of the Peace Bell to the Glory of Christ our Saviour, and in grateful remembrance of our fellow-countrymen, who gave their lives for England's peace.'

### DEATH OF MR. W. H. DAY.

#### WINCHESTER GUILD RINGER SUCCEUMS TO SLEEPING SICKNESS.

A summer day, a picturesque Surrey village, a sad procession, a voice reciting the hopeful words of the burial office, the lovely soft tones of handbells, and an open grave. It is with impressions such as these that one's mind is crowded when attempting to describe the funeral of Mr. W. H. Day, which took place at West Clandon on Thursday week (July 15th).

William Henry Day was one of a company of young men which included the late Mr. R. Blake and the brothers Savage all killed on active service, who some years ago began to practise at West Clandon, and who later became famous for their Surprise Minor performances. Mr. Day, together with almost the whole of his fellow ringers, joined H.M. forces at the outbreak of war in 1914. He was wounded at Albert in 1916, but otherwise seemed to have survived its dangers. He was demobilised soon after the Armistice in apparently sound health, to judge from his appearance there was good reason to suppose that he had many years of happy life before him. He, however, died of sleeping sickness on Sunday July 11th.

The funeral was fixed for the Thursday following, and shortly before the hour arranged representatives from parishes in the immediate district began to assemble, and, with the arrival of the family mourners, the church was well filled. The service was taken by the Rev. Sir J. Herschel, hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who is also Rector of West Clandon. The coffin was borne to its resting-place by six old school friends, three of whom were ringers, and immediately after the Benediction a perfect course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by: C. Hazelden 1—2 A. H. Pulling 3—4 M. Smither 5—6 W. R. Melville 7—8. On the muffled church bells three courses of Bob Minor and the 'whole pull and stand' were rung by: M. Smither, H. Blackman, C. Hazelden, A. H. Pulling, F. Bennett, W. R. Melville. Mr. J. Goacher rang in the touch, and acted as teller for the 'whole pull and stand.' A large number of beautiful wreaths were sent, including one from Lord and Lady Onslow, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the Clandon ringers, and the Clandon Cricket Club, of which Mr. Day was an active and useful member. Ringers present, in addition to those mentioned, were Mr. J. J. Jones, Mr. Boniface (Merrow) and Mrs. Hazelden.

To the memory of the late Mr. F. Day, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung on Sunday morning, July 18th, for service with the bells

half-muffled: R. Nicholls 1, T. Streeter 2, G. Nicholls 3, W. Savage 4, J. Goacher 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

### ARE THE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS BINDING?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Evidently when you say, in your leader on June 26th, that 'it has now been definitely decided that the Council's resolutions are to be binding on nobody,' you are not serious, or you would not have continued the discussion of the matter you had taken up. But as this question is one that does not seem to be understood, it may be worth while to explain exactly how it has arisen.

At the Gloucester meeting of the Council, Canon Baker said he thought the time had come when the Council should cease to be merely the 'consultative body,' which its founders designed it to be, and should take the same place as the Jockey Club with regard to Racing, the M.C.C. with regard to Cricket, or the Football Association with regard to Football. He, therefore, proposed that they should ask the associations whether they would give the Council power to enforce its decisions. The argument seemed to several of us an anachronism: and the Secretary asked how it could exercise such power. For myself I pointed out that the only suitable subject matter for such power was in Points for Peals, and that it already had and used, such power.

Nevertheless, Canon Baker carried his resolution, and the associations have been duly mystified with it. At the Northampton meeting he explained, to the surprise of some at least of us, that 'what he intended by his resolution at Gloucester last year, was that the associations should be asked to say whether, in their opinion, there should be a body which should say what are the rules of ringing.' But if so, why did he not propose it in those words? Had he done so, I do not think anyone doubts that every member of every association would have answered 'Yes.'

It was Canon Baker's unsuitable examples which misled us. He mentioned the Jockey Club, which has to deal with sharpers and cheats, and disqualifies people, or warns them off the turf. No one wants to disqualify a band of ringers because they have rung a touch of Grandsire Minor, or to warn them out of the belfry because they happen to have suggested Plain Bob Triples. Again the M.C.C. is equally unique. No other pastime is so controlled. Moreover, all the years I was playing cricket, at least one of the more important rules—that fixing the number of balls in an over was deliberately disobeyed in the majority of matches. While the Football Association seems to an outsider most concerned in buying and selling players.

None of these cases have much analogy with ours. A better parallel would have been Lawn Tennis. We have this week started a Lawn Tennis Club here. By the way, the members are much the same as those of our ringing band: so on fine evenings we play tennis, and on wet ones we ring bells.

Now one of the rules which we have adopted as a matter of course, runs: 'Players shall be bound by the rules of the game, as played by the All-England Lawn Tennis Association.' Now, if we substitute the Central Council for the last few words of this rule, we can easily make a rule which would be very suitable for our different ringing bands.

This would put us all in a right relation to one another. The Central Council would be the legislative body, and the separate companies would be the administrative bodies. If Canon Baker wishes to test the opinion of the Exercise, let him propose that such a rule be added to the model code of rules for a company. For my own part, I do not think it necessary: not only, as the President said, because we do not have competitions but rather because it is so universally carried out that it does not need stating.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

HERBERT DRAKE.

July 21st, 1920.

### NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday afternoon, July 3rd, a meeting of the Halesworth District of the Norwich and Ipswich Association was held at Wissett Church (six bells). The towers of Chediston (six) and Halesworth (eight) were also open during the afternoon and evening for the practice of the art. Upwards of twenty ringers assembled, including Mr. A. L. Coleman, of North Walsham, secretary and treasurer to the Association, who made his first visit to this part of Suffolk. Good touches of Plain, Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung on the bells of the three towers by members from Beccles, North Walsham, Holt, Sibton, Henham, Wrentham, Chediston, Wissett, and Halesworth.—Mr. C. Cradlock, churchwarden, of Wissett, welcomed the ringers, and kindly provided them with a capital tea at the Old Swan Inn. A short meeting followed, the chair being taken by Mr. F. C. Lambert, district secretary.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the donor of the tea; the Revs. J. F. Hughes, M.A., and H. C. Newbery, M.A., for the use of the bells of the three churches; and to the tower-keepers for having everything in readiness.—Further ringing was carried on till nine p.m., when a most enjoyable gathering was brought to a close.

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**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.****THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.**

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Nuneaton on Saturday, July 17th. The bells of St. Nicholas' were made good use of during the afternoon, and a good muster attended service at 5 o'clock. The Guild form was used, and the Rev. Canon Back (president of the Guild) gave an appropriate address. Tea was afterwards partaken of at the Empire Cafe, members from Allesley, Berkswell, Birmingham, Coton Croft, Emscote, Rugby, Coventry, Stoke Golding, Stony Stanton, Nuneaton and Warwick being present. Then followed the general meeting, the Rev. Canon Back occupying the chair.

The report and balance sheet were read, and passed. The accounts showed a fair balance on the right side.—The Rev. Canon Back was re-elected president; Mr. A. Roberts, Master, and Mr. J. H. White honorary secretary and treasurer; Mr. O. J. Hunt, auditor. Each tower will elect its own representative upon the committee. The Central Council representatives, Mr. H. Argyle and Mr. A. Roberts were also re-elected.—It was decided to forego the printing of the annual report this year.—The question of raising the annual subscription was discussed, and it was decided to bring the matter up again at the next quarterly meeting, to be held at Stoke-in-Coventry in October, which will be a special general meeting.

It was decided to hold monthly meetings at Colehill in August, and at Dunchurch in September.

During the evening Chilvers Coton tower was visited, and touches in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major were rung.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****THE FINANCIAL POSITION.**

A most successful quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Heathfield on Saturday, July 17th, when members representing the following towers were present: Battle, Brighton (St. Peter's), Eastbourne (All Saints' and St. Saviour's) Hastings (Christchurch, Blacklands), Mayfield, Pevensey, Rotherfield, Salehurst Shoreham, and Waldron. The following unattached members were also present: Messrs. G. H. Howse, W. D. Smith, A. and E. Gower A. Piper of Eastbourne; and Mr. F. Bennett, of Brighton. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A service was held in the church at which the Vicar (the Rev. Grahame-Clarke) officiated and gave an eloquent address upon ringers and their calling as church workers. Following the service, the ringers took tea at the village hostelry. The success of the meeting was greatly enhanced in consequence of the arrival of a party of ringers, and their friends from Shoreham, who joined in at tea, at which the Vicar presided.

In view of the fact that the bells had recently been opened, that subject was not allowed to pass without notice.—Mr. G. H. Howse congratulated the Vicar upon the splendid toned peal of bells that had been provided by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the White-chapel Bell Foundry, the 'go' and 'fittings' leaving nothing to be desired, and being quite in keeping with the best traditions of the foundry. Mr. Howse also spoke of the pious thought of the donor of the bells, Mr. J. E. Groves, of The Park, Heathfield, and also the donor of the clock, Mr. A. C. Langdale, of Heathfield House. The bells and clock, combined give to Heathfield a long-felt want apart from the actualities which they are intended to commemorate.—The Vicar, in responding to this, and also a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to welcome the members of the association, and he would always be pleased to do so.

At the business meeting which followed, with Mr. Elman Brown in the chair, Mr. G. H. Howse made a touching reference to the passing of Mr. C. H. Harfley, of Eastbourne and moved that a vote of condolence be passed. Mr. Harfley had been an old and respected member of the association since its inception, and was for a great number of years a member of the Christ Church band Eastbourne.—The motion was seconded by the divisional hon. sec. and was carried while the whole company stood in silence for a few moments.

The Divisional Secretary brought the matter of the financial position of the association before the meeting, pointing out that the association was not in such a flourishing condition as could be desired, and as a result of a conversation, in which Messrs. G. H. Howse, Challen and Merritt took part, it was resolved that a voluntary levy be made upon those present, and the sum of two pounds was collected in the room. This amount would go towards helping to defray the expenses of the meeting.

Subsequently it was proposed by Mr. G. H. Howse and seconded by Mr. A. Piper, that an instruction be passed to the Standing Committee, that at the next annual meeting the matter of raising all subscriptions by 50 per cent. be considered.—This was put to the meeting in the form of a resolution and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

**NOTICES.**

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**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, July 31st. Service 5 o'clock, tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday July 31st, at Oldham. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. Nominations for Branch President must be handed in at this meeting.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual summer outing of the Guildford District will be held at Ranmore, near Dorking, on August Bank Holiday. The beautiful bells of St. Barnabas will be available. By kind permission of Lord Ashcombe visitors will be conducted over the gardens of Denbies. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. each, at the Post Office at 4 p.m. No service. No business. No speeches.—J. J. Jones, Hon. Secretary.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Ringing will commence at Yorktown at 10, Hawley 11, Sandhurst 12.30, Finchampstead 1.30 and Yateley 3 o'clock. Service at 5, tea and meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

**PONTEFRAC, YORKS.**—The ringing of the new peal of bells will take place on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Bells available from 10 a.m. Tea provided.—A. Walker, 7, Southfield Avenue.

**NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Ipswich Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. By kind permission of the authorities, the bells at Woodbridge (8), Ufford (8), Hasketon (6) and Pettistree (6) will be open for the use of members throughout the day. Business meeting at St. Mary's House, Woodbridge, at 3 p.m.; committee meeting 2.30.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

**NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION,** for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A general meeting will be held at Aylsham on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. The ring of 10 bells at Aylsham, and the ring of eight bells at Marsham will be available for the use of members. Dinner will be served at the Dog Hotel at 1.30, tickets 3/6 each, followed by the general business meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Southgate on Bank Holiday,

August 2nd. The bells (10) will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided, by the kindness of Mrs. C. E. Barker, of Churchfields, Southgate. Short business meeting to follow. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. St. John's bells (8), St. Mary's (6) and Woodston (6) available all day. Service at St. Mary's at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting 4.30, on St. Mary's Vicarage lawn, at which the President (the Dean) will make a statement with reference to the Cathedral bells. Will all those requiring tea, 1/6, please let me know early? All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, August 2nd, in the Hope Valley. Hathersage bells (6) available from 1 to 3 p.m., Hope (6) 3 to 4.30, Castleton (8) 3 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. A meat tea will be arranged at Castleton at 5 o'clock at a charge of 3/- per head. Trains leave Sheffield, Midland, 12.26, 1.18 and 2.20, leave Hope 6.18 and 9.3.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Hythe on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. The bells will be available from 10 a.m. till 9 p.m.; Folkestone (8) and Saltwood (6) will also be available during the day. All ringers will be heartily welcomed, and would be well advised to take this opportunity of a day's ringing at the seaside.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Bells 2 p.m. Tea at 5.—E. J. Harding, 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—An invitation meeting will be held at Henfield on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Tower open 12 to 1 and 2 to 4.30. Evensong 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Parish Room.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—The bells of St. Mary's will *not* be open on August Bank Holiday, owing to other local arrangements.—A. J. Trappitt, Steeplekeeper.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual Festival will be held at Oxton, Birkenhead, on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Service at 11 o'clock, preacher, the Right Rev. Bishop Mercer. Dinner at 1 o'clock, 4/- each. Intending visitors should send notice.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, New Mills.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 5th and 19th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; and \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th, all at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rector. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided at 1/6 per head at Ye Old Beverlie. Will all those intend-

ing to be present kindly let me know by August 5th.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Allensmore on Saturday, August 7th. Bells (6) available from 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea, 6d. each to members, in Schoolroom 6.15. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than August 3rd.—C. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Gt. Brampton, Madly, Hereford.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual Festival will be held at Lanhydrock, Bodmin, on Wednesday, August 11th. All ringers visiting the Duchy will be heartily welcomed.—John Symons, Ringing Master, Buriton House, Penzance.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by Canon J. E. Dawson (Rector). Tea at 5.30, and business meeting to follow, in the Village Hall. Half fares up to 2/- allowed. All who require tea must let me know by Tuesday, August 3rd, latest.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Street, Chislehurst.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7. Business: Nominations for President, General Secretary, Treasurer, and four representatives for the Central Council.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, August 14th, at Mildenhall. Bells 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec., Newmarket.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. Nominations for President, General Secretary, and four representatives for Central Council.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, August 14th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. Business: Nominations for President, General Secretary, Treasurer, four Central Council representatives, Branch Secretary and Committeeman.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—Combined practice will be held on Thursday, August 19th, at St. Mary's, Putney, from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

#### SUDBURY RE-OPENING.

The bells of St. Gregory's, Sudbury Suffolk, have been rehung, and are to be reopened at a thanksgiving service to-day. Ringing friends are cordially invited.

**AN EAST LONDON PEAL REHUNG.**

The bells of the Holy Trinity Church, Barking Road Canning Town, have been thoroughly overhauled, and were re-dedicated on Thursday, July 8th. After a short service in the tower, the bells were opened, after nine months' silence by ringers from St. John's, Leytonstone. A touch of 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by: W. Riches 1, G. Hayden 2, W. Theobald 3, J. Moule 4, W. Miller 5, R. Sanders 6, followed by 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Moule 1, W. Theobald 2, J. L. Joyce 3, A. Prior 4, W. Miller 5, R. Sanders 6. Both touches were conducted by W. Miller, and all agreed that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had carried out the work of restoration satisfactorily. The ringers of Holy Trinity, who, by the way are all novices, are deeply indebted to Leytonstone ringers for assistance given and promised.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Wellingboro' District was held at Wollaston on Saturday week 48 members being present from Irthlingboro', Finedon, Doddington, Earls Barton, Easton Mauditt Wellingboro', Kettering, Isham, Burton Latimer, Raunds, Ringsted, Lowick and the local ringers. Amongst those present were Mr. F. Wilford, Mr. D. Nicholls (general secretary), and Mr. G. Brown churchwarden. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. McVarish). Tea was held in the churchroom, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the vice-president.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. G. Randall, vice-president; Mr. W. Perkins, district secretary; Messrs. G. Basford and F. Barber for the Central Committee; and Messrs. F. Jones, M. Smart and O. Farey for the district committee.

Messrs. J. Parker, I. Groombridge and J. W. Seamer were elected out-county ringing members, and two ringing members were elected from Easton Mauditt and Higham Ferrers.

It was resolved to hold a special meeting at Castle Ashby, on September 11th, and the next quarterly meeting at Finedon.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local company and the ladies who prepared tea, and this was responded to by Mr. G. Brown.—The tower was again visited, and further ringing brought a most successful meeting to a close.

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