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**THE COUNCIL.**

The meeting of the Central Council next Tuesday, at London's historic Guildhall, promises to be of great interest, not only on account of the exceptional setting in which it will be held, but because it is a new Council, which will have new blood in it, and it is meeting at a time when the Exercise is more than ever realising the need and value of such a body. The Council has grown from a gathering of ringers, which, in its early days, was looked upon somewhat as the plaything of one man, but which, despite much disparagement in past years, has developed into an organisation of great importance and increasing usefulness.

We have said before, and we think it worth repeating on the eve of the meeting of a new Council, that the whole of the business to which it gives its attention cannot be expected to interest all the members all the time. Some discussions interest one section, and other discussions appeal to another section of different tastes. Indeed, the wider the diversity of topics which come under consideration the more useful the Council can be. If, for instance, scientific questions were eliminated there may be some members who would be delighted—because they are not personally interested in them—but the scientific discussions in the Council in the past have had no small influence in keeping development of the art on proper lines and of very definitely helping it forward. On the other hand a Council which was purely a scientific debating society would soon lose its appeal to the general body of ringers. The scope of the Council's work is such that everyone can find an interest in it in one direction or another, and if there still be any members who find themselves bored by this or that discussion they should bear in mind that the subject, whatever it is, is of interest and probably of value to a considerable section of the Council and the Exercise outside it.

There is one other phase of the organisation of the Council to which we are tempted to refer. In certain quarters there is an undercurrent of opinion that the business of the Council is managed by a small section of its members. It is a view which we have quite frequently heard expressed, yet nothing could be wider of the mark. If ever there was a democratic institution it is the Central Council. The members are elected by their own associations, they come with a free hand, one man's voice is as good as another's—as long as he can express himself intelligently—and the unfettered vote of the majority carries the day. Officialdom, in the sense of 'bossing' the Council, does not exist, and one has only to come into touch with the actual working of the organisation to realise how much those occupying official positions are the servants and not the masters of the Council. This,

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of course, is as it should be, but there are among ringers some who like to think that the Council is managed by a few 'dictators.' In any such body there are bound to be men who will stand out as leaders of thought and of action, but that does not rob any member of the opportunity of leading the Council in another direction—if he has cause good enough and capacity sufficient to do it. The Council has not outlived its usefulness by any means. It has a very important purpose still to serve, and it should be the object of every member to maintain the Council as a worthy head of the ringing Exercise.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. Treble	ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 8
BERT HORTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 9
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 4	HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 11
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 6	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Four Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIDOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... .. Treble	JACK A. WAUGH ... .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 2	RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 8
HAROLD V. FROST ... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 9
WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. 10
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 11
RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal of Maximus and Surprise.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Treble	*LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... .. 6
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 2	*JOHN W. EUSTON ... .. 7
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... .. 3	FRANK JENNINGS ... .. 8
*HARRY W. SIMMONS ... .. 4	AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 9
EDWARD G. TALBOT ... .. 5	WALTER CLAYDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by W. CLAYDON.

\* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Claydon upon their silver wedding anniversary, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. Cooper.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. MOY ... .. 6
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... .. 2	ARTHUR G. KING ... .. 7
*R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. 8
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4	HENRY TOOKE ... .. 9
†JOHN KENYON ... .. 5	HERBERT JARMY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First 'touch' of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LEEDS SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
JAMES BENNETT, JDN. ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WHITING ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Tenor

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

This method is now rung for the first time and the peal was scored at the first attempt.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... .. 5
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... .. 2	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... .. 7
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by HERBERT E. ADDSLEY.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN GLUYAS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT ... .. 5
THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 2	H. FREDERICK MYERS ... .. 6
G. HARRY MYERS ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... .. 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS ... .. 4	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

The first peal of Major on the bells. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

TOM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 6
WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 3	*THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 7
*HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	†LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 150th peal together. † 100th peal. Rung for Empire Day.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. ROMSEY ... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 3	THOS. H. CHAPPELL ... .. 7
*JOHN FORD ... .. 4	JAMES G. ROMSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. ROMSEY.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. A birthday compliment to Frederick J. Smith, of Ipswich (formerly of Leiston).

WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

W. H. HUMBERSTONE ... .. Treble	RICHARD F. ROE ... .. 5
EDWIN LLOYD ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. 6
KENNETH A. ROE ... .. 3	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 7
HERBERT W. PERKINS ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. Treble	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 5
JACK BAILEY ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 6
*FREDERICK G. FRETWELL ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... .. 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First eight-bell peal. Mr. Darby hails from Beddington, Surrey. Rung on the eve of Empire Day and in honour of the Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, M.A., Rector of Overseal, being made Canon of Derby Cathedral.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*JAMES CARROT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 5
JOHN W. CORNFORD ... .. 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 3	*JOHN BLAY ... .. 7
*JOHN V. CROSS ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Surprise. Rung to mark the anniversary of the long peal of Bristol (15,264), rung in 1912. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. L. Ayre.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... .. 5
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... .. 6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILFRED BOOTH ... .. Treble	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 5
ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... .. 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... .. 4	ALBERT HOAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

Messrs. A. Edwards' and F. J. Lambert's 75th peal together.

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THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Treble	MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 5
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... 2	*JAMES W. RAITHEY ... 6
EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... 7
*CLIFFORD A. VRSSEY ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells, for the association and by all except the conductor.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... Treble	*FRANK BRADLEY ... 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 2	*EDWARD FOSTER ... 6
*WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 3	*RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
*FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

\* First peal of Little Bob Major. Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	CECIL RADDOON ... 5
WILFRID J. MOSS ... 2	STANLEY N. HARRISON ... 6
HAROLD JONES ... 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 7
*THOMAS HAIGHTON ... 4	NORMAN HEAPS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the wedding anniversary of the sixth ringers.

SIX BELL PEALS.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*ERIC ALLISON ... Tenor	†JOHN CHURCH ... 4
FRANCIS BEAUMONT ... 2	†PERCY TOMPKINS ... 5
HERBERT SHERMAN ... 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.

JAMES BARBER ... Treble	GEORGE FILEY ... 4
LEWIS J. BATLEY ... 2	DAVID CRACKNELL ... 5
*GEORGE HOWARD ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal in five methods. First peal in five methods on the bells.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

DENNIS G. HOOKER ... Treble	FREDERICK WANSTALL ... 4
WALTER SHERWOOD ... 2	ERNEST J. WANSTALL ... 5
CHARLES SACREE ... 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

Rung to celebrate the 78th birthday of Mr. J. Wanstall and to mark his retirement after 33 years' service as people's warden. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. G. Hooker, who entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hubert,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

LIONEL H. PINK ... Treble	*WILLIAM M. LIGHT ... 4
J. IVON DAVIS ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 3	*HENRY W. SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung in celebration of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Salisbury.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents with different callings.

SYDNEY BAILLESS ... Treble	FRANK BAILLESS ... 4
JOHN H. BAILLESS ... 2	GEORGE A. CHARLTON ... 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 3	C. HENRY WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

Rung to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

CECIL VERREY ... Treble	A. RAYMOND TOMES ... 4
*WILLIAM H. BALL ... 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 5
†WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... 3	JAMES WM. ATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

FREDERICK RIX ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4
*SIDNEY FLINT ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
GEORGE A. COOKE ... 3	ROBERT LINGWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.' George A. Cooke has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

KENNETH NEWMAN ... Treble	JOHN FRANCIS ... 4
LEWIS BUSH ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... 3	FRED WIGMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

First peal in ten methods by all and for the Ely Association.



NORTHBOURNE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

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

Comprising seven different 720's, with all 5-6's at back stroke.  
Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

* EDWARD J. WALKER ... .. Treble	PERCY W. SMITH... .. 4
JACK WALTER ... .. 2	CHARLES TURNER... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TERRY ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal on six bells. The first peal of Plain Bob on the bells, the quickest peal on the bells, and the first peal since November 29th, 1913. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 25th peal as conductor.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

HARRY BOYCE ... .. Treble	* BENJAMIN WILLIAMS... .. 4
THOMAS R. HENSHER ... .. 2	ERNEST SITCH ... .. 5
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Canon Richard William Jones, B.A., who was inducted Rector of Neath before the peal. Mr. Hensher was on a visit from Finedon.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's of Bob Minor.

HORACE GILES ... .. Treble	* JOHN E. F. FREDRICK ... .. 4
CHARLES W. SMITH ... .. 2	MISS EVELYN STREL ... .. 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 3	CHARLES W. CLARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARK.

\* First peal of Minor.

WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being seven each of Woodbine, Double Oxford Bob, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

LAURIE NORFOLK ... .. Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 4
FRANCIS G. GLAVES ... .. 2	STANLEY G. SHIPP ... .. 5
HARRY SHARP ... .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Tenor

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

One extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... .. 4
MISS ADELIN A. STOKES ... 2	MOSES BILLINGS ... .. 5
WALTER TOMLINSON ... .. 3	JOHN WALDEN ... .. Tenor

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven spliced extents in 52 methods: (1) Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Norbury, Kingston, Oxford Treble Bob and Carisbrooke, Dunottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight; (2) Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, Primrose, Cambridge Surprise and Waltham, Burslem Delight; (3) Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight and Waterford, Berwyn Treble Bob; (4) Melandra, Castleton, Peveril, Beeston and Leasowe Delight; (5) Crowland, Canterbury, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (6) Marple, Newdigate, Taxal, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight; (7) Braintree, Charlwood, Humber, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight.  
Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON... .. 4
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal. There were 112 changes of method. Rung on the occasion of the diamond jubilee of the church becoming a separate parish.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven extents in 32 methods, viz.: (1) Handley, Milton, Alledale, Westminster; (2) Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Annable's London, Netherseale; (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham, Berwick; (4) Chester, Newcastle, Alwicks, Munden; (5) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre; (6) London, Wells, Onneastre; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne.  
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY GIBHARD ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2	* CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
WILLIAM H. WALDREN ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* 100th peal. First peal in 32 methods for all. First peal in 32 Surprise methods for the Guild and in the county. A birthday peal for the tenor ringer.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

* FRED WELLS ... .. Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 4
† JACK GIDDINGS ... .. 2	FRANK A. PENN ... .. 5
PERCIVAL HARDING ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

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

RINTFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob (Treble Bob and Plain rung alternately and each called differently).  
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN E. TAYLOR... .. Treble	† M. JOE DARVILL ... .. 4
* MISS JOAN A. BLACKMAN ... 2	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE... .. 5
ALFRED J. RANCE ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal away from treble. † First peal. Rung for eve of Empire Day.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Empire Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Hunt 1, W. H. Wood 2, R. Mackrill 3, W. E. Judd 4, H. G. Miles 5, C. H. Dobbie 6, P. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, May 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
At 8, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 9 in G.

\*M. B. SEAW (Peterhouse) ...1-2 | REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn) ...5-6  
E. M. ATKINS (St. Catharines) 3-4 | REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 7-8  
Arranged and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal.

**FOR BEGINNERS.**

ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES.

Another interesting Triples method is St. Clement's Bob. Like Oxford, which we described last week, it comes from the Minor, with an additional bell in the hunt.

It is always as well to understand something about the construction of a method you want to ring; it gives you a better insight into the ringing of it. In St. Clement's a pair of bells dodge on the front from the time the treble and other hunt bell leave until they return; just as in Oxford you have one pair dodging at the back all the time the hunt bells are away.

To correspond with this dodging—we hesitate to say whether it is cause or effect, and someone would be bound to disagree with us whichever way we put it—three bells (all in natural coursing order, and that is a tip worth knowing by the conductor) make 3rd's and hunt straight back. The whole of the work of the five bells not concerned in the dodging on the front is plain hunting.

The bells start exactly as in Grandsire, with 3rd's place and the bells above dodging. Then the bell that made 3rd's place and the bell that dodged in 4-5 down come together on the front for the three pull dodge, and if the other bells remember that as long as the treble is above them they have to make 3rd's and go back, there is nothing else much to bother about.

The bell that does the three-pull dodge down, on the front, makes 3rd's place when next the treble leads and returns to the front to have the three-pull dodge up. The work of the method can be summed up thus:—

Treble turns you from behind, make 3rd's.

Pass treble 3-4, dodge 6-7 (up), make 3rd's.

Pass treble 4-5, dodge 7-6 (down), make 3rd's.

Pass treble 5-6, dodge 5-4 (down), three-pull dodge down on the front.

Pass treble in 1-2, make 3rd's, and lead, three-pull dodge up on the front.

Pass treble 2-3, dodge 4-5 up, treble then turns you from behind. This is the actual order in which the work occurs in the plain course, in which, of course, the 2nd is in the hunt with the treble.

The bobs are made as in Grandsire, by an extra 3rd's place to change the bell in the hunt. The bell coming out of the hunt double dodges in 5-4 (down), and the other bells also have a double dodge instead of a single one, one dodging place sooner, and taking up the rest of the work in a slightly different order, which it will be worth your while to figure out.

One thing should be noticed and that is that the bells instead of being thrown forward a lead, as in Grandsire and having part of the work cut out, the bells above 4th's in St. Clement's are thrown back and do one lead over again. A bob at the first lead end actually produces 1342567.

If you are looking for a touch for practice you can get a 294, by calling R. (first lead, which brings you immediately to the course end 342567), W., which comes at the second lead in the next course, and Before, which follows two leads later when the 7th is going to make 3rd's from the front. This calling has to be twice repeated. You can get a touch twice the length by calling R. twice, W.B. twice and repeating the whole twice.

As a matter of history we may conclude by recalling that the first peal was rung at Chester in 1911, but very few have been rung since.

**SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR.**

NEW PEAL BY MR. E. C. S. TURNER.

A simplified composition of Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major has been composed by that talented young man, Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner. It is a ten-part peal of 5,056 changes.

23456 M W

35642 — 2

42356 2 —

53624 — —

26435 — —

34582 — —

Nine times repeated, omitting the last two courses and the bob at W in the third course of the fifth and tenth parts.

Each course consists of London, Cambridge or Superlative, London, with leads of Bristol inserted where more than one bob is called at M or W in any course.

**SPliced MINOR.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read your leading article of May 15th, I would point out that the merits of a peal of Spliced Minor cannot be judged by the number of times the methods are changed. There are pairs of Plain methods spliced on the same plan as pairs of Surprise methods; so, of course, in the Plain methods we get twice the number of changes of methods; also, there are four methods (Surprise) spliced in a 720 with 24 changes of method. Two more methods can be added to these in the 720, with half the number of changes of method. There are a few pairs that can be changed at every lead, but no one will say that this is more difficult than to ring six methods in a 720.

H. M. DAY.

Market Deeping.

**SPliced PEALS RESOLUTIONS.**

Dear Sir,—While in sympathy with Mr. Coles' desire to separate types of so-called 'spliced peals,' my opinion—which really is neither here nor there—inclines to a very broad division. I know that facing two pieces of wood, with glue, is not the same thing as splicing a rope; and that four quarter-peals joined end to end is not the same thing as intertwining the methods. Beyond this I consider it dangerous to go, but am prepared to state that the inclusion of one lone lead would satisfy me that the method had been 'spliced,' provided that the lead was *plained*.

My small son knows that milk is not beer; he may have heard of ale and stout. By experience he will gain knowledge of the various grades in these divisions. With such knowledge he will not need guidance, and until then *he does not particularly care!* Peals of such outstanding merit as the 'Pye' 12-method, the 'Cashmore' handbell, the 'Relfe' 32-method, and others, require no labels for those who can, and do, appreciate what has been done.

I follow the argument, for and against, with interest; but I do object to what may be described as 'fiddling.' Mr. Trollope says that they claimed that the band as a whole had rung the whole of the methods in the twelve Spliced Surprise peal. This is untrue and cannot be claimed with justice, as I suspect Mr. Trollope knows full well.

I have a method (I won't trouble you with figures!) called 'Muddlessex' Surprise Major, of which I am the proud author. It causes a bell to lie four blows behind, and Mr. Trollope knows that he is entirely unable to prove that this method, with fourth-place bobs, was *not* included in that splendid performance!

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

Hornchurch.

**MR. HUNT REPLIES.**

Dear Sir,—In the last issue of 'The Ringing World' Mr. Coles says he has done nothing except what concerns his resolution. Readers who have followed all his statements on this subject will be able to judge who is right, he or yours truly? I note all that he and Mr. Trollope say, and neither of them can tell me anything fresh about the compositions that they have rung. I say once more the most perfect spliced peal of Major ever rung is Mr. J. W. Parker's Superlative and Cambridge, 2,528 changes of each method. The Rev. Law James' peal I do not object to, but it could be and will be improved on. Its imperfection is the Bristol. It is well known in London that a ringer rang the tenor to the peal and could not ring Bristol, so he looked up the two leads he had to ring. And to this day I do not think he has rung a peal of it.

The Minor men about the country have set an excellent example for any who wish to follow as to how peals should be spliced. They do not ring 1,000 changes of one method and 120 changes of another in their peals. The Staines peal is on the lines that should be followed, an equal number of changes in each method, or near about. And the method can be changed as often as you like. Both Mr. Trollope and Mr. Coles have sneered at me for suggesting that all the method should be rung in a peal. It has come to my knowledge that a four-method Surprise Major composition has been composed in which all the bells do all the work in each method. It only shows what can be done. And whether two methods or 40, it is both spliced; nothing combined, please, but Super Spliced if you like. If Mr. Coles and his friends had drawn up a resolution abolishing the rule that all methods should have Plain Bob lead ends and that leads of methods need not reverse true, it would have been something for the advancement of ringing and have been a credit to them.

JAMES HUNT.

Taunton.

**PEAL BOARD DEDICATED.**

On Saturday, May 16th, a peal board was dedicated at Hathern, Leicestershire, recording the first peal of Bob Minor by two Hathern ringers and the first complete peal to be rung by two local ringers at this church. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. Hoole), and ringers came from various towers, including Loughborough, Derby, Anstey, Kingston and Shepshed.

Two years ago the two trebles of the old five were recast and a new treble added at the expense of the Barron Bell Trust.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****RECORD MEETING AT DISS.**

The largest gathering at a Norwich Association branch meeting for many years was seen at Diss on May 16th on the occasion of a general meeting of the South Norfolk Branch. Ringers attended from Alburgh, Dickleburgh, Dersingham, Garboldisham, Hethersett, Newmarket, Norwich, North Walsham, Palgrave, Pulham, Redenhall, Shelfanger, Swaffham, Terrington St. John, Winfarthing, Wroxham, Wymondham and the local band. The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

A shortened form of evening service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Leonard Holt-Wilson), who based his address on Numbers x. 1-10.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall and the business meeting followed. The chairman (Mr. W. L. Duffield) was supported by Mr. N. Golden (branch secretary), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Messrs. E. G. Bennett, A. G. Harrison, R. Riches, C. J. More and E. Whiting (members of the committee), the Rev. L. Holt-Wilson (Rector of Diss), the Rev. C. H. Barber (Rector of Winfarthing), Capt. H. W. Ager (Church Army), Mr. C. C. Day, Mus. Bac. (organist), Messrs. G. J. Moss and A. T. Johnson (churchwardens), Mr. H. W. Harrison (clerk) and representatives from Alburgh, Dickleburgh, Palgrave, Pulham, Redenhall, Garboldisham, Shelfanger, Winfarthing and the local band.

It was hoped that a joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild could be arranged some time in July.

A number of new members were elected, including a company of seven from Brockdish.

It was solved to draw up a form of service to be used at the association's meetings. The Rev. L. Holt-Wilson was thanked for conducting the service and allowing the bells to be used, while Mr. C. C. Day was also accorded a vote of thanks for his services at the organ.

**RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.**

On Tuesday, May 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Berwick St. John, Wilts, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. W. Foot: W. Foot 1, F. Burt 2, E. Coward (conductor) 3, R. Foot 4, W. Roberts 5, J. Kiddle 6.

The Rector (the Rev. A. B. Poole), Sir Henry and Lady Crofton and their daughter came to the tower and offered their congratulations to Mr. Foot, afterwards remaining in the belfry during the quarter-peal.

Mr. Foot has been a ringer and a member of the choir at the same church for 65 years. He was present at the first meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

**LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.**

12345678  
21354768  
12537486  
21357846

23158764  
32517846  
23157486  
32514768

23541678  
25346187  
52431678  
54236187

45326817  
43528671  
34256817  
32458671

23548761  
25347816  
52438761  
54237816

45327186  
43521768  
34257186  
32451768

23415678  
32146587  
23416857  
32148675

31246857  
13426587  
31245678  
13254768

13527486

Bob 12357486

5,088

BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456 B 5/4 M H

25463	—	—
34625	x	—
25634	x	—
46325	x	—
53246	x	—
34562	—	—
62534	x	—
56234	—	—
42356	x	—

Repeat twice.

The first peal was rung at Wigston on May 23rd, 1936.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Some misunderstanding seems to have occurred with regard to the use of the bells of St. Magnus', London Bridge, to-morrow, by visitors to the Metropolis for the Central Council meeting. A peal attempt at 4.30 p.m. had previously been sanctioned, so that, if it is successful, it is unlikely to finish much before 8 o'clock. If it is unsuccessful, of course, the bells will be available to other visitors, but we make this announcement to save disappointment to any who may be thinking of going to this church on Saturday evening.

The heavy ring of five at Leamington Hastings Church, Warwickshire, is being rehung with new fittings in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are strengthening the frame and repairing the fittings at St. Michael's Church, Gloucester. This church was the home of the St. Michael's Juniors, made famous by the brothers James, and the band, including Mr. John Austin, which they got around them in the now rather distant years towards the end of last century.

## THE CHANDLER FOUNDRY.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The interesting account of the Chandler Foundry in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' reminds me that four of the five bells in the tower of St. Paul's, Walden, Church, near Hitchin, bear the inscription, 'Chandler made me, 1655.'

The fourth bell was recast by Briant in 1812, and is a full semi-tone too sharp, the local explanation being that a bell from the neighbouring tower of Knebworth was recast at the same time, and they were exchanged on replacement.

A. GILLINGS.  
Bolney, Sussex.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

**Committee Reports.**

The following are among the reports to be presented at the meeting of the Central Council next Tuesday—:

### PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

Peals in the methods authorised, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rutland and Spliced Surprise, have been collected, typed and copies without the composers' names attached have been sent to each member of the committee for selection.

These selections are gradually coming in, and the book is beginning to take shape.

Mr. J. A. Trollope's article on Variations has been rewritten by that gentleman, and is now on sale.

### METHODS COMMITTEE.

During the past year a new edition of the Collection of Minor and Doubles Methods has been prepared and handed to the hon. secretary for publication in accordance with the resolution of the Council.

By rearranging the methods and compositions and by omitting matter which has ceased to be of any great importance since the last edition was issued, it has been possible to reduce the size of the book and consequently the cost, and at the same time to find room for a larger number of 720's of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and a selection of 720's in spliced methods.

A book on the Surprise Major methods has also been prepared and handed to the hon. secretary. It gives 237 methods, 98 peal compositions, an explanation of proof, etc., and a short historical sketch of Surprise ringing. We believe that there is a demand in the Exercise for such a book and that it will find a ready sale.

## MR. G. F. WOODHOUSE'S RINGING MACHINES.

**WILL NOW RING SPLICED METHODS.**

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has effected modifications in some of his ringing machines. In Nos. 2 and 4 the screw-in-pegs have been replaced by 'throw over' pegs and the bob keys altered in accordance with suggestions from Mr. A. G. Driver. In No. 5 (now with Mr. Driver at Belvedere), a sliding panel with 'drop in' pegs takes the place of the barrel. In all machines it is possible to splice methods, either by using the bob keys or changing the pegs while the machine is running. I have rung all the spliced 720's published by Mr. A. G. Driver in 'The Ringing World' some time ago. The machines will, therefore, ring, draw diagrams, splice and type out the changes. Nos. 1 and 3 have been scrapped.

## BERKSHIRE RINGERS VISIT LAVENHAM.

On Sunday, May 24th, a long talked of visit was made to old-world Lavenham by a few Berkshire ringers. Through the kindness of Mr. S. H. Symonds and his band, several local men were in the tower when the visitors arrived, and 'Go, Stedman Triples,' was called at 10 a.m., the bells coming home at 10.50 after a fine quarter-peal by A. D. Cullum 1, Miss S. Davis 2, W. Andrews 3, W. Jarvis 4, E. J. Taylor 5, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 6, L. Pryke 7, W. Hibbert 8.

The visitors will ever remember their visit to this fine old town, neither will they forget their welcome and the kindness shown them. The church and the bells, the morning service and the Swan, brave old bird, upwards of 400 years old, will remain a happy memory.



## ANOTHER RECORD IN MINOR SPLICING.

## PEAL IN 52 METHODS.

Yet another wonderful Minor performance has to be recorded this week. In our last issue we reported the setting up of a new record at Algarkirk, Lincs, by the ringing of 48 methods in seven true 720's. Last Saturday, at Marple, members of the Chester Diocesan Guild rang a peal in which no fewer than 52 methods were incorporated. It is, of course, the greatest achievement in splicing that has yet been accomplished, and the ringers will be warmly congratulated upon the performance.

The methods used in the various extents will be found in the record of the peal. Five of the 720's were the same as those used in the 46-method peal rung at Buxton on January 18th, but we give below the two fresh extents (Nos. 2 and 3) which were introduced to add to the number of methods.

Extents Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in the peal were arranged by Mr. K. Lewis, from Mr. A. G. Driver's tables, and the remainder were from Mr. Driver's 42-method peal, except that in No. 4 the three-lead splice was omitted.

No. 2.		No. 3.	
Extent in eight methods, viz.:		Extent in eight methods, viz.:	
Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, Cambridge, Primrose Surprise, and Waltham, Burslem Delight.		Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight, and Waterford, Berwyn Treble Bob.	
23456	No. 31 Surfleet S.	23456	No. 8 Berkeley D.
35642	No. 31 Surfleet S.	35642	No. 8 Berkeley D.
42563	No. 30 Hexham S.	42563	No. 7 Kentish D.
26435	No. 22 Waltham D. (4)	26435	No. 16 Waterford T.B.
63254	No. 31 Surfleet S.	63254	No. 8 Berkeley D.
54326	No. 39 Cambridge S.	54326	No. 14 Barham D.
42635	No. 31 Surfleet S.	42635	No. 8 Berkeley D.
35264	No. 30 Hexham S.	35264	No. 7 Kentish D.
56342	No. 22 Waltham D. (4)	56342	No. 16 Waterford T.B.
64235	No. 38 Primrose S.	64235	No. 13 Oswald D.
43652	No. 30 Hexham S.	43652	No. 7 Kentish D.
35426	No. 30 Hexham S.	35426	No. 7 Kentish D.
52364	No. 30 Hexham S.	52364	No. 7 Kentish D.
26543	No. 22 Waltham D. (4)	26543	No. 16 Waterford T.B.
64352	No. 38 Primrose S.	64352	No. 13 Oswald D.
45623	No. 34 Berwick S.	45623	No. 9 Edinburgh D.
52436	No. 34 Berwick S.	52436	No. 9 Edinburgh D.
23564	No. 34 Berwick S.	23564	No. 9 Edinburgh D.
36245	No. 22 Waltham D. (4)	36245	No. 16 Waterford T.B.
64523	No. 38 Primrose S.	64523	No. 13 Oswald D.
42356	No. 35 Beverley S.	42356	No. 10 Pembroke D.
56234	No. 23 Burslem D. (4)	56234	No. 17 Berwyn T.B.
34625	No. 39 Cambridge S.	34625	No. 14 Barham D.
25463	No. 35 Beverley S.	25463	No. 10 Pembroke D.
63542	No. 35 Beverley S.	63542	No. 10 Pembroke D.
34256	No. 39 Cambridge S.	34256	No. 14 Barham D.
56423	No. 23 Burslem D. (4)	56423	No. 17 Berwyn T.B.
23645	No. 35 Beverley S.	23645	No. 10 Pembroke D.
45362	No. 35 Beverley S.	45362	No. 10 Pembroke D.
62534	No. 35 Beverley S.	62534	No. 10 Pembroke D.
23456	No. 35 Beverley S.	23456	No. 10 Pembroke D.

S.—Surprise.  
D. (4)—4th's Place Delight.

T.B.—Treble Bob.  
D.—3rd's Place Delight.

Altogether, there were in the peal 112 changes of method. The bells at Marple are hung in the tower of the old church, which is not now used for services. The services are held in the new church, which stands next to it.

The bells themselves were cast in 1731 by A. Rudhall and originally hung in the old Parish Church, Stockport. When this church was rebuilt the bells were sold to Marple. Messrs. Taylor and Co. recently rehung the bells, which were reopened early this year.

Incidentally, it may be mentioned that we also record this week a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in no fewer than 32 methods (arranged by Mr. A. G. Driver) at Folkingham, Lincs.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, when between 30 and 40 met from various towers. The bells were rung up at 3 p.m. and kept going in various methods until 4.30, when a short service with an address was held in the schools (the church is being cleaned and is closed for several weeks), conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Lee. After tea at the Co-op. Assembly Rooms the vice-president proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, ringers and organist for the arrangements.

A letter of sympathy was read from the president of the Yorkshire Association on the loss of the association's president, and the company stood in silence in remembrance of one who has been their leader for so many years.

After a smoke and a chat, the tower was again visited and the bells kept going until cars, buses and trains separated the company with hopes of meeting again at Kendal in September.

## THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

## DEDICATION CEREMONY TO-MORROW.

To-morrow's ceremony at Leytonstone sees the completion of the scheme for providing a memorial to William Pye, one of the greatest ringers of all time.



The Late Mr. William Pye.

The efforts of the Middlesex County Association, of which Mr. Pye was Master, and the Essex Association, in whose area he lived and for which he did so much in helping to raise the standard of ringing, have carried through their efforts in a highly successful manner.

The principal part of the memorial, as our readers are aware, consists of the addition of two trebles to the present six at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, and a suitable tablet in the tower.

The new bells are to be dedicated at a service to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Bishop of Barking, who will receive them from the president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis), and Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association) will unveil the tablet. A large and representative gathering of ringers is expected.

## EIGHTH LIST OF DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Amounts previously acknowledged	187	16	0
The Surrey Association	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal	10	0	0
Mr. F. J. Reeve	1	6	0
Mr. Albert Walker	5	0	0
Mr. F. W. Perrens	5	0	0
Mr. A. J. Pitman	5	0	0
The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	2	0	0
Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths	2	0	0
The Ely Diocesan Association	1	1	0
Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.	2	6	0
Mr. W. H. Hewett	5	0	0
Mr. George Martin	5	0	0
The Lincoln Diocesan Guild	2	5	0
Mr. E. E. Holman	2	0	0
The Hertford County Association	1	1	0
The Guildford Diocesan Guild	2	2	0
Mr. Horace Day	2	6	0
Mrs. R. J. Wilkins	2	6	0
The Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch)	2	2	0
St. Michael's, Fobbing, Ringers	12	0	0
Mr. W. Dudley (Pittlewell)	5	0	0
The Worcestershire and Districts Association	1	1	0
St. Mary's, Leyton, Ringers	5	0	0
Canon Brown and Churchwardens, St. John's, Leytonstone	2	2	0
Mr. H. T. Wilson (Pittlewell)	5	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£238</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

Acknowledged with sincere thanks,

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Hon. Treasurer.

C. T. COLES, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

E. J. BUTLER, 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

Hon. Secretaries.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, May 16th, at the Church of St. John-at-Hackney.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and various methods rung. A short service was conducted by the curate. At the outset of his address he said that he had been told not to speak longer than two minutes. He would do his best to comply with that request, difficult though it was to convey any message in so short a time.

However, it was agreed by the members that both objects were achieved, with happy results.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, at which it was decided to visit St. Mary's, Woodford, for the July meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the curate for the service, and to Mr. Frank Start, of the local band, for making the arrangements, was carried with acclamation.

Further ringing then took place until 9 p.m., the usual variety of methods, from Grandsire Triples to London Major, being rung.

## ANOTHER COUNCIL PUBLICATION.

### NEW BOOK ON 'VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.'

Another addition to the Central Council publications is now on sale. It is a book on 'Variations and Transposition'—a revised collection of a series of articles, which were specially written for 'The Ringing World' by Mr. J. A. Trollope a few years ago.

Many readers will remember that there have, from time to time, been suggestions made for the setting up of a register of compositions, so that an author could, by including his work in such a register, definitely establish his claim to it.

The successful building up of this proposed register was eventually shown to be such a formidable task as to be almost, if not quite, impossible, and by no means the least of the difficulties was that of deciding what was and what was not an original composition.

As a matter of fact, two sets of totally dissimilar figures may be two versions of the same composition; and two sets of figures, exactly alike, apparently, can be different compositions. That is the point to which Mr. Trollope's articles lead us; with this further difficulty in deciding authorship, that, given certain mathematical conditions, there are types of composition which, as it were, produce themselves.

Who, then, is to decide what is original and what is not, and who could be found to search a register so complicated to ascertain an author's right to his productions? That was the great snag to attempting the task suggested.

The whole business of composition has got far beyond the generally accepted conditions of fifty years ago, and there are much subtler points to be taken into account than whether, say, A's peal of Bob Major is the same as B's, with calls at Wrong substituted for calls at Home.

All these matters and a great many more of deep interest, not only to composers and would-be composers, but to anyone who takes an intelligent interest in the art, are discussed in 'Variations and Transposition,' in which the subject is dealt with lucidly and without any more technicalities than are absolutely necessary. It is written, indeed, in a way that makes the subject understood, with a minimum of mental exertion.

The book can be obtained, post free, for 1s. from the Central Council Librarian.

### GUILDFORD GUILD AT WITLEY.

Surrey in May has a peculiar fascination, and members and visitors of the Guildford District who assembled at Witley on Saturday enjoyed themselves thoroughly. They came from a wide area. A doctor who learnt to ring at Cranleigh added a Dorset tower to the list in the visitors' book. Portsmouth was well represented, and friends from the Croydon area swelled the party. Local ringers, however, were put to shame by a lady member of the Middlesex Association, who hiked from Guildford without even a companion to tell her fairy stories on the way.

The afternoon and evening was spent according to 'Cocker.' Many found the circle at Witley difficult to manage with the swinging pendulum of the clock occupying the centre of the ringing chamber, but there were enough experts present to ring a good service touch of Stedman and in the evening to indulge their fancy in Superlative.

There were other things, however, to make the visit memorable. The sumptuous tea in the new Village Hall, the cricket match on the Green, the handbell ringing in the bar parlour of the White Hart and the cordiality of the welcome extended by the Vicar (the Rev. P. G. Holden) cannot be lightly passed over.

The Guild service in the beautiful church and the helpful words of the Vicar were greatly appreciated. He left one conundrum with his hearers. Who would you prefer in the belfry? A good ringer who was a bad man or a medium ringer who was a good man?

By the way, Witley have something to remember the district's visit. At the tea table a presentation was made by Mr. George Grover to Gordon Wootton—a collecting box of the Guild Benevolent Fund. Already the box has sufficient inside to jingle.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The May meeting was brought forward one week in order to keep clear of Whitsuntide, and was held at Guiseley on Saturday. Members rang touches ranging from Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob to Surprise methods. Ringers were present from Armley, Batley, Brighouse, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Holbeck, Ilkley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Selby, Shipley, Sherburn and Rothwell.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president being in the chair.

Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. M. Robson, J. Cloughton, J. Arncliffe and D. Lobley, of the Guiseley company.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior and seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

The tower for the next meeting is Burley, and, subject to approval, the meeting will be held on Saturday, June 20th, in order to keep clear of the Western Division, Yorkshire Association, meeting, fixed for June 27th.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### RULES TO BE RECONSIDERED.

A very pleasant general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Thirsk on Saturday, May 16th, by the kind invitation of the Vicar and the local company, when about 40 members attended and thoroughly enjoyed their visit to this old market town and its interesting church. The bells, which are a very pleasant and handy ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.), were kept going in a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening, but perhaps the most satisfactory point about the meeting was the large number of towers which were represented, as will be shown by the following list, and the long distances which many of those present had travelled. The towers represented were as follows: York Minster, Bradford Cathedral, Sheffield Cathedral, Selby Abbey, Ripon Cathedral, Holy Trinity, Hull; St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley; Aysgarth; St. Marie's, Sheffield; Sherburn-in-Elmet; Thirsk; All Saints' and St. Giles', Pontefract; Christ Church, Armley; Birstwith; Thornaby; Stillington and Pudsey. An excellent tea was provided at the White Lion Hotel, where also were held the committee and general meetings.

The president (Canon C. C. Marshall) was in the chair, and he was supported by the treasurer, the peal secretary, Mr. G. Lewis, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. F. Cryer and other members of the committee.

After the Vicar and the local company had been very sincerely thanked for their invitation and kind welcome, Mr. Stott replied for the local company and apologised for the absence of the Vicar owing to illness in his family.

The President then reported that he had heard from the general secretary (Mr. J. E. Cawser) that he was sorry that he could not be present, and saying that he thought that he ought to resign his office, as owing to pressure of work he was unable to attend to his duties as he felt that he ought. The committee had instructed him to write to Mr. Cawser and ask him to continue in office until the term for which he was elected was completed, when the matter could be again considered.

It was decided to hold the next meeting, on the third Saturday in September, at Escrick, if permission could be obtained, and, failing that, at Heptonstall.

The President also reported that a sub-committee, consisting of the president, the general secretary and treasurer, the peal secretary and Mr. P. J. Johnson, had been appointed to go into the matter of the revision of the rules, and that members were invited to send in any suggestions which they might have.

At the meeting of the General Committee, a resolution of very sincere sympathy was passed in connection with the death of Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, and the president was asked to convey to the Lancashire Association and to the relatives of Canon Elsee their sense of loss which the whole Exercise had sustained by his death and their sincere sympathy.

A most enjoyable day was concluded by more ringing at the Parish Church, and by a run to the last train (by some!) in the evening.

### WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The beautiful weather brought an excellent number of ringers and friends to Brinklow for a meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held there on Saturday, May 16th.

Brinklow is an interesting village, for it is situated on the Roman Fosseway, which passes close to the church. Behind the church is a hill which several of the more energetic members climbed, and from the top of which a good view may be obtained of the country around. An old British camp was situated at this spot and this hill, or tumulus, was used by the Romans for defensive purposes.

During the afternoon a variety of methods were rung on the musical ring of six bells. Tea was taken in the Church Rooms, to which about thirty ringers sat down, representing Stoke, Nuneaton, Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Bulkington, Lillington, Monk's Kirby, Bedworth and the local band.

After tea a return was made to the belfry and the bells were kept going until about 8 p.m. The methods rung during the day included Leudon and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor, St. Simon's, Stedman, April Day and Grandsire Doubles.

### ASCENSION DAY RINGING.

At St. Augustine's, Kilburn, for evensong on Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 minutes: E. M. Atkins (conductor) 1, Miss B. Hart 2, A. Bone (first quarter-peal) 3, Miss B. Shelvey 4, S. Pacey 5, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard 6, C. Nichols 7, H. A. Box (first quarter-peal) 8.

At St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, for Ascension Day service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Casswell 1, K. Makin (first 'inside') 2, L. Parkin 3, J. Cottam 4, J. J. L. Gilbert 5, N. Chaddock (conductor) 6.

At St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, Middlesex, for the Ascension Day evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. H. Gutteridge 1, P. E. Jones 2, Miss E. F. Bedford 3, R. W. Darvill 4, G. N. Blake 5, S. W. Childs (first quarter of Stedman 'inside') 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8.

At Hitchin, Herts, on Thursday, May 21st, for Ascension Day evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 minutes: D. C. Mears 1, L. Houghton 2, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh 3, T. R. Scott 4, A. E. Symonds 5, L. Bywaters (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, A. Winters (first quarter-peal) 8.

## AN OXFORD RINGER.

OF THE EARLY EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

'On Sunday morning last was found dead in his bed, Mr. Thomas Flaxon, of St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford. He was abroad on Saturday last, and I think I met & spoke to him that day or the day before & he had that very day been ringing at Magd. College. He was a single man and turned of seventy years of age. He was a Taylour by Trade but very indifferent at that business, minding chiefly ringing at wch. he was most excellent being deservedly looked upon as one of the best Ringers in the World. He was a very honest, innocent, harmless man, and one that might be trusted on any account. He was very well beloved but very poor. Some years since he was bit in one of his Legs by a large Dog wch. could never be cured. He was otherwise a very strong lusty man. He was buried last night in St. Peter's-in-the-East Church Yard, almost under Edmund Hall buttery, where his Brother (who died a few years since and had been also an excellent Ringer and was also a Taylor, tho' a Bungler & poor) had been buried before, at wch. time were rung two handsome Peals, one round ringing (as he was carrying to Church) the other Changes (after he was put in the Ground)."

What a perfect little picture this is! We can almost see the old man as he limped along the streets of Oxford two hundred years ago, tall and gaunt of body, shabby in dress, and not overclean in person. We can see his preoccupied air as he moves along till someone stops and speaks to him, and the grimy old face lightens up with the smile which shows that, be the outside what it may, the heart within was pure gold. He belonged to a class of man long since crushed out by modern social and economic conditions, who dared to live their lives according to an ideal and in defiance of economic laws, and were prepared to pay the price.

To a man who judges success in life by financial or social standards, he was an utter failure. To a man who holds with Dr. Samuel Smiles that a person's first duty is to be thrifty, industrious and capable, he was a moral wreck. The world has very little use for dreamers and bunglers, and if, in addition, they happen to be very poor they soon get broken. But there must have been many like Flaxon at Oxford in the 18th century, only in more fortunate circumstances.

If he had been born in a higher social class, or if he had had a patron in early life, so that he could have graduated at the University, and if he had had just sufficient learning to get a college fellowship, then he could have pursued his pet study or hobby for the rest of his life, not without the society of others likeminded with himself, or he could have retired to a college living to spend his days in a quiet and stagnant backwater. Fate ordained otherwise, and he had to live out his philosophy of life under conditions that most showed its weaknesses; but if someone had called him a failure, he would have been justified in pointing out that, while good tailors were many, there were very few men who could be classed among the best ringers in the world.

He was very poor, but he was innocent; and that, we are assured, will bring a man peace at the last. He was

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## 'CHASE' DOUBLES AND SOME OTHERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—'Chase,' or 'Chace' as it appears in the fifth edition of Monk's 'Campanalogia Improved,' is evidently a different method to the one rung under that name at the present time. 'Chase,' as we know it round here, is definitely Stedman Slow Course reversed.

Will the Editor publish the figures as they appear in 'Campanalogia Improved'?

P. AMOS.

'Chace' given in Monk's fifth edition of 'Campanalogia Improved,' is the following method of Doubles:—

12345

21354

23145

32415

34251

43521

45312

54132

51423

15432

14532

## CLEAR DEFINITION NEEDED.

Sir,—The letter by Mr. P. Amos was very interesting and raises a point of some importance to Doubles towers. He mentions 'Chace.' Is it not possible to call a plain lead of Chace a single, and with Grandsire Bob and Plain Leads obtain 16 six-scores? What is the correct name of the method? Surely Grandsire?

An alternative single is given in the C.C. Collection for Grandsire—but as part of the Grandsire method. If any of the other singles are used surely it is still Grandsire?

In the Minor Collection of Methods a very slight variation in work only seems to warrant a change of name, e.g., Double Oxford and Thelwall; London and Lytham; St. Clement's and Childwall; Frodsham and Windermere. In these pairs of methods the only change of work appears to be, e.g., in Double Oxford:—

24	24
42 at the lead becomes, in Thelwall,	24
24	42
42	42

The same variation can be made in Doubles in (9) New Bob, (12) Reading, (16) St. Simon's, and (24) St. Bartholomew. Does the variation become another method? If so, what is the correct name? They probably cease to be true Doubles, but appear to produce true six-scores, which seem capable of giving more interesting ringing than, say, 'Dream,' or any other of the varied Grandsire methods. Is not 'April Day' 'spliced' Plain Bob and Grandsire?

A clear definition of what really constitutes a new method—as regards name, that is—from some reliable authority would be interesting.

J. K. ARMSTRONG.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### CENTRAL BRANCH.

About 25 members met at Haddenham, Cambs, on Wednesday, May 20th, for the mid-week practice. Standard methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise were rung. A welcome visitor was Mr. A. E. Austin, who did so much for Surprise Minor ringing in the Ely Association in the years 1923 to 1929.

At Fordham a good muster gathered, nearly 40 attending during the day. Mr. J. W. Pickett had everything ready. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. B. Prior), and a welcome visitor was Mr. J. H. Shepherd, with his rule, as usual.

## SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Mayfield on Saturday, when members attended from Eastbourne, Heathfield, Brighton (the Good Shepherd), Hailsham, Uckfield, Tunbridge Wells, Rotherfield, and Mr. W. Pickworth, of Hastings, together with members of the local band. The Vicar, the Rev. T. B. Oliver, conducted the service and presided at the tea which followed. At the business meeting, the Master of the association, Mr. H. R. Butcher, occupied the chair.

Mr. A. C. Pankhurst proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the use of the bells.

The members then returned to the tower and the bells were kept going until 8.30.

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an indifferent tailor, but he was well beloved; and even at this distance of time we feel glad that his fellow-ringers gave him two handsome peals before and after he was put in the ground. They could have done no more if he had been the Vice-Chancellor, or, for that matter, King George himself.



### CLERICAL RINGING WEEK. HAPPY DAYS IN HEREFORDSHIRE.

This year's clerical ringing week was held, with headquarters at Hereford, from April 20th to 25th, and, as last year, was under the able management of the Rev. E. V. Cox, who, instead of having an accident before coming, as he did last year, succeeded, much to the regret of everyone, in getting tonsillitis, which prevented his arriving before Tuesday, and attacked him again on Friday. However, he is consoled by knowing that he gave us, as last year, a really delightful time, while his training in punctuality is beginning to bear fruit.

The party included the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell (Staverton), the Revs. E. G. Benson (Burghill), C. Carew Cox (Lyme Regis), E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke), F. L. Edwards (Kington Magna), R. P. Farrow (East Lulworth), E. Bankes James (Fareham), H. S. T. Richardson (Hereford), B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge), A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), W. M. K. Warren (Binegar), C. Elliot Wigg (High Wycombe), R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall), W. P. Wright (Eyam). The Rev. C. G. Littlehales (Allensmore) joined the party at times. Most of the visitors stayed at the Mitre Hotel, Hereford, but Mrs. Benson kindly offered some of us hospitality at her pretty new home at Burghill.

Eight of us started the work by meeting at Holme Lacy on Monday afternoon, where we soon got going on the fine old Rudhall eight (all dating from 1709, tenor 18 cwt.). Here we rang Stedman Triples and Bob Major and lowered in peal (we always attempted this as well as rising in peal when practicable). The others arrived at various times later. We had tea at the New Inn, where Mr. C. Edwards, Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, met us. He showed us a copy of 'Clavis Campanologia' by William James, 1788, with a fine title page, and signed by the donor, 'The Gift of Jno. Rudhall (Bell-founder) to the Gentlemen Ringers of Fownhope in Herefordshire, 1794'—a most interesting book. After tea we proceeded to St. Mary's, Fownhope, where we rang Cambridge, Kent and lowered in peal. The bells are a fine six (tenor 12 cwt.), rehung by Gillett and Johnston, 1933, on ball bearings, in a metal frame. The old oak frame still exists, several feet above its successor, and the interesting Norman central tower is crowned by a fine wooden spire. At 6.45 p.m. (prompt) we arrived at St. George's, Woolhope, where 'a parson raised Cain on the organ, while six parsons raised the bells in confusion.' Double Court and Bob Minor went better, encouraged by the presence of the Vicar, the Rev. O. Stallard. The tenor here, about 18 cwt., is reputed locally to be 'the finest bell in the West Countree' (!). After such an energetic start, on top of (for most) a long journey, dinner at the Mitre was naturally taken equally promptly. We had a nice little lounge all to ourselves, where we could ring handbells and talk; and even telephone. (What a telephone! You had to turn the handle first one way, then the other; then give the thing a good bang, wait five minutes, let someone else have a try; then the hotel porter would come and say, 'Have you managed to get through, sir?' We wish our local operator would sometimes appear in our own study like this, as we cannot throw eggs at him while he remains in the safety of his own exchange.)

#### CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURE?

On Tuesday we went for a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Burghill (tenor 10 cwt.). Previously there had been discussion as to under whose auspices peals should be rung. There didn't seem to be one association to which we all belonged. It seemed obvious that we ought to join the Hereford Guild, but only three were already members, so how could three elect the other five? The matter was solved by the three electing one more, then the four members elected the other four. Is this constitutional, or is it the way they do elections in Germany? Anyhow, it didn't matter for that day, as we didn't get the peal. It went well for 20 minutes, when the 3rd rope broke. As this is E. G. B.'s own tower, we nearly decided to tie him to one of the fine yew trees in his churchyard with his broken rope and leave him there. However, kinder counsels prevailed, and after some Kent and Double Norwich and lunch at the Mitre, we went on to Wellington, and rang London and Bob Minor on a very fine six (tenor about 19 cwt.), in a big tower, where there is an old Sanctus bell in the bell chamber.

Then we went on to Marden (St. Mary, originally St. Ethelbert, six bells), where we nearly froze in a draughty ringing chamber. Here we rang London and Cambridge Minor, and inspected the well in the church, where St. Ethelbert was buried, before his translation to Hereford Cathedral. We also listened to a long and ancient legend about how the Devil hid one of the bells in a field near the churchyard; a small handbell found near this place years ago proves the truth of the story. This was told us by the Vicar (the Rev. D. E. Rowlands). If you don't believe it, go and see the bell in Hereford Museum. There is also a small bell on the church floor and a sanctus bell above the chancel arch. After tea at the Volunteer Inn, we went to Sutton St. Nicholas (six bells), where we rang Kent and Cambridge. After dinner, we rang at St. Nicholas', Hereford (Cambridge, London, Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles). This is H. S. T.'s church, so naturally the Vicar of Burghill was somewhat consoled at seeing a rope break here, too. We noticed 'HarkaThrilling' and 'SunSinking-Fast' chalked up beside the chiming apparatus. We hope they keep the leads open better than this when they chime the tunes.

On Wednesday, six members went for a peal of Minor at Bredwardine (St. Andrew, tenor 7½ cwt.). They had no more success than the others, who went for Cambridge Major at St. Mary's, Clifford (tenor

12 cwt.). This was lost after 50 minutes' good ringing owing to a bob being missed. After some Double Norwich and Superlative, we all rejoined, and had lunch at the Wye Hotel, Hay. Snow was all around us in this district and on the mountains nearby. After lunch we went to the famous church of Abbey Dore. The nave of this building has gone, the choir and transept remain, owing to the generosity of John Scudamore, who restored them in 1633. He may have built the present tower, which contains six bells, by Rudhall, tenor 9 cwt. Here we rang Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford, Kent, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The next tower was Allensmore, where we found that E. G. B. had got left behind. However, we rang Bob Minor (tenor 11 cwt.), and went to dinner at the Mitre, where he turned up safely. Afterwards we rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Bob Major and Royal, on the grand ten at Hereford Cathedral (tenor 40 cwt.), and had a game of hide and seek round the beams in the ringing chamber.

On Thursday, we had another attempt for Cambridge Major at St. Peter's, Lugwardine. This went west after 50 minutes, and after some Little Bob and Stedman, the eight disappointed ones went on to Holmer (six, tenor 15 cwt.) to hear the last 720's of a peal of Bob Minor (the only peal rung on the tour). After lunch we went to Peterchurch, a fine church, mostly Norman, where we rang London and Plain Bob (six bells, tenor 10 cwt., all by Rudhall). At Madley (six bells) we rang St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent; then had tea with the Vicar (the Rev. G. V. Sumner). This is a grand church, like a small cathedral, with some lovely old glass and a fine crypt.

#### INTERESTING VISITS.

At Eaton Bishop we were met by the Rector (the Right Rev. Bishop Iliff), who showed us round, and afterwards we rang London, etc., on another Rudhall six (tenor 12 cwt.). Following dinner at the Mitre, we rang Bob Major, Kent, Cambridge and Stedman on the fine eight (tenor 18 cwt.) at All Saints', Hereford, and finished a pleasant evening with Grandsire Caters on the handbells.

We went for Bob Major again at Burghill on Friday. This went west after an hour, while at the same time an attempt for Minor at Allensmore produced nothing but two 720's of Cambridge and some Oxford. One or two spent the rest of the morning inspecting the very fine chain library at Hereford Cathedral. After lunch at the Swan Hotel, Ross, we much enjoyed Grandsire, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge on the very fine Rudhall eight (tenor 25 cwt.) at St. Mary's, Ross. This is a grand tower, with a spire 209ft. high, rebuilt in 1721 by John Kyrle, the 'Man of Ross,' who also gave the tenor. In the church are tombs to various members of the Rudhall family, connections of the bellfounders; also the famous 'living tree.'

Much Marcle (St. Mary) was the next tower visited; this is an interesting church with several fine tombs. The graceful central tower contains six bells (tenor 14 cwt.), on which we rang Cambridge, St. Clement's and Stedman. The next place visited, Ledbury, has a very fine church; its almost cathedral-like west front is Norman, with large additions of the decorated period; the nave has traces of its original Norman pillars, but was heightened at the same time as the west front was altered; the fine chancel still retains its Norman arches and clerestory windows. The finest feature of all is the lovely decorated chapel on the north side of the chancel. This is richly decorated with the 'Ball Flower' so much in use at the time it was built. The very grand tower and beautifully proportioned spire are quite detached from the church; the ringing chamber is very large, the ropes rather far apart, and there is a long draught of rope. We rang Kent and Stedman here (eight bells, tenor 24 cwt.).

After tea at Vincer's Cafe, we went to the last tower of the week, St. James', Colwall. On the eight here (tenor 11 cwt.) we rang Kent, Double Norwich and Stedman. There is an old Rudhall sanctus bell in the ringing chamber, inscribed 'God send peace, Amen, 1709.'

Although we have not succeeded in deluging the columns of 'The Ringing World' with peal records, yet we did have a most enjoyable week. This was, of course, to be expected, as last year proved to us what a delightful week the Rev. E. V. Cox could arrange. We do wish to thank him very much, also all the incumbents who allowed us the use of their bells; those, and their wives, who invited us to tea; all the steeplekeepers, foremen and ringers who helped us in various places; and the management of the Mitre Hotel, Hereford, who contributed to the success of the week by putting us up in comfort.

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**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—For evening service on May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Francis (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Tyler (conductor) 2, E. Brown (first in the method 'inside') 3, W. Morey 4, C. A. Barnes 5, F. Parsons 6, F. Cruttenden 7, G. Payne 8.

**SOUTH WIGSTON.**—At St. Thomas' Church, for morning service, on May 10th a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Kilby (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Patrick (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples) 2, J. Clarke 3, L. Willis 4, R. Jelly 5, G. Deacon 6, O. Marshall (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, F. Wilford 8. Rung as a compliment on the first birthday of Mr. G. Deacon's son.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.**—On Wednesday, April 15th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Price 1, F. Price 2, R. Chesters 3, W. P. Deane 4, W. J. Chester 5, T. Hurd (conductor) 6, A. Hickman 7, W. Weatherby 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 7.

**OVER THE COTSWOLDS.****NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RINGERS VISIT GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

Despite the cold weather, a most enjoyable excursion was held by the Irthlingborough ringers on Easter Monday. Starting just before 7 a.m. with wives and friends, Northamptonshire was soon left behind for Warwick. A most lovely view of Warwick Castle was obtained on crossing the River Avon. Evesham, the first stop for ringing, was reached after passing through Stratford-on-Avon. After an inspection of the two parish churches of Evesham, the Bell Tower was ascended, where Mr. Hemming, jun., had all in readiness for ringing. This fine peal of ten bells, with tenor 31 cwt., was very much enjoyed, and included in the ringing done was a plain course of Yorkshire Surprise Major. The bells in this tower serve both churches, which are only separated by the small churchyards and a footpath. Services are held in both at the same time, and it was pleasing to learn that each has very good congregations. Many pleasant hours could be spent in this lovely spot, but after an hour's ringing the visitors went on to Tewkesbury. The lovely Vale of Evesham was just showing the first signs of forthcoming blossoms, and a visit later, when all the acres of fruit trees are in bloom, must be glorious.

Tewkesbury Abbey proved another place where hours are needed for the full appreciation of its beauty. Here the party were met by Mr. Devereux, who led them to the massive tower, and after a good climb they found themselves in the belfry. While some were ringing others climbed to the top and enjoyed the view. Others, again, stayed below and enjoyed the wonders inside the Abbey. Rounds were rung on the peal of twelve, and the best change ringing that could be done was a good course of Bristol Surprise Major. The sound of the bells attracted a visitor from Chester, who left his friends and found others, ringing with them a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. After lunch the journey was continued to Cheltenham. At the Parish Church they found the veteran, Mr. W. T. Pates, waiting for them. Rounds were rung on the very handy ring of twelve with tenor of 22½ cwt., but after one course of Stedman Caters the visitors contented themselves with the back eight, finishing a good day with a course of London Surprise Major. The homeward journey was by way of Stow-on-Wold and Banbury, a most lovely ride with glimpses of tiny hamlets and winding streams.

Thanks are especially due to Mr. Hemming, of Evesham, Mr. Devereux, Tewkesbury, and Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, for their kindness, while the various church authorities' permission to ring was much appreciated. A. B.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**RAINFORD, LANCS.**—On Sunday evening, May 24th, for evening service on Empire Day, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Shaw (conductor) 1, J. Cowley 2, J. W. Hall 3, G. Saint 4, W. Bagley 5, S. Cadwallender 6.

**MARGATE.**—On Sunday, May 10th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band: R. Dadds 1, F. Gadsden (conductor) 2, E. Spickett (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, A. Dadds 4, J. Waghorn 5, J. Fifield 6, A. Saxby 7, R. Whybrow 8. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the founder of the company, Mr. Arthur Saxby.

**HATFIELD, HERTS.**—At St. Etheldreda's Church, on Sunday, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples before the afternoon service: J. T. Kentish (conductor) 1, L. Lawrence 2, D. Ellingham 3, S. V. Cull 4, H. Nobbs 5, A. R. Lawrence 6, A. Lawrence 7, L. Cull 8. Rung in commemoration of the jubilee of the local 'Excelsior' Lodge of Oddfellows.

**NOTICES.**

**THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.**—St. John-the-Baptist Church, Leytonstone.—The memorial bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday, May 30th, at 4 p.m. The bells will be available after tea, and arrangements will be made for all present to take part in the ringing. All ringers and their friends are invited.—C. T. Coles 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4; E. J. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Hon. Secs. to Memorial Committee.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The meeting arranged for St. Paul's, Walkden, for Saturday, May 23rd, has been postponed to May 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**ST. VEEP, NEAR LOSTWITHIEL, CORNWALL.**—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Truro on Saturday, the 30th inst., at 3 p.m. Ring of six bells re-hung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury on Saturday, May 30th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all.—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Malinslee, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available 3.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Tetsworth dedication of bells (6) will take place on Saturday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom, 9d. per person. Ringing after tea.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place on Saturday, May 30th, at St. Mary's, Balderstone. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Will towers please send a representative and so ensure the success of this meeting?—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Burwash to-morrow, Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**TUCKINGMILL, NEAR CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.**—On Whit Sunday, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Truro will dedicate the two new bells which have been installed by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, to augment the peal to a ring of eight.

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**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Founded 1886).—The Jubilee will be celebrated at Hereford on Whit Monday. Ringing at City towers during the day. 2 p.m. Business meeting at St. Peter's Church House. 4.15 p.m., choral evensong at Cathedral; preacher, the Bishop. 5.30 p.m., meat tea at the Town Hall, presided over by the Bishop, price 2s. 6d., but members who apply for tickets beforehand will pay only 1s.—Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit Monday, June 1st. Central Committee meet in the Parish Hall, Market Place, at 10.45 a.m. Service in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon, with address by Canon Smalley Law, D.D., Rector of Thorpe Malsor. Lunch at the George Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. The bells available are: Kettering (10) throughout the day, Rothwell (8), Burton Latimer (8), Weekley (6), and Barton Seagrave (5), after the meeting.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD**.—The annual general meeting will be held at Sidmouth on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service in Parish Church 11.45. Dinner at Forte's Cafe 12.30. Sidmouth (8) and Sidbury (6) bells available.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 1st. Bells available: Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), and Little Waltham (6). The service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m., with address by the Rev. Canon J. H. Barrow, Vicar of Stansted, followed by the meeting in the Chapter House. Lunch at 1.15 p.m. (approximately) at the Golden Fleece.—L. J. Clark, Hon. Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk (eight bells, tenor 17 cwt.) on Whit Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. Service at 12.15 p.m.—J. Reed, Acting Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A by-practice meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3rd June, at Blackmoor. Bells (6) available from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on June 4th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 9th, St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, St. Andrew's on the 18th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, St. Michael's on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**.—Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at Collin's Cafe. It is most essential, owing to the accommodation, that those requiring tea should let me know by Thursday, June 4th, at the latest. All ringers and friends are invited.—J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at the Victoria Hotel at 5.30, followed by a short business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, June 4th?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Oxford City Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Garsington on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea, 1s. per head, for those who notify me by Tuesday, June 2nd.—Margaret E. Reynolds, Hon. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Moreton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., Bishop's Stortford.

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Southern and Central Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Reading, on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 o'clock. Gentlemen cordially invited. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 2nd.—Mrs. M. L. Cross and Miss H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD**.—By the kind invitation of the Rev. E. L. Warren the next quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton, Dudley, on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by June 2nd. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. For tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Frodsham on June 6th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me not later than June 3rd, if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcoft, P.O., Grappenhall.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Northern District. A meeting will be held at Wallington (near Baldock) on Saturday, June 6th. The peal of six will be available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me not later than Thursday previous. I really mean it this time! Learners will be welcomed, and every assistance given to them. Book the date and don't be late.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

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**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 4. Tea at 4.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Kings Langley, Saturday, June 6th, 1936. The usual arrangements for service and tea. Members are asked to give this meeting full support as the District Committee, etc., will be elected. Numbers for tea by the Thursday previous.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Bidston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. until 6.45 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Halsall, on Saturday, June 6th. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Please send names to Mr. W. Mawdsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Liverpool.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Heath on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, to those who notify me by Wednesday, June 3rd.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Walsby on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Notification for tea by June 3rd prompt.—G. M. Mayer, 50, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10th, at Ewell, Surrey. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5, tea 6. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, by Monday, June 8th.—E. K. Fletcher, F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District (Romney Marsh Guild).—The next meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meetings after. It is very important that at least one from each tower in union in the district shall attend this meeting. Half travelling expenses will be paid. Please notify me of your intention to be present by June 10th, in order that tea arrangements may be made.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Palgrave, (8) on June 13th. Tea at the School at 4.30, free for all sending word before June 9th.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hethersett.—The memorial peal tablet to the late G. H. Moore, will be unveiled on Sunday, June, 14th. Ringing 2.30—3.0. Service at 3. Further ringing from 3.40—4.30. All members heartily welcome. It is hoped a large number will attend the service.—N. Golden, Norwich.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Yorkshire Association at Penistone (8 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Dore bells not available.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Tenth anniversary of formation of Northern District Ladies' Guild.—Meeting will be held on June 27th at Handsworth, Sheffield (as originally). All ringers and friends welcome. Cards for tea to J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 171, Richmond Road.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting, which was to have been held at Wrexham on Whit Monday, has been postponed until August Bank Holiday.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. E. T. P. Field has moved to Rideouts, Stoke Wake, Blandford. Buckland Newton Tower Secretary is now Mr. M. E. Blessley.

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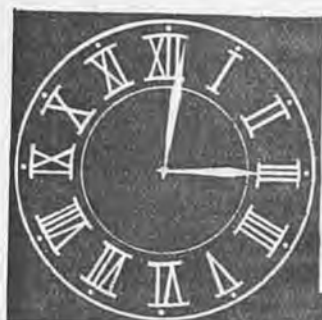
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