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## RINGERS 'DID THEIR BIT.'

Well and truly did the bells of old England, and of Wales and Scotland, too, celebrate the Coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth. There was, of course, never any doubt that they would play their traditional part, but if the information, which has ever since been pouring in to us, is any criterion, never before has so much ringing been done on one day. Peals there were in plenty—our peal columns will testify to that—and half peals, and quarter peals innumerable, to say nothing of the infinite number of shorter touches which were rung. The little villages have contributed their share as well as the towns and cities; indeed the villages, just as they have more than held their own with their greater neighbours in their decorations and celebrations, have vied with the more populous places in the enthusiasm of their ringing.

Early and late the bells were ringing. In several cases a 6 a.m. start heralded the day, and in one instance at least—at Guildford—ringing at 11 p.m. was part of the ordered programme of the day. And the bells were only a part of the expressed love and loyalty of this country to the throne, which is deep rooted in the hearts of the people. It was not only London, the centre of the solemn ceremonies, and the setting of the great pageant, that rejoiced. Everywhere the public, in their masses, and in every walk of life, joined in the celebrations, and those who imagine that a monarchy in this country is but a decaying institution must have realised last week that they are woefully out of touch with the real spirit of the nation. The sounds of the bells, if they heard them, must have jarred upon them as they often do upon those who, on other occasions, neglect the things to which the bells direct attention Sunday after Sunday.

Ringers themselves will be able to look back with satisfaction to the part they played on May 12th, 1937. Many old hands, while taking their share in the events of the day, were able to recall their exploits of previous Coronations, for quite a number must have counted this as the third in which they have helped in the celebrations at the end of a bell rope. Younger ringers, as they get on, will have happy recollections. Many of them rang their first peal or their first quarter peal. In a few cases whole bands have scored their first peal and there could have been no more auspicious occasion for so doing. To record the activities of ringers on Coronation day we have this week enlarged 'The Ringing World,' but so great has been the demand upon our space that even four extra pages will not accommodate all the reports sent to us and there are many other peals and interesting items of news to appear in our later issues.

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## CORONATION PEALS

In honour of the Coronation of their Majesties King  
George VI. and Queen Elizabeth in Westminster Abbey  
on Wednesday, May 12th, the following peals were rung:

LONDON.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN  
WESTMINSTER,

(Commonly called Westminster Abbey)

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. Treble	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 5
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 7
WILSON RUSHTON ... .. 4	JAMES H. RUMLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

The peal commenced as the Royal Procession left the Abbey.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... .. Treble	*HENRY E. GREEN ... .. 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... .. 8
ALFRED BUCKLEY ... .. 3	WALTER R. HUGHES ... .. 9
ALFRED ADAMS ... .. 4	GILBERT HARDING ... .. 10
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... .. 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 11
HARRY T. HIGGINS ... .. 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

\* First peal away from tenor. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 2	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 8
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... .. 3	ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 4	THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 10
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... .. 5	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 11
JOHN S. MASON ... .. 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

LEICESTER.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(LEICESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL COTTON ... .. Treble	FREDERICK WILSON ... .. 7
*LOUIS E. ALLEN ... .. 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3	PERCY HARRISON ... .. 9
*MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 10
SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 5	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 11
*CYRIL F. HOWITT ... .. 6	THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Cinques. First peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM PETTIGREW ... .. 7
ALLAN SHORT ... .. 2	FRED PRICE ... .. 8
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... .. 9
*WILLIAM L. WHISTON ... .. 4	ERIC G. EVANS ... .. 10
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... .. 5	PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... .. 11
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ... .. 6	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band except the conductor. First peal on 12 bells by all except ringers of 1, 2, 8 and 12.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(St. Andrew's Society, Plymouth.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

ALLEN S. WEATHERLY ... .. Treble	G. H. MYERS ... .. 6
*WILLIAM G. HISCOTT ... .. 2	ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... .. 7
*CECIL L. GUY ... .. 3	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... .. 8
RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 4	A. WILLIAM MYERS ... .. 9
H. FREDERICK MYERS ... .. 5	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal of Royal.

GLASGOW.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

(St. Mary's Cathedral Society.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 32½ cwt.

*ADAM DODDS ... .. Treble	*NEIL LEIPER ... .. 6
JOHN EWING ... .. 2	SYDNEY G. LEWIS ... .. 7
HENRY F. SARGENT ... .. 3	ERNEST A. STAFFORD ... .. 8
R. J. G. THORN ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... .. 9
REGINALD O. STREET ... .. 5	THOMAS C. WINDERAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. H. PICKETT.

\* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all except the ringers of 5th and 9th. First peal of Grandsire Caters by Scottish Association and first in Scotland by a service-ringing band.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... .. Treble	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 6
*MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN ... .. 2	EDWARD G. TALBOT ... .. 7
*LEONARD BANCE ... .. 3	FRANK JENNINGS ... .. 8
*MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ... .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Treble Ten.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At the Abbey Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN ... .. Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 6
GEORGE MAXIM ... .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
GEORGE GRAY ... .. 3	ERNEST BRITT ... .. 8
STANLEY A. CARTER ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 9
GILBERT DEBENHAM ... .. 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. Treble	HARRY W. SMITH ... .. 5
*EDWARD T. SNELLER ... .. 2	EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. 6
REGINALD W. REX ... .. 3	GEOFFREY FOWLER ... .. 7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... .. 4	PERCY DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

\* First peal of Major. Arranged as a commemoration to Coronation festivities in the village.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED HANNINGTON ... .. Treble	JOHN DARCH ... .. 5
GEORGE KERLEY ... .. 2	P. S. JOHN COLES ... .. 6
JOHN EVANS ... .. 3	FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 7
ROBERT COLES ... .. 4	REGINALD WESTCOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK ROWSELL.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 35½ cwt.

FRED BLOOD ... .. Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
MISS I. B. THOMPSON ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 7
HAROLD PARFREMENT ... .. 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM MOSK ... .. Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 5
CLEMENT J. MORE ... .. 2	*SAMUEL J. PRING ... .. 6
WALTER ELSEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 7
FREDERICK ROPER ... .. 4	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. G. BENNETT.

\* First peal.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 11, 1937, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ARTHUR EMMANS ... .. Treble	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... .. 5
FRANK LORD ... .. 2	JACK BRAY ... .. 6
FRED LACEY ... .. 3	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 7
HAROLD JUDD ... .. 4	THOMAS WARR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

\* First peal away from tenor.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS KATH BURCHNALL ... Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	RICHARD M. HARVEY ... 6
* JACK VESSEY ... 3	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 7
* THOMAS VESSEY ... 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First attempt for a peal on eight bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JAMES R. LAMBEKIN ... Treble	JOHN WHBADON ... 5
JOHN H. CHENSAN ... 2	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 6
FRANK E. WALKER ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

THURCASTON, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Latimer Church of All Saints,

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5
FRANK MASON ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 6
* R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 4	† ARTHUR WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 34½ cwt.

JOHN W. J. COTTAM ... Treble	ERNEST WAGSTAFFE ... 5
ALBERT NASH ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
TOM BROTHWELL ... 3	REGINALD PAYNE ... 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 4	T. COLIN RYDER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

E. DENNIS POOLE ... Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 6
* JOSEPH L. STANIER ... 3	WALTER LAGO ... 7
G. LEONARD HEWITT ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. PRITCHARD.  
\* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 11 cwt.

* WILLIAM MADDOCK ... Treble	JOHN W. GARDNER ... 5
JAMES ROBINSON ... 2	JOHN ROBINSON ... 6
THOMAS ROBINSON ... 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 7
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 4	JAMES BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

\* First peal and first attempt.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REV. C. CAREW COX ... Treble	FRANK PRICE ... 5
* JOHN E. PHILBRICK ... 2	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 6
HENRY G. KBELEY ... 3	* FRANK E. BLACKMORE ... 7
* GEORGE H. WHITMORE ... 4	† ELI S. HAWKER ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells and the first peal of Stedman in Dorset by an entirely local hand.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT HELLIWELL ... Treble	VICTOR COPLEY ... 5
* DAVID W. BREARLEY ... 2	WILLIAM HARRISON ... 6
* LEONARD WRAGG ... 3	CHARLES GILLOTT ... 7
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 4	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

\* First peal.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

JOSEPH LOVEIT ... Treble	FREDERICK LASBURY ... 5
HERBERT DAVIES ... 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... 6
* GEORGE PAGE ... 3	TOM PAGE ... 7
THOMAS HAMLIN ... 4	HENRY CRABE ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

\* First peal of Stedman. The bells were 'fired' before ringing the peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT ... Treble	FRED GUNTON ... 5
STANLEY COPPING ... 2	RUSSELL RICHES ... 6
FRED MUNNINGS ... 3	WILLIAM FLATT ... 7
ROBERT GUNTON ... 4	CHARLES LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by GEORGE HOWLETT.

Rang for 11 a.m. service.

HETHEBSETT, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

ALFRED W. BROOME ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
* RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... 2	FREDERICK HUGGINS ... 6
CYRIL T. CROWE ... 3	HAROLD QUANTRILL ... 7
ROBERT G. FISHER ... 4	CHARLES H. MOORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal.

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SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... ..	Treble	HAROLD B. DICHBURN ... ..	5
WILLIAM ARMOUR ... ..	2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... ..	6
THOMAS STEVENSON ... ..	3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... ..	7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... ..	4	GEORGE HARVEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

LINDLEY, HUDDERSFIELD.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5004 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY GEE ... ..	Treble	FRANK RHODES ... ..	5
FRANK POPPLEWELL ... ..	2	JACK FISHER ... ..	6
JOHN TURNER ... ..	3	JOE C. MELLOR ... ..	7
WILLIAM HARGREAVES ... ..	4	HENRY H. SMITH ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 369). Conducted by JOE C. MELLOR

\* First peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

*On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

JOHN FLINT ... ..	Treble	*HAROLD JACKSON ... ..	5
JESSE J. MOSS ... ..	2	HAROLD KENT ... ..	6
CHARLES MASON ... ..	3	JOSEPH LAXTON ... ..	7
BENJAMIN A. COOPER ... ..	4	STANLEY SLANEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* First peal in the method. The conductor's 500th peal.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

*On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 7½ cwt.

MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... ..	5
HARRY MILES ... ..	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... ..	6
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... ..	3	FRANCIS E. MAY ... ..	7
HERBERT BADDR ... ..	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS K. DRIVER ... ..	Treble	TOM A. OGDEN ... ..	5
WILLIAM BERRY ... ..	2	JAMES OGDEN ... ..	6
JOHN SMITH ... ..	3	JAMES H. BASTOW ... ..	7
JAMES RICHARDSON ... ..	4	ABRAHAM OGDEN ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

All are service ringers at the Parish Church.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 8024 CHANGES;**

In seven methods, viz., Wigston, Leicestershire, Loughborough, Grayford, Huntingdon, Bognor and Buckingham. Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

WM. H. HUMBERSTONE ... ..	Treble	RICHARD F. ROE ... ..	5
A. HARRISON CARTER ... ..	2	EDWIN LLOYD ... ..	6
JOSEPH S. CARTER ... ..	3	FRANCIS W. LLOYD ... ..	7
ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... ..	4	KENNETH A. ROE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.

First peal of 'Spliced' by all the band. The peal consisted of 704 changes each of Wigston, Leicestershire, Loughborough, Huntingdon, Bognor and Buckingham and 800 of Grayford. There were 153 changes of method.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
ALFRED POTTER ... ..	Treble	MATTHEW BERRY ... ..	5
MISS ANNIE POTTER ... ..	2	ALFRED POTTER, JUN. ... ..	6
*JOSEPH BOYCE ... ..	3	JOHN POTTER ... ..	7
BENJAMIN WELSBY ... ..	4	ROBERT DENNER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal on eight bells and belongs to Nantwich.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER ... ..	Treble	HAROLD P. REED ... ..	5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... ..	2	*REGINALD A. REED ... ..	6
*LEONARD KNOTT ... ..	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	7
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... ..	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. At the finish of the peal the bells were 'fired' 21 times.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
ARTHUR D. FELLOWS ... ..	Treble	CHARLES W. COOPER ... ..	5
WALTER FARLEY ... ..	2	ALFRED REYNOLDS ... ..	6
FREDERICK V. NICHOLLS ... ..	3	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... ..	7
KENNETH I. PARDOR ... ..	4	ERNEST S. BUSHELL ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. E. WHATMORE.

All are members of the local band.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21 cwt.

*GEORGE E. BOYDEN ... ..	Treble	†ROGER CADAMY ... ..	5
WILLIAM DENT ... ..	2	RICHARD W. STANNARD ... ..	6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... ..	3	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... ..	7
WILLIAM CHALK ... ..	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 23½ cwt.	
HERBERT W. COLLIER ... ..	Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... ..	5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... ..	2	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... ..	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... ..	3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... ..	7
*COLIN A. HOPPER ... ..	4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist for evening service on Ascension Day, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Kilner (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, A. Purdon 2, J. J. Lamb 3, W. J. Jeffries 4, J. E. Lyddiard 5, J. Batters 6, F. J. Hurrell 7, H. Wood (conductor) 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Sunday, April 11th, as a last tribute to the late Mr. George A. Card, the Burnham Cumberlands rang a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1,260 changes): G. Gilbert 1, P. A. Blamey 2, M. A. Blamey 3, B. O'Neill 4, J. E. Taylor 5, G. W. Limmer 6, G. H. Limmer 7, C. A. Burgess 8. First quarter-peal of Triples with a bob bell by the Blamey brothers.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob spliced. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN A. BROWN ... .. Treble	*REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 4
*THOMAS W. CROWE ... .. 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 5
*JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

\* First peal in eight methods.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church St. Thomas

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

In five methods, viz., 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, two 720's each of Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*H. WEBB ... .. Treble	*H. WINDSOR ... .. 4
*A. WINDSOR ... .. 2	W. J. CARTER ... .. 5
*W. SHEPHERD ... .. 3	J. A. COOK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. A. COOK.

\* First peal and rung at first attempt. First peal as conductor.

HORSELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*E. HOCKINGS ... .. Treble	L. SCAMMELL ... .. 4
*A. CLARK ... .. 2	W. PECK ... .. 5
*E. GOATER ... .. 3	*A. BOYLETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. GOATER.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Doubles by all. Ringers of 1, 3 and 6 are local men.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt, 28 lb.

BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... Treble	JACK BRAY ... .. 4
*FRED LACEY ... .. 2	FRANK LORD ... .. 5
*HAROLD JUDD ... .. 3	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in five methods. Mr. B. Gillatt, jun., has now completed the circle at this tower.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Consisting of 720 London Scholars' Pleasure and two 720's each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES MANIFOLD ... .. Treble	MISS MILLCENT FRITHS ... 4
*NORMAN MEAKIN ... .. 2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in four methods.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Sacred Trinity,

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

Viz., two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 4
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 2	FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. 5
ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 3	KENNETH LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by K. LEWIS.

\* First peal in three methods.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob with 14 callings. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*MRS. F. OSBALDISTON ... Treble	KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4
*SAMUEL GRABAM ... .. 2	ARTHUR WHITING ... .. 5
*ERIC WIGLEY ... .. 3	*FRANK OSBALDISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WHITING.

\* First peal and rung at first attempt. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles by all the band. This is the first peal on the bells rung by an entirely local band.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN DAY ... .. Treble	FRANK J. BERRY ... .. 4
FREDERICK J. CHAPLIN ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 5
GEORGE PLAYLE ... .. 3	*FREDERICK KEMP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

\* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*DOUGLAS E. RUST ... .. Treble	WALTER C. MEDLER ... .. 4
*ARTHUR S. BROTHERS ... 2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 5
ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal in three methods.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 12 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury, 20 of Bob Doubles and 10 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

LESLIE J. HAWKINS ... .. Treble	GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 4
MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... 2	DOUGLAS W. RANSOM ... 5
*STANLEY GUPPY ... .. 3	*CECIL J. RANSOM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

\* First peal and first attempt.

REDBOURN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Ten extents.

W. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	JOE HOBBS ... .. 4
W. RANSOMBE ... .. 2	G. DANIELS ... .. 5
*L. HOBBS ... .. 3	*R. NEWBERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE HOBBS.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt, 1 qr. 9 lb.

RUSSELL PAUL ... .. Treble	WILFRED YOUNG ... .. 4
*STANLEY MURPHY ... .. 2	*DUDLEY PAUL ... .. 5
ARTHUR ABRAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. First seven-method peal by a local band at this tower.

## APSLEY END, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Beverley, Netherseale, Norwich, York, Wells, Cambridge and London. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... Treble	HORACE L. WAITE ... 4
FRANCIS E. TOMPKINS ... 2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

## NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Milton, London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN F. RYLES ... Treble	*ALBAN J. JACK ... 4
CHARLES S. RYLES ... 2	WILLIAM C. LAURENCE ... 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3	JAMES WALLY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

\* First peal 'inside.'

## NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PEARCE ... Treble	CHRIS. WILLEY ... 4
ALBERT KING ... 2	HARRY KING ... 5
SIDNEY KING ... 3	*SAMUEL BLATCH ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY KING.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in this tower by a team wholly composed of members of the local Guild.

## WANSTEAD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Oxford, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MRS. JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Treble	CHARLES J. PETTY ... 4
*JOHN C. PETTY ... 2	JAMES CHALK ... 5
*ALBERT G. PETTY ... 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

## MONK BRETTON, NEAR BARNSELY.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Braintree Delight, Wragby Delight, Neasden Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel, Sandal and Kingston. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

ROLAND HILL ... Treble	ERNEST BROOKES ... 4
JOHN THOMAS WHITE ... 2	HAROLD CHANT ... 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

## DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Capel and Kingston; (2) Capel and London Scholars' Pleasure; (3) Capel and Sandal; (4) Sandal; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Kingston; (7) Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM ATKINSON ... Treble	*ALBERT BANCROFT ... 4
ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 2	*THOMAS RAMSEY ... 5
KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

\* First peal in five methods.

## DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, London and Wells. Tenor 7½ cwt.

RICHARD BOSBY ... Treble	W. NORMAN PARK ... 4
JAMES T. TITT ... 2	GEORGE W. PARK ... 5
ROBERT B. SIMPSON ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. N. PARK.

A royal salute was 'fired' at the conclusion of the peal.

## BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK HOOPER ... Treble	MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 4
FRANK VERNON ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
RICHARD M. HARVEY ... 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

## ENTHUSIASM AT GRIMSBY DISTRICT MEETING.

A very pleasant meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Alford on Saturday, May 8th. The good weather brought together many ringers. Members attended from Bigby, Burton-on-Slather, Ulceby, Grimsby, Killingholme, Mablethorpe and the local members. The members were glad to welcome the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. R. Richardson), who brought with him Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, of Birmingham, and Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Pervin, of Coventry. Ringing friends from Lincoln were also present. The lovely peal of six were rung to a large variety of methods.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Whitehead), who gave a hearty welcome to the members and also an excellent address. Mr. Graves presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Church Hall, kindly arranged by churchworkers, and a party of 34 sat down.

The business meeting was presided over by the president (Archdeacon Parry), supported by the Vicar and churchwardens (Mr. G. Muston and Mr. W. J. Humphreys). Mr. G. Muston was elected an honorary member. The Vicar and both churchwardens of Alford are now honorary members.

The collection for the District Bell Fund amounted to 9s. 8d.

The President informed the members of the sad death of Mr. W. Fisher, who was accidentally killed in a motor-cycle accident on Saturday, May 1st. He was at one time a ringer at St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby. Members stood in silence to his memory.

Mr. J. Bray welcomed the visitors and said he hoped they would see them again if possible. Mr. A. Walker replied and expressed the pleasure of the visitors in attending the meeting. If they had larger gatherings at their meetings in the Midlands, he was sure there was more enthusiasm at that meeting. Members were attending from as far as 65 miles and he hoped that interest would continue.

Mr. Bray proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the bells, to the caterers and to those who had made arrangements. Mr. M. Walker seconded and the president supported the vote of thanks, to which the Vicar suitably responded.

A hearty vote of thanks to the president for presiding brought a very happy meeting to a close. After some good ringing on handbells the tower was again visited.

## DEDICATED ON CORONATION DAY.

## NORTHREPPS BELLS REHUNG.

The peal of five bells at Northrepps has for some years been in an almost unringable condition, but in spite of this several ringers have been taught on them, and attempts have been made to ring the bells for services up to a few months ago. Then the Rector (the Rev. Charles H. Winter) organised an appeal, and the work of rehanging the bells in a new steel frame, with new fittings, including cannon-retaining headstocks, and retuning the peal, was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have carried out the work satisfactorily.

The rededication service was conducted by the Rector, following a Coronation service, on May 12th. Visitors included Mr. N. Golden, general secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and Mr. W. R. West, of Wiveton. After the new ropes had been replaced by used ones, extents of Grandsire were rung, and, following the crowning of the King, further ringing took place.

The Rector hopes to have a sixth bell installed by July 6th next.

## LEICESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS OPENED

### TRANSFORMATION OF RINGING CHAMBER.

The new ring of 12 bells at Leicester Cathedral were opened on Coronation Day, together with the new electrically driven clock and chimes. At 8 a.m., Colonel Sir Frederick Oliver performed the opening ceremony by striking the first few blows on the tenor, which, by permission of H.M. the King, is inscribed 'The Coronation bell of His Majesty King George VI.'

A few rounds were rung upon the ring of 12 followed immediately by rounds upon the light eight, utilising the flat sixth bell. Afterwards Stedman Cinques and other methods were rung until 10.45. In the afternoon a peal of Stedman Cinques was successfully accomplished.



LEICESTER CATHEDRAL.

The bells, which are of exceptionally fine tone, are by the famous Loughborough Foundry. Hung on ball bearings in an iron frame with all up-to-date fittings, the 'go' is excellent. The clock and chimes are by Messrs. Gent and Co., electrical engineers, of Leicester, whose reputation for this kind of clock is world-wide.

In addition to new bells, clock, etc., the tall spire of the Cathedral has been restored and the ringing chamber transformed from the former barn-like structure into a very pleasant apartment. All the old encumbrances have been removed; the upper walls cleaned down and colour-washed, the lower portions panelled in oak. Oak doors have been fitted in the north and south doorways, a new oak floor laid and oak furniture installed. With a rearranged lighting system the whole combine to make what must be one of the finest ringing chambers in the country.

A very regrettable feature of the opening ceremony was the absence, through a serious illness, of the Provost of the Cathedral (the Very Rev. F. B. Macnutt), who was responsible for the work being done. He raised the necessary funds in an incredibly short period of time. Gramophone records of the proceedings were taken to enable the Provost to hear the opening ceremony in his own home. The ringers wish him a speedy recovery.

It is hoped to arrange an 'open day' for visiting ringers in the near future, of which notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

After having been in charge of ringing affairs at St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, since the Coronation of King George V., Mr. Fred Dexter has thought it time that someone else should take over

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## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### AMENDED RULES ADOPTED.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Rammoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 1st, when the light peal of ten bells was made good use of by the members.

A meeting of the General Committee was held in the Church Hall during the afternoon, and a short service, conducted by the Rev. — Adams. About 80 sat down to tea in the Church Hall—many more than had sent in their names, but fortunately the Rammoor company were equal to the occasion.

The general meeting was held immediately after in the same room, the president of the association (Canon C. C. Marshall) being in the chair.

The thanks of the company to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the Rev. — Adams for conducting the service, and to the organist for his services was voiced by the chairman and acknowledged by the Rev. — Adams in the absence of the Vicar. Thanks to the local company for the arrangements they had made for the success of the meeting and to the ladies for waiting at the tea tables was also passed, Mr. P. J. Johnson at the same time making some pointed remarks to those who had failed to send in their names for tea.—Mr. C. Haynes acknowledged the vote of thanks on behalf of the Rammoor company.

It was decided to hold the next general meeting at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on September 18th, or, failing that, at some other tower in that district.

The proposed alterations to the rules were explained at length by Canon Marshall, and on his proposition, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, the alterations were carried, after discussion on two or three points.

Some animated exchanges took place during discussion on Rule 3, paragraph 1, in relation to Rule 10. After it had been proposed, seconded and carried that the meeting proceed with the next business, the following motion was tabled for the September meeting, proposed by Mr. G. Robinson and seconded by Mr. R. H. Vigor:—

'In view of the fact that the revenue (yearly) account of the association continues to show a substantial credit balance, the cost of providing the teas at the annual general meeting be met annually out of the aforesaid account, to all those members who give due notice of their intention to be present, provided that the liability thereby involved does not exceed the sum of £7 in any one year, in which case a small charge per head be made to cover the cost over and above the said amount.'

Messrs. Geoffrey Kibblewhite and Harry Barnes were elected members, and Mr. C. Metcalfe, of Mansfield, was elected a non-resident life member of the association.

Mr. C. Haynes informed the meeting that the new peal of eight at Harthill would be open to the Sheffield and District Society on May 29th.

This concluded the business and further ringing took place.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MASTER.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Dibden on Saturday, May 8th, when there was a fair attendance representing the following towers: Dibden, Eling, Fawley, Bishopstoke, North Stoueham, Ringwood, Southampton (St. Mary's), Upham, Winchester and Wimborne. The service was conducted by the Rector of Dibden, the Rev. G. T. Tritton, who is chairman of the district. At the business meeting after tea he congratulated the Master of the Guild and of the Southampton District, Mr. George Williams, on attaining his 80th birthday on the previous day, and, in referring to the wonderful ringing record set up by Mr. Williams, recalled the fact that last August the Master's one thousandth conducted peal on tower bells was rung at Dibden, though unfortunately the honour had since been transferred to another tower in the Guild (Curdridge) by the elimination of a false peal.

Mr. Williams, in replying, said he hoped that he might be spared for many years to continue his active ringing, and also the work of helping to teach others the art.

The towers of Fawley and Eling, as well as Dibden, were available during the afternoon and evening, and were made use of by the members. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to London and Cambridge Surprise Major.

At the business meeting a cordial invitation from the new Rector of Eling to the Guild was conveyed by Mr. W. Pearce, the captain of Eling tower. It was decided to accept the invitation for the summer of 1938.

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the duties. In future, therefore, all correspondence in connection with the bells there should be addressed to Inspector H. J. Poole, The Wayside, Narborough Road, Leicester, or to Mr. Harry Broughton, The Glen, Cooden Avenue, Leicester, who have been appointed Ringing Master and hon. secretary respectively.



**QUEEN MARY'S GIFT TO BELL FUND.****KING'S BROMLEY BELLS RECAST.**

The bells of King's Bromley, or, to give it its older title, Bromley Regis, were first hung in the tower the year before the union of England and Scotland, an event which was, no doubt, the first of national importance which they were called upon to celebrate. History does not record the many and varied occasions for which they have been rung, and it was deeply regretted by the inhabitants that their bells were in no fit order to be used for celebrating the Jubilee of King George V. and to be sounded in muffled ringing at his passing. But they were restored for the Coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth, and made ready to take part in the national celebrations.

The six bells have been recast at Loughborough and now form a very handy ring, tenor weighing approximately 11 cwt. It is interesting to note that the enthusiasm of the people of the village was stimulated by a personal gift to the bell fund from H.M. Queen Mary.

The completed work was solemnly dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford on Tuesday evening, May 4th, in the presence of a large congregation. An interesting feature to the villagers was the number of visiting ringers who were present in spite of the lateness of the hour, amongst them being Mr. W. A. Stote, of Coventry, Mr. L. Oliver, of Bridgnorth, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, of Burton, Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, and members of the band from Overseale, under Mr. J. W. Cotton. Everyone expressed their pleasure at the beauty of tone and improved 'go' of the bells, the work having been carried out in the usual thorough manner of Messrs. Taylor and Co.

**FORMER GRIMSBY RINGER KILLED.****FATAL RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT.**

It was with deep regret that the members of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild and others heard of a fatal motor-cycle accident to Mr. W. Fisher, 'Little Billy' as he was affectionately known in Grimsby. Until four years ago he was a member of the band of St. Andrew's Church, where he rang his first peal. Previous to coming to Grimsby he resided at Bigby. His father was killed in the Great War and he was brought up under the kindly guidance of Archdeacon and Mrs. Parry. He removed to London, where he was doing well in his trade as a cabinet maker and had a promising career before him. On Saturday, May 1st, whilst motor-cycling with a young lady companion, he met with an accident which caused his death in a few hours and injuries to his companion.

The funeral took place at Belchford on Thursday, May 6th. The last sad rites were conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, president of the Grimsby District. Mr. R. Sutton represented the Grimsby ringers, who sent a wreath in the form of a bell.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****DORCHESTER BRANCH ENTERTAINED AT BUCKLAND NEWTON.**

In delightful spring weather the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Buckland Newton on April 24th. A party of ringers were there on the stroke of 3 o'clock to raise the bells in peal, assisted by Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who had already taken particulars of the tenor bell. He thus added another tower to his long list, and followed with another later.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Fitzpatrick), and the chairman of the branch (the Rev. A. W. Markhy) read the lesson.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the branch chairman, supported by the vice-chairman (the Rev. R. P. Farrow).

The secretary reported that the next quarterly meeting would take place at Wyke Regis in July. It was resolved, among the practice meetings during the summer, to hold one at Hilton, and thus help forward the ringing at that tower. It was also decided to hold one or two Thursday afternoon practice meetings.

The chairman made sympathetic reference to the sudden passing of one of their promising young change ringers, the late Arthur Groves, captain of the St. Peter's, Dorchester, band, and the members stood in silence as a mark of respectful sympathy.

One associate member was elected.

The Chairman, in proposing a comprehensive vote of thanks, thanked the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. P. Field, for the kind hospitality that afternoon in providing, in co-operation with his mother, the excellent tea they had enjoyed. This was received with acclamation. Thanks were also accorded to the Vicar for taking the service and use of the bells, and to Mr. M. E. Blessley, to whom great credit was due for all the local arrangements.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Bradford Peverell, Buckland Newton, St. Peter's, Dorchester, East Lulworth, Preston, Stratton, Upwey, Wyke Regis, Wareham, Lytchett Matravers, Shooton, Iwerne Courtney, Thornford, Sherborne Abbey, Longburton and Lydlinch. There were welcome visitors from Swindon and Cookham, Berks, making a total of over 50 members and friends present during the afternoon and evening. The methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Dunstan's Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob Minor.

**MERE, WILTS.**—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Hill 1, G. Coward 2, J. Paul 3, J. Gray (conductor) 4, G. Bunce 5, W. Keats 6, E. Coward 7, H. Jordan 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 2 and 8, also as conductor.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master of the London County Association) has been decorated with the King's Coronation Medal for his services in the Post Office.

We regret to record the death of an old Sussex ringer, Mr. George Walder, of Bolney, who died on May 7th at the advanced age of 81 years.

The death occurred on Coronation Day of the Rev. John Freeman Russell, Dean of Oriel College, Oxford. He was 39 years of age. When a student at Pembroke College he learned to ring, and since his return to the district he has frequently rung both with the University and Oxford City ringers, by whom his early death is much regretted.

It must be rather unusual for a ringer to ring a peal of Superlative Surprise Royal before ringing a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, but, having rung the Royal some time ago, Mr. F. E. Darby, of Beddington, has just rung his first in the method on eight bells.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Kerley was celebrated at Aberdare by a peal of Grandsire Triples. Mr. Kerley was a ringer for 22 years before the war. The peal in honour of the golden wedding was conducted by his son.

The peal rung at Cockington, Devon, on April 23rd, should be credited to the Devon Guild.

The Coronation peal of Stedman Triples at Marlow, Bucks, last Saturday was the first peal on the bells for a period of 33 years. Now that the ice has been broken it is to be hoped that such a long period will not be allowed to lapse before the next peal is recorded.

The first peal of Rochester Surprise Royal was rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on Saturday. F. J. Smith, who was a member of the band, has rung the method on 8, 10 and 12 bells, being the first to gain such a distinction.

Mr. J. H. Cheesman, the noted North Kent ringer, added another link to his record on May 13th when he rang his 100th peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. John the Baptist Church, Erith.

## IN RURAL MIDDLESEX.

### MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S UNUSUAL TRIP.

The recent notice of a meeting of the Middlesex County Association at Bedfont, Stanwell and Harmondsworth, optimistically referred to 'buses from Hounslow.' The complete absence of such apparently kept the greybeards at home, and we now report the May run of 'the South and West District Cycle Club.' 'Tis true there were two hikers, but the rest were all cyclists. There were big, little, heavy, light, old and new cycles of every description with handlebars of wonderful design! There were also two pairs of braw knees on view.

Rev. G. H. Bradley, Vicar of Bedfont, welcomed members to his tower, and expressed his pleasure at their visit. And so to the bells, a tuneful ring of six (when heard at a distance!). There is the story of the village idiot who, when asked why he was clouting his own head, replied that it was so nice when he left off. Such is the din in the ringing chamber at Bedfont that one has a somewhat similar feeling when the bells are set up!

At Stanwell, Rev. H. F. Gaster greeted the party, and remained with them throughout their visit. It was refreshing to meet a cleric so genuinely interested in ringing and ringers. He presided over the tea, and later, in his study, presented the secretary with a guinea towards the association funds. The five bells proved more difficult than many expected. The beginner is told to hold his bell up more when hunting up and the reverse when coming to lead. The lower the number of bells, the more marked the difference. If eight-bell ringers would bear this elementary rule in mind, their attempts at five and six-bell ringing would be more successful! Stanwell tenor was cast in 1766. On the belfry wall are details of 'a record peal of two hours,' in which two men rang the tenor! No doubt a notable achievement in local history.

The last town, Harmondsworth, presented no difficulties. A nice handy ring of six, they were rung to various methods, including Cambridge Surprise.

From the top of the tower, a vast mound of gigantic stones could be seen set in a field. It was the remains of Waterloo Bridge, and not a pyramid in course of erection, as first suspected! Certainly an odd sight in a district chiefly agricultural.

And so to a final impression, the 'club' spinning along the homeward round in orderly formation. An enjoyable meeting, notable for its friendly atmosphere.

The next meeting will be held at Sunbury on June 12th.

## MR. F. WHITE'S 200 PEALS.

Mr. F. White, of Cranbrook, Kent, rang his 200th peal on Saturday, April 24th. His total is made up of: Grandsire Triples 5, Caters 5, Stedman Triples 41 (2 in hand on 7-8), Caters 7, Cinques 1, Plain Bob Major 4, Royal 2, Maximus 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 8, Royal 10, Maximus 1, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Spliced Treble Bob Major 1, Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 22, Cambridge Surprise Major 18 (one New Cambridge), Royal 2, Superlative 47 (conducted 2), London 9, Bristol 6 (including 12,160), Norfolk 3, Yorkshire 3, Little Bob Maximus 1, Canterbury Pleasure Maximus 1, total 200. Rung in 80 towers, in 17 counties, with 360 different ringers.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### TUESDAY'S MEETING AT CANTERBURY.

#### President Elected an Honorary Member.

The second session of the sixteenth Council, the 45th annual meeting, was held in the Chapter House at Canterbury Cathedral on Tuesday.

There were present 83 representative members and 12 honorary members, 51 representative and four honorary members being absent. Of the 50 affiliated societies, 19 associations were fully represented, 20 partially represented and 11 were unrepresented.

The chair was occupied by the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis), who is a representative member of the Cambridge University Guild, but the affiliation fee of the Guild not having been paid, under the rules Mr. Lewis was debarred from speaking or voting. The situation was met by electing him an honorary member.

Before the meeting opened, however, the President said that, had his engagements permitted, the Archbishop of Canterbury would have been present to welcome them, but he had had to return to London. Fortunately, they had someone else to welcome them to the county of Kent and the city of Canterbury in the person of an old member of the Council, who was for many years secretary of the Kent County Association—Canon Helmore (applause).

Canon Helmore, who is now considerably over 80 years of age, was received with renewed applause. He welcomed the Council to the Cathedral, the city and the county. He wished the Council success in their deliberations and hoped the result of their meeting would be the progress of the Council and the cause they had at heart. He added that he used to be a member of the Council, but that was a thing of the past.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) reported as to the constitution of the Council, which consisted of 50 affiliated associations, entitled to 138 members, of whom 135 had been elected, and 15 hon. members. He added that the subscriptions of the Durham and Newcastle, the North Notts, the North Wales and the Cambridge University Guild had not been paid.

The difficult situation in which the president was thus placed was surmounted by Mr. A. Paddon Smith immediately proposing the election of the president as an honorary member.

Mr. S. H. Wood seconded, and, as a member of Cambridge University Guild, expressed regret for the omission which had produced the rather unfortunate situation.

The motion was carried with applause.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

The following message of loyalty and congratulation to the King was passed by the members standing:—

'The members of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, who represent 21,000 change ringers, assembled for their annual meeting in the Chapter House, Canterbury Cathedral, wish to repeat to your Majesty the message of congratulation and loyalty which rang out last Wednesday from the church towers of the country.—Edwin H. Lewis, President.'

During the afternoon the following reply was received from Buckingham Palace:—

'President, Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

'The King is much gratified to receive your message of congratulations on the occasion of His Majesty's Coronation. I am desirous to express his warm thanks to all who joined in these good wishes.—Private Secretary.'

After the reading of the message the members joined in singing the National Anthem.

The following retiring hon. members were re-elected: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, E. C. S. Turner and S. H. Wood.

After the presentation of new members to the president and the reading of a long list of apologies for absence, reference was made by the president to the members and past members who had died during the year, and the Council stood for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

#### GLOSSARY TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

The report of the hon. librarian referred to the additions made during the year to the library and asked for instructions as to the disposal of 962 copies of the 'Glossary,' much of which was out of date. It also called attention to the fact that the following books were exhausted: 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' 'Model Rules for a Local Company' and 'Preservation of Bells.' The two latter are in demand.

The Council adopted the report and decided to distribute the copies of the Glossary to associations free of charge, on payment of carriage, and to reprint 'Model Rules' and 'Preservation of Bells.' They also decided to reprint 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners' if necessary.

Thanks were accorded to the donors of books to the library.

The statement of accounts showed that the receipts, which amounted to £51 13s. 5d., included £30 15s. from affiliation fees for 1936-7 and 10s. in arrears for 1935-6, £1 10s. from hon. members' subscriptions, £5 from interest on stock and £14 3s. 5d. from sales of publications. The expenditure amounted to £15 3s. 1d., leaving a balance on the general account of £105 11s. 7d., compared with £68 16s. 3d. last year.—The accounts were adopted.

#### A METHODS REGISTER.

The Methods Committee, in their report, pointed out that they had in working order a scheme by which all methods can be tabulated and indexed, and any information regarding them can be obtained in a

very few minutes. The assistance of the Council was asked in making it operative. Several thousands of Surprise methods are available, and any information respecting them will readily be given to any ringer or band asking for it.

The report went on to deal with the question of claims to methods by those who work them out. These men, the committee said, had a right to claim that they had composed the methods, but the claim to ownership and exclusive rights had failed. That, however, did not diminish the credit which rightly belongs to those men who have made so many good methods available for the Exercise.

The following recommendation of the committee, as well as the report, was adopted.

'That in order to assist the Council in keeping up to date a Register of Methods which have been rung, the secretaries of affiliated associations be asked to forward to the Council the figures of any method rung for the first time, and the composition, together with particulars of the first performance.

#### ANTI-NOISE LEAGUE LEAFLETS.

The Towers and Belfries Committee in their report said that the committee had given advice in some dozen cases. In several of the towers advice was asked about modification of sound near the church. Since the last meeting of the Council the Anti-Noise League had printed a pamphlet on the subject. The committee thought it desirable to co-operate with the Anti-Noise League as far as possible, and, after reviewing the pamphlet, decided to send copies to all Archdeacons with a covering letter recommending it to their serious consideration.

#### WELDING USELESS FOR CRACKED SOUND BOWS.

In moving the adoption of the report, the President gave an interesting dissertation upon the welding of bells. As the result of what he had seen in the case of a bell welded, which had cracked again, he expressed the opinion that it was useless to weld a bell cracked at the sound bow. Mr. Lewis explained the scientific difficulties in the way of successful welding.

He also gave some important details as to the effect upon weak towers of the lowering of bells in peal, and, referring to the recent case of the refusal of a faculty at Thetford, reminded the Council of the importance of the various associations having someone on the Diocesan Advisory Committees wherever possible.

Discussion took place, and on the president's suggestion a resolution was passed to obtain from the affiliated associations information as to what was happening in the dioceses, so that they might know which associations had representatives on the diocesan advisory boards and which had not. When they had that information, the President said, they could consider what further action could be taken.

A discussion next followed as to the insurance of ringers, which elicited the information that the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company was prepared to insure against accidents to ringers (whether paid or voluntary) in the belfry and in going to and from ringing, at the rate of one shilling per ringer per annum, with a minimum of ten shillings.

It was resolved to make a donation of one guinea to the Anti-Noise League in recognition of the gift to the Council of the leaflets sent out to the Archdeacons, and to keep the Council in touch with the League's activities.

The report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee reviewed the treatment of ringing by the Press, and referred to the principal events in broadcasting in which bells had figured.—The report was adopted.

#### COLLECTING INFORMATION.

In the report of the Peal Boards Committee it was stated that many interesting records had been received, including a complete list of 48 peals rung by the Society of Sherwood Youths, which was established in 1672. Many records had been sent without the names of the performers. The committee asked the Council's opinion whether the names of the performers should be obtained and recorded, and it was decided that the fullest information should be obtained and recorded.

The Biographies Committee reported that only slightly over half the number of forms sent out had been returned, and asked those who had the remainder in their hands to send them in at an early date. Permission was asked to spend up to three guineas for the necessary albums, and also to incur expenditure in having certain photographs copied that were at present only on loan.

The report was adopted, together with a suggestion by the Standing Committee that the Biographies Committee be empowered to have all the necessary photographs copied to bring them to a uniform size. The committee were also authorised to obtain biographical details and photographs from present members of the Council, for future use, the committee having expressed the opinion that this course would save much trouble in the future.

A report, arising out of last year's discussion on the subject of increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' said that the request to members of the Council and secretaries of affiliated societies for suggestions had an extremely disappointing result, and it was resolved to give a further opportunity for suggestions to be sent in.

The president presented a report upon the question of muffled ringing, which was approved in general outline, and when further information as to local customs has been obtained it will be submitted to the authorities of the Church for their approval.

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# CORONATION JOY BELLS.

## HOW RINGERS CELEBRATED THE GREAT EVENT.

### News from All Parts of the Country.

Everywhere throughout the country, from the tower of Westminster Abbey itself to the tiniest village church, the bells celebrated the Coronation of King George VI. and his Queen. A large number of peals were rung, many were attempted but lost, but in the vast majority of places the ringers were content with shorter lengths. We print to-day many interesting details with regard to Coronation Day ringing.

The peal records, elsewhere, begin with the achievement at Westminster Abbey, where, after the King and Queen had left, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung.

Listeners throughout the world heard over the ether the ringing of the bells at St. Margaret's, Westminster, as their Majesties approached the Abbey, and at the climax of the wonderful service, when the King was crowned, the 'firing' of the bells of the Abbey. Then, after the ceremony and before the peal began, the bells were 'fired' 42 times—the King's age—separated by the Queen's change, as a salute for Her Majesty.

A peal was begun immediately after the Abbey service at St. Clement Dances in the Strand and successfully completed, as recorded elsewhere.

It had been hoped to attempt a peal at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, but a stand erected on the roof of the church made continuous ringing for this length of time impossible. However, the Cumberland Youths rang touches of Stedman Cinques and a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus during the afternoon, in which the following members took part: Mrs. G. H. Cross, Miss J. Thompson, G. Radley, J. H. Cheesman, H. Hovard, H. E. Audsley, H. Parkes, F. J. Cullum, J. Bailey, T. Newman, N. Summerhayes, G. W. Steere, W. J. Nudds and G. H. Cross.

Ringings took place also at many of the London churches. The peal attempt at St. Paul's Cathedral had to be postponed until Saturday, when, however, it was unfortunately lost after two and a quarter hours' excellent ringing.

### A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, Lancs, on Coronation Day, a date touch of Bob Major (1,337 changes): R. Taylor 1, A. Parkinson 2, J. Woods 3, G. Ainsworth 4, H. Biskham 5, K. Harrison 6, J. Wade 7, E. Parkinson (conductor) 8. Longest length by all except ringers of 3, 4 and 8. Longest length as conductor. All are service ringers at St. Leonard's Church.

At Kingston Magna, Dorset, the bells were rung at intervals from 5.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 'fired' as a bonfire was lit at nightfall.

The festivities at Guildford concluded with revelries in the High Street, as the signal for the starting of which, at 11 p.m., the bells of the Cathedral were rung at the request of the Mayor.

At Yateley, Hants, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Hearmon 1, W. G. Bunch 2, A. Hearmon 3, C. Bunch 4, S. Bunch 5, A. Goodall 6, G. Butler (conductor) 7, F. Bunch 8.

At New Alresford, Hants, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 behind: J. Boniface 1, H. Shaw 2, C. White 3, L. Tremear 4, H. Newnham (conductor) 5, W. Smith 6, W. Wearing 7, G. Allen 8. First quarter-peal by all excepting the conductor.

At Benhilton, Sutton, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung by the following local band: Arthur Ison (first quarter-peal) 1, F. H. Randall 2, A. W. Long (first quarter-peal) 3, E. Enticknap 4, G. Chiverton 5, H. Smerdon 6, W. C. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8.

At Hayes, Kent, 720 Bob Minor: W. Lyddiard 1, J. Lyddiard 2, A. Purdon 3, Miss Oakshett 4, F. Keech 5, M. F. Oakshett (first 720 as conductor) 6.

### BELLS OPEN OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

The official programme at Cirencester, Glos., was opened by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) at the Parish Church: H. S. Parsons 1, H. L. Cooke 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 3, F. J. Lewis, jun. 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. G. Cook 6, H. C. Bond 7, A. Painter 8. W. H. Hayward 9, F. F. Bloxham 10, and was followed by a 'royal salute' of 21 shots. F. J. Lewis, jun., has now rung a quarter-peal on each of the 10 bells.

At St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Lyddiard 1, Miss Oakshett 2, A. Purdon 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, F. E. Pitman 5, E. Mounter 6, J. Lyddiard 7, P. Whitehead (first quarter-peal) 8.

For the special Coronation 'dedication' service on May 9th at Hugglescote, Leicestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Hadfield 1, G. Walker 2, W. Johnson 3, J. H. Dean (conductor) 4, H. Mould 5, J. Tovell 6, H. O. Over 7, T. Aldread 8.

At Watford, the Watford Society rang the first peal of Watford Surprise Major. What for? did somebody ask? Why the Coronation, of course.

At Woolwich (St. Mary's) Parish Church for Coronation service on Sunday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. S. Davis 1, D. M. Sharp 2, A. J. Hopper 3, H. Mackinder 4, F. Johnson 5, A. S. Richards 6, B. W. Aldridge (conductor) 7, S. McCabe 8.

At St. Mary's, Nottingham, for Coronation Day Communion service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Parfrement 1, H. Clemence 2, F. A. Salter 3, W. Nichols 4, F. Blood 5, J. A. Parratt 6, F. Bradley (conductor) 7, B. Marshall 8.

At Stalybridge, Cheshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Robert Crawshaw 1, Walter Schofield 2, George Crowdy 3, James Jackson 4, Frank Hodge (conductor) 5, Herbert Davenport 6, Harry Saxon 7, Tom Broadbent 8.

At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples after the evening Coronation service: B. Weaver 1, H. Corney 2, F. Corney 3, A. Boyack (first quarter 'inside') 4, S. Webb 5, C. Moss 6, E. Holman (conductor) 7, W. Morley 8. It was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

Ringings at Spalding Parish Church commenced at 7 a.m., when 504 Stedman Triples were rung: A. J. Farr 1, J. T. Brown 2, N. Hollingworth 3, R. Smith 4, W. Hollingworth 5, F. Wootton 6, J. G. Ames (conductor) 7, Raymond Smith 8. After this a salute of 41 'shots' was fired on the bells, then followed another 504 of Triples, with G. W. Mills in the place of F. Wootton, conducted by A. J. Farr.

After meeting short for a peal attempt of Bob Major at Longstanton, Cambs, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor and 720 London Surprise Minor were rung by F. G. Gleaves, G. Crisp, B. Wayman, R. St. J. Smith, H. Martin, T. R. Dennis and E. G. Hibbins.

### 'THREE THREES.'

Mr. J. Gould has rung at Henbury, Gloucestershire, for three coronations, three royal funerals and three jubilees. He conducted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on Coronation Day: A. J. Hilbar 1, Mrs. J. Gould 2, T. Harris 3, C. Gould 4, H. Baugley 5, H. Bromfield 6, J. Gould 7, F. Lewis 8.

Three 'firsts' were included in the quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings: S. J. Levett 1, N. S. Palmer 2, \*G. Broome 3, \*S. May 4, L. Giles 5, \*J. E. Pennells 6, C. A. Levett (conductor) 7, J. Downing 8. \* First quarter-peal.

At Billingham, Lincs, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of a 720 of Single Court and a 540 of Bob Minor: A. Chilterns 1, J. E. Allen (conductor) 2, G. Creasey (first quarter-peal) 3, L. Wilson 4, F. Carford 5, G. S. Collishaw 6. The band made an unsuccessful attempt for a Coronation peal on Saturday, May 8th, breaking down in the fifth 720.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who also took part in the ringing for two previous Coronations, rang in a touch of 240 Oxford Treble Bob at St. Clement's, Ipswich, after the following had rung 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Frederick Bowell (conductor) 1, David Brunning 2, Victor E. Waters 3, William Prime 4, Ed. C. Simpson 5, Ernest C. Kimm 6.

Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in the morning at Christ Church, Southgate, Middlesex: Mrs. E. H. King 1, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 2, W. J. Bowden 3, J. E. Miller 4, H. Miller 5, J. G. Nash 6, S. Wade (conductor) 7, F. Miller 8.

At Tunstall, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by \*Miss Freda Hollands 1, G. H. Spice 2, W. Spice, jun. 3, Mrs. G. H. Spice 4, G. Webb 5, J. Webb 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, \*John Spice 8. \* First quarter-peal and first attempt. Also a 720 of Bob Minor: Miss F. Hollands 1, John Spice 2, Mrs. G. H. Spice 3, J. Webb 4, G. H. Spice 5, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 6. First 720 by Master John Spice.

### A RECORD.

'Teddy' Barnett, of Crayford, has made another record, and one which will probably stand for a long while. He is only eighteen years of age, but the Coronation peal which he conducted was his one hundredth peal in his own tower, and is the third generation of his family to reach this number, for both his father and grandfather surpassed this number at Crayford.

At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Farningham, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Mills 1, F. Mason 2, W. Wingate 3, J. Couchman 4, A. Bates (conductor) 5, B. Garman 6.

At Rotherfield, Sussex, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples by members of the local company: A. Lovell 1, J. Hack 2, R. Mitchell 3, A. F. Lewry 4, F. Hammond 5, B. Bishop, sen. 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, H. Hinson 8.

A band who only started method ringing in October last year rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at Longparish, Hants. It was their first quarter-peal and first attempt. They are all Sunday service ringers: G. Brown 1, F. Tonge 2, A. Boudall 3, A. Turton 4, L. Trickey 5, F. Sully 6. The conducting was shared by A. Boudall and L. Trickey. An attempt for a peal on the following evening failed in the 20th extent.

At Lydiard Millicent, Wilts, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 minutes: Dennis Brewer (aged 11) 1, A. Lawrence (aged 82) 2, A. H. Strange 3, R. Shailes 4, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 5, A. J. Gough 6.



At Grimsby, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Haydn Hadwick 1, George Snell 2, Arthur Swain 3, J. Benjamin Budd 4, Frederick Overton 5, Charles W. Taylor (conductor) 6, Stephen Blomfield 7, Charles Kennington 8.

Six ringers rang their first quarter-peal of Bob Major at Liscard, Cheshire, when 1,280 Bob Major was brought round: Hugh Roberts 1, Robert Lear 2, Douglas Watson, jun. 3, J. Norman Benson 4, David Hughes 5, George Ledsham 6, Lester L. Gray 7, Frank Varty (conductor) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8.

A quarter-peal of London Surprise Minor (1,272 changes) was rung at Limpsfield Chart, Surrey: Frederick G. Budgen 1, James W. Knight 2, H. F. Hyton Tidy 3, Edward E. Tidy 4, John O. Weller 5, Leonard A. Tidy (conductor) 6.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Ashford, Kent: Mrs. C. W. Everett 1, T. Tabrett 2, J. Parsons 3, H. C. Castle 4, G. Swaffer 5, P. Page 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, D. Godden 8.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Heston, Middlesex: W. H. Stevens 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, H. C. Chandler 3, W. Morris 4, W. Sparrow 5, A. Jones 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, H. G. Cooper 8. Members of the Heston band also assisted at Feltham and Hounslow earlier in the day.

After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Holloway, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Brown 1, Miss Dixon 2, R. Newman 3, R. Charge 4, C. Charge 5, M. Feusom 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, A. Johnson 8.

#### HARD LUCK FOR BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS.

The St. John's, Bournemouth, ringers had hard luck with a peal of Stedman Triples. After three hours' excellent ringing, the bells just 'piled up' with only a few minutes to go. The band wish to congratulate the tenorman, Mr. F. Longman (who is in his 72nd year), on his steady ringing throughout the peal.

A 720 of Bob Minor was rung at Willingham, Lincs: W. Roberts 1, H. Bingham 2, P. A. Lunn 3, N. B. Thurlby 4, F. Scrimshaw 5, George L. A. Lunn (conductor) 6.

Four local ringers at Lea, Lincs, took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. M. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, George L. A. Lunn (conductor) 2, Miss E. Marshall 3, P. Dixon 4, P. A. Lunn 5, George W. Hudson 6. The local ringers were those on Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 6.

At Stretford, Lancs, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. J. Steele 1, W. Birchall 2, C. W. Birchall 3, T. Birchall 4, H. Birchall 5, C. N. Birchall 6, H. Chapman 7, W. J. Moss (conductor) 8. Also during the day the bells were 'fired,' and 'Queen's' and 'Whittington' changes rung, Messrs. W. Wigglesworth and T. Aldcroft taking part.

At Woodburn, Bucks, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 1.2 leading and 1 tenor covering: R. Burton (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Baker (first quarter-peal) 2, S. Burton (first quarter-peal) 3, A. Martin 4, T. Burton (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, P. Hinton 6, B. Collet 7, R. Jones (first quarter-peal) 8.

Three quarter-peals were rung on Coronation Day at Netherton, Worcestershire, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (composed and conducted by Alfred Davies), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), both conducted by Alfred Davies. The ringers were John W. Smith 1, Stanley Prestidge 2, Henry Hill 3, Fred Boote 4, William Davies 5, Henry Hubbard 6, Alfred Davies 7, Joseph H. Davies 8.

At St. Mary's, Newmarket, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: F. E. Helps 1, R. Heath 2, S. Ward 3, S. Howlett 4, R. C. Sharpe 5, A. E. Austin (conductor) 6, and at All Saints', Newmarket, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor with 6.8 covering: S. Ward 1, S. Howlett 2, R. Heath 3, A. E. Austin (conductor) 4, F. E. Helps 5, F. C. Turner 6, R. C. Sharpe 7, I. Beale 8.

#### MR. JAMES GEORGE COMES BACK.

It seems very fitting that on Coronation Day Mr. James George, who, by the way, is in his 84th year, should renew his peal ringing activities after an absence of 13 months. On Wednesday he rang the 7th at Thurstaston to a peal of Stedman Triples. He has lost none of the knack of putting a bell in its place, and to ring a 'five thousand' of Stedman without a single mistake is truly a remarkable performance, even for such an octogenarian.

A first quarter by all the band, who are Sunday service ringers, was scored at Ticknall, Derbyshire, on Coronation Day, 1,260 changes of Grandsire Doubles was rung by W. Scar 1, J. Hulse 2, G. Hill 3, T. J. Marriott (conductor) 4, F. Hulse 5, A. Woodward 6.

Coronation Day ringing at St. Margaret's Church, Uxbridge, consisted of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Cooper 1, Miss E. Bedford 2, G. Gutteridge 3, A. Bray 4, B. Marson (first 'inside') 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, C. Nicholls 7, J. Childs 8.

After a peal attempt failed at Thatcham, Berks, on Saturday, May 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by T. Fisher 1, H. Lawrenson 2, W. Warrick 3, Miss S. Davis 4, S. Quintin 5, G. Fowler 6, E. W. Rex (conductor) 7, C. Tilling 8.

Two twelve-year-old ringers achieved their longest lengths on Coronation Day. Enid Richardson, of Surfleet, daughter of the Master of Lincoln Diocesan Guild, rang her first quarter-peal, and to add to the distinction it was conducted by her mother—Mrs. Richardson's first quarter-peal as conductor. Unfortunately, his recent accident prevented 'daddy' taking part as well.

An outstanding performance was that at Wigston Magna, Leicestershire, where a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods, with a change of method at every lead, except three, when a Before was called, was rung. And its merit was enhanced by the fact that all the band are Sunday service ringers at the church, and that it was the first 'spliced' peal by all the band.

The Sunday service band at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, did well in scoring the first peal of Grandsire Caters for the Scottish Association. Only two of the ringers, the conductor (Mr. W. H. Pickett) and Mr. R. O. Street (of Cambridge University Guild) had previously rung a peal of Grandsire Caters.

Five of the bells at St. Edburgha's Church, Yardley, Birmingham, have rung for no fewer than twelve Coronations, for they date back to the early part of the 17th century. The present peal of six was completed by the addition of a treble to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII. in 1902. On Wednesday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on them by Conrad Phillips 1, Roland Edwards 2, Albert T. Scrivens 3, George H. Taylor (conductor) 4, William Mullock 5, John Lindon 6.

All the ringers who took part in the peal of Stedman Cinques at Walsall are Sunday Service ringers at St. Matthew's Church, and at Stourbridge, Worcestershire, a local band rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

#### CELEBRATIONS IN FIVE REIGNS

At the Parish Church, Brighouse, for 9.30 a.m. service, the local ringers, assisted by a recruit from Stainland, rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, after which the bells were 'fired' 41 times in royal salute: Jack Whitely 1, Arthur Hinchcliffe 2, George Drake 3, Cyril F. Sutcliffe 4, James Pulman 5, W. E. Holroyd (conductor) 6. The ringer of the 3rd has now rung for celebrations in five reigns.

Two ringers, A. White and E. Rodenhurst, who rang in the tower at Stanton-on-Hine-Heath, Salop, for the Coronation of King George V. on June 22nd, 1911, rang last Wednesday for the Coronation of King George VI. For the Coronation service, 960 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bayley 1, A. White 2, A. Bayley 3, A. Jones 4, E. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, P. Davies 6.

The peal at East Ilsley, Berks, on May 5th, was specially arranged as a prelude to the Coronation festivities in the village.

The Coronation was celebrated at Marple, Cheshire, by the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band—a peal in two methods of Doubles. Two of the ringers, including a lady, rang their first peal at the first attempt, and two others, including the lady's husband, their first peal away from the treble. It was also Mr. A. Whiting's first peal as conductor.

Another good performance was at Kirkby-in-Furness, where five of the local band rang their first peal at the first attempt. The conductor was Mr. N. M. Newby, the district secretary of the Lancashire Association.

At Whittle-le-Woods, Lancs, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung. The ringers defied superstition and rang Mr. Arthur Knight's composition No. 13. It was a 5,088, reduced from 7,360, and was rung for the first time. Nothing untoward happened, so the superstition had another blow.

#### SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR.

The peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Dartford for the Coronation, had only just been completed, and the bells were being lowered in peal, when an ominous thump overhead announced the fact that the tenor clapper had broken off short below the staple.

Twin sisters and twin brothers took part in a peal of Bob Major at Sutton-on-Trent on Coronation morning. The Misses Kath and Grace Burchmell, who have rung over a hundred peals together and never one apart, rang the treble and 2nd, and Jack and Thomas Vessey, who were making their first attempt for an eight-bell peal, rang the 3rd and 4th. And they got up early to do so, for 'Go' was called at exactly 6 a.m.

This peal was called by Clifford Vessey, another brother, who later conducted the quickest peal rung at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, where the tenor is only 6½ cwt. This was in seven methods, and occupied only 2 hrs. 24 mins. And yet another member of the family participated, for Miss Dorothy Vessey rang the 4th.

The bells of St. Hilda's Church, South Shields, were rung for a few minutes following the actual crowning of the King in Westminster Abbey. The bells had also been rung from 6.30 to 7 o'clock in the morning, and after the broadcast of the Abbey service 2,160 Bob Minor was rung: R. Keddie 1, T. F. Preston 2, S. Patterson 3, C. Lea 4, H. Lea 5, W. Robson (conductor) 6. This is a comparatively new band, it was the longest length by any of them except the conductor.

The quarter-peal (1,344 Bob Major) was rung by Miss Enid M. Richardson 1, C. Dobney 2, J. W. Carter 3, J. W. Flowers 4, C. C. Rawding 5, E. T. King 6, N. T. King 7, Mrs. R. Richardson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

The other young ringer was F. Perrem, of Brampford Spoke, Devon, who scored his first 720, when he rang the treble to an extent of Bob Minor, the band being F. Perrem 1, W. J. Baker 2, W. J. Andrews 3, W. H. Key 4, H. J. Rowe 5, Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 6.

The first peal on the bells at St. Mark's Church, Bath, was rung on Coronation Day, and by a band all attached to the church.

In a peal of Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering, at Sunbury-on-Thames, four of the band rang their first peal at the first attempt, and another rang his first peal 'inside.'

For the broadcast Coronation service, in the Parish Church of St. Martin, Tipton, Staffs, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Williams 1, N. Leech 2, B. Windsor 3, G. Hughes 4, R. Morton 5, A. Rowley (conductor) 6, C. Winwood 7, G. Morton 8.

The first 720 of Double Oxford by all but one of the ringers was rung at Bergh Apton, Norfolk: A. Boggis 1, L. Jermy 2, R. Warman 3, H. Boggis (conductor) 4, R. Drane 5, L. Lester 6. First by all, except the ringer of the third.

At Stavley, near Chesterfield, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): Miss M. Harris 1, Lewis G. Palmer 2, George Willis 3, Frederick E. Parsons 4, Herbert Stowe 5, Dennis Parsons 6, William T. Palmer 7, Alfred E. Palmer (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 3rd, and first quarter-peal 'inside' by the ringer of the 6th.

An attempt for Heywood's peal of Stedman Triples, at Kingsteignton Parish Church, Devon, failed after 2 hours 5 minutes' good ringing owing to a shift course: A. L. Bennett 1, H. G. Lewis 2, J. E. Lilley 3, C. R. Walker 4, E. J. Taylor 5, H. C. Collyer 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, H. J. Hole 8.

#### WEDDING GIFT AFTER CORONATION RINGING.

Touches of London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung on Coronation morning at Irthlingborough. At the conclusion of the ringing a set of carvers was presented to Mr. Fred Palmer, of Irthlingborough, as a wedding gift, the presentation being made by Mr. A. Y. Tyler (foreman). Mr. Palmer was married at the Rushden Independent Wesleyan Church on Saturday to Miss M. Lawson, of Rushden. The same day in honour of the Coronation and also as a wedding compliment an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Irthlingborough. After 1 hour and 20 minutes' good striking the peal was lost. The ringers were E. Shelton 1, B. Morris 2, H. Chambers 3, F. Tite 4, C. Bird 5, B. Saddington 6, A. Bigley 7, A. Y. Tyler (conductor) 8.

His Majesty is patron of the living of Landulph, Cornwall, and it was only natural that the bells there should be rung with special significance. Members of the Truro Diocesan Guild rang, first 720 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. J. Clark 1, F. Hosking 2, G. Snell 3, H. M. Brown 4, H. J. Clark (conductor) 5, L. Clark 6. The first 720 by the treble and tenor ringers. This was followed by a quarter-peal of 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hosking 1, F. Hosking 2, G. Snell 3, H. M. Brown 4, H. J. Clark (conductor) 5, H. Hosking (first quarter-peal) 6. The conductor is one of His Majesty's tenants.

But the peal had been rung, and the ringers were more fortunate than a band at Yeovil, where a peal of Stedman Caters was lost at the very last change. We are informed that 214365879 came up—and then it 'bust.' What luck! We should have liked to hear the 'inquest' that followed.

#### HALF-PEALS.

In several places half-peals were rung. One at the Parish Church, Wareham, Dorset, was rung for the 8 a.m. Communion service. It was a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 10 variations, with 7-6-8 covering: Leon M. Day 1, F. Owen Day 2, Dr. A. M. Cunningham 3, H. W. Saunders 4, Francis G. Blake (conductor) 5, Frederick Welsh 6, William G. Hiscock 7, John C. H. Hughes 8. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the church.

Before the 7.30 a.m. service at Bradford Abbas, Dorset, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles: \*H. Gilham 1, \*P. Smith 2, R. C. Day 3, \*C. Smith 4, P. Field (conductor) 5, \*E. Smith 6. \*Longest length. All are members of the local band except the conductor.

At Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea, a half-peal of Bob Major (2,528 changes) was rung: H. Richardson 1, N. Townsend 2, W. Perry 3, A. Reeve 4, R. Watts 5, W. Dudley 6, E. Lufkin (conductor) 7, W. Taylor 8.

At Henlow, Beds, before Holy Communion service at 7.30 a.m., a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Wilton 1, S. Gravestock 2, F. Beaumont 3, J. Church 4, L. Bywaters 5, P. Tompkins 6. For 10.30 service a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob by the same band.

A peal at North Cadbury, Somerset, had to be abandoned owing to a broken rope, but a half-peal, consisting of two six-scores of Bob Doubles and 19 six-scores of Grandsire, was rung in one and a half hours: S. Laver 1, W. Laver 2, J. Laver (conductor) 3, L. Davis 4, W. Osborn 5, W. Parker 6.

Mr. A. Woods, of Thorne, Yorks, has now rung for three coronations. He took part on Wednesday in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Andrews 1, J. Thorley 2, A. Woods 3, T. A. Hepworth 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, R. Ward 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Birkenhead, Cheshire, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) was brought round: R. J. Fawcett 1, W. K. Hamilton 2, W. J. Battle 3, G. Battie 4, J. Cooke 5, J. A. Blair (conductor) 6.

The bells at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Tibshelf, Derbyshire, were 'fired' at 6.30 on Coronation morning. A 720 of Bob Minor followed: F. Wood 1, J. Maddison 2, J. Todd 3, H. Todd 4, J. Draycott 5, H. Draycott (conductor) 6.

Previous to the united service, held in St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, at 9.30 a.m., two complete 720's of London Surprise Minor were rung: D. Parry 1, A. J. Martin 2, Mrs. D. M. Poole 3, J. Leslie 4, F. T. Parry 5, W. Dean (conductor) 6.

After meeting short for Triples at Earls Barton, Northants, 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung with 7-8 covering: J. Lipier 1, H. Line 3, G. Packwood 4, E. Johnson 5, G. Brofield (conductor) 6, F. Jones 7, T. Haughton 8.

The treble ringer at St. Mary's Church, Widdford, Essex, also scored his first quarter-peal in a 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Sibley 1, A. Tarbun 2, J. Tarbun 3, H. W. Kirtan 4, H. W. Shadrack 5, L. J. Clark (conductor) 6, E. J. Runter 7, A. Brewers 8.

#### A HALF-PEAL.

A half of Parker's Twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hour 40 mins. at Truro Cathedral, where the tenor is 33½ cwt.: John Treloar (longest length on working bell) 1, W. H. Southard 2, Miss E. Jessie C. Angwin 3, F. H. Harris 4, E. Sanders 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 7, P. R. C. Williams 8.

About half-way through the peal of Treble Ten, at Beddington, a Press photographer appeared, accompanied by the verger. Although no visits were expected, a flashlight photograph from the doorway was taken of the ringers in action. The peal concluded at 10.45 a.m.

On Coronation morning, at St. Andrew's, Cobham, for early service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Holden 1, A. Roberts 2, J. Mills 3, E. Matthews 4, W. Faulkner 5, W. James (conductor) 6.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles rung, we know not where, because the report does not say, was scored by the following on Wednesday: John Adams 1, Frederick W. Pritchett 2, Thomas Brewer 3, Harry Adams, jun., 4, Leonard Lerner (conductor) 5, Harry Adams 6. In addition to being in honour of the Coronation, it was a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Adams.

Mr. Charles Tyler, an original member of the Sussex Association, founded 53 years ago, took part at Henfield, Sussex, in a Coronation service quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Brown 1, W. Morey 2, C. Tyler 3, F. Parsons 4, W. J. Alliss 5, A. E. Baker 6, G. Payne (conductor) 7, F. Cruttenden 8.

At Chelmsford Cathedral, 1,259 changes Grandsire Caters gave the treble ringer opportunity for his first quarter-peal: R. Groves 1, H. W. Kirtan 2, H. Allen 3, H. Edwards 4, A. O. Hume 5, L. J. Clark (conductor) 6, J. Wood 7, R. C. Thrift 8, R. C. Clark 9, G. Cooper 10.

On Coronation Day, ringing at Dunstable started at 7 a.m., when 252 Stedman Triples, 272 Bob Major and 336 Grandsire Triples were rung. The ringers taking part were C. E. King, C. W. King, H. Burrows, H. Tearle, G. Haley, F. Ramsay, A. G. Matthews, G. H. Sentance, J. Holmes, E. Franklin and A. E. Sharman. The bells were also fired as a royal salute.

A quarter-peal of Single Oxford Minor (1,260 changes) was rung at Billesdon, Leicestershire, on Coronation Day by R. Boddy 1, H. Faulkner 2, R. Russell 3, G. Geary (conductor) 4, H. Payne 5, N. Geary 6.

At Warnham, Sussex, at 7 a.m., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Leslie Brock 1, John Cook 2, John Stanford 3, Peter Charman 4, William Hooker 5, Jack Branch 6, Walter Charman (conductor) 7, Alfred Charman 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Finchley, a quarter-peal of Minor (900 Plain Bob and 360 Oxford Bob): G. Saunders 1, R. Willis 2, P. Blake 3, F. Tubb 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6. On Thursday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): R. Willis 1, P. Blake 2, B. Tubb 3, F. Tubb 4, A. Warren 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

#### GOING STRONG AT 85.

Eighteen ringers took part in the Coronation Day ringing at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, when 1,056 Cambridge Maximus, also 528 Superlative Maximus, 905 Stedman Cinques, touch of Grandsire Cinques and Forward Maximus were rung. Among the company was the veteran Robert H. Brundle, who although in his 86th year rang in both the Cambridge and Superlative Maximus—really a wonderful performance.

A quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung at All Saints' Church, Basingstoke: W. Hilbert 1, F. A. Munday 2, C. W. Munday 3, E. Austin 4, H. Wooding 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6, F. G. Cooper 7, J. Chesterman 8.

A band of Sunday service ringers at Whitbourne, Herefordshire, rang a quarter-peal of Doubles in three methods, viz., Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire: R. J. Caswell 1, Fred Davis 2, Ernest Jones 3, George Jones 4, George Soley (conductor) 5, William Morris 6.

Prior to a service at the Parish Church, Hallow, Worcestershire, the local band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Lane 1, P. L. Blissett 2, A. H. Tyler 3, J. Batchelor 4, L. Clay 5, A. Morgan 6, T. G. Green (conductor) 7, W. A. Sharp 8.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Thomas', Exeter, after 7.15 a.m. service: W. Rundle 1, J. Hosgood 2, R. Truman 3, W. A. Wills 4, F. Wills 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, E. Hill 7, E. Spurling 8. First quarter-peal for W. Rundle and E. Spurling. The quarter-peal was preceded by a royal salute of 21 'shots' fired on the bells. After 9 a.m. service further ringing took place with 'firing' at intervals. Time would not permit an attempt of a peal.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### SIGNS OF ADVANCE IN THE ART.

#### Hon. Secretary's Cheerful Outlook.

The Earl of Shaftesbury (president) presided over the luncheon and meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at their annual festival at Salisbury on May 1st. He was supported by the Bishop of Salisbury, the Dean of Salisbury, the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry, Ringwood), and the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Gillingham). A company including many clergy, and numbering 162, sat down.

The loyal toasts and that of the Bishop of the Diocese were honoured.

The annual meeting followed, and the hon. secretary, in his report, stated the number of peals rung was naturally below the outstanding record of 1935. The list included one notable achievement in the first peal of Cinques on the twelve bells of Trowbridge. It was rung by the local band, to whom cordial congratulations were offered. 'Considerable progress in change ringing is being made in different parts of the diocese,' continued the report. 'The formation of a ringing society at the Theological College is a step of great practical value; some of our younger enthusiasts are showing praiseworthy activity in training bands of beginners in the art, while more experienced bands are making steady advance under skilled direction. Practical proof of this fact is to be found in the peal record—as well as in the variety of methods rung at some of the brunch meetings.'

#### SATISFACTORY FEATURE OF PEALS.

A most satisfactory feature of the whole list of peals was that in no less than 31 out of the 37 rung one or more of the band scored a first peal, or else first in the method or the number of methods. The progressive company at Lyme Regis lost no time in inaugurating the new reign. Within a week of King George VI.'s accession to the Throne they rang the first peal of Bob Major ever accomplished by a local band in West Dorset, with the Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Cox, as conductor. The first peal of Cinques in the county of Wilts, in the diocese and by the Guild brought the record for 1936 to a memorable conclusion on the last day of the year.

'In the coming year,' stated the Master's report, 'I rejoice to see signs of an advance in the art of change ringing; there are more taking advantage of the services of the instructors and interest in different methods, so that there is every prospect of good peals being accomplished.' A great debt of gratitude was owed to instructors.

The statement of accounts showed the income for the year to be £67 4s. 9d. and the expenditure 60 18s. 11d., the credit balance being £66 13s. 4d., as against £60 2s. 6d. the previous year.

The report and accounts were adopted.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Master, the Rev. R. H. Gundry; hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. F. L. Edwards; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. F. Green, Devizes; hon. auditors, the Rev. R. E. G. Newman, Gillingham, and Mr. H. R. Hopkins, Kingston Magna; committee, the officers of the Guild and of the branches, the Rev. Canon R. E. P. Gorrings and Mr. E. P. Field.

Messrs. W. J. Mees, Hilberton, and William Williams, West Lulworth, were elected life members, and Mr. H. D. W. Bishop, of Evershot, was appointed an instructor.

#### ADDRESS TO THE KING.

On the motion of the Earl of Shaftesbury, it was agreed to send the following loyal address to H.M. the King on the occasion of his Coronation: 'Members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, assembled at their annual meeting in this year of the Royal Coronation, humbly desire to assure your Majesty of their loyal devotion to your throne and person, and pray that for many years to come it will be the privilege of the ringers of this ancient diocese of Salisbury to celebrate your Majesty's birthday with the music of the church bells.'

The sum of 19s. was voted to the Bishop Donaldson Memorial Fund. Mr. Jennings proposed that grants be made to the following towers: St. Peter's, Dorchester, Rampisham, Wyke Regis and Poole.

The Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby, whilst thanking the Guild for their kindness, said St. Peter's could now see their way to meet their needs and would like to stand down for some other tower in greater need (applause).

The other grants were passed.

#### MUSIC OF BELLS.

The Guild service was held in the Cathedral, when the Bishop, in his address, said the great significance of a bellringers' festival was that brethren of the craft, a holy craft, came together to realise the greatness of the contribution which they made to the united religious life of the country. There is in this country, declared the Bishop, no music so ancient as that to which we have listened in its miniature form in the course of this service (a peal was rung on handbells during the service). There is no music so widely diffused over the country, except, of course, in the miracle of broadcasting, there is none so widely spread and coming from so many points as the music of the church bells. There is no music in the land which engages so many instrumentalists at the same time as the church bells on any Sunday morning, Sunday evening or Coronation Day. 'God speaks through your bells, and you do well to make your ringing as scientific, as skilful and as beautiful as you can.'

About 400 attended the service, and the collection, £4 6s. 1d., was on behalf of the Cathedral Spire Fund.

The methods rung at the various churches through the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Cambridge, London and Superlative Surprise.

## MANCHESTER TOWN HALL BELLS.

### FINE RING OF TWELVE FOR THE CITY.

#### An Eight-Ton Hour Bell.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have just completed a magnificent set of bells for Manchester Town Hall, and they are crowned with an eight-ton bourdon on which the clock will strike. During the past few weeks drays with heavy hoisting tackle, followed by others with steel girders and then, later, others with bells, have created interest in front of the main entrance at Manchester Town Hall. Crowds of onlookers gathered to watch the manœuvring of the great compound girders of the new bell frame and the 'handing' of the larger bells up the steps and through the main doorway. All this was part of the work of rehanging the recast bells in the tower of the Town Hall, which is one of the few civic buildings to possess a ringing peal of bells.

There are now 24 bells all told, the great hour bell, weighing 8 tons, being hung in the dome of the tower, with the remaining 23 bells below. Thirteen of the bells are hung for ringing, there being a ring of 12, with tenor 43 cwt., note B, and, in addition, a sharp 2nd, so as to produce a true diatonic octave with the 8th as the tenor bell, which will be found to be very useful for practice purposes.

The other ten bells are hung rigid, and they, together with the 13 bells of the ringing peal, will be connected up to an electro-pneumatic player, whereby well-known tunes will be played at specified times of the day. When the Town Hall authorities placed the contract with Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the wish was expressed that everything possible should be done so that the ringing peal would be in order for the celebration of the Coronation, and in the limited time at their disposal for a great work of this nature the bell foundry are to be congratulated on what they have accomplished.

The peal was formally opened at noon on Saturday, May 8th, the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Alderman J. Toole, giving the signal to commence the ringing. The ringers (members of the Police Force) then broke into rounds, and then was heard for the first time the beautiful effect as the trebles sounded out, followed down the scale by the larger bells. Grandsire Cinques and Treble Twelve followed.

Mr. J. Wilson, who is in charge of the bells, regrets that notice of the formal opening of the peal was too short to allow of any announcement in 'The Ringing World,' and he hopes that no one will feel aggrieved because they were not informed of the event. A few outsiders, however, either got to know of the ceremony or by chance heard the bells being rung, and upon ascending the tower were made welcome and took part in the ringing. Amongst the ringers present were Supt. P. R. Williams (president of the National Guild of Police Ringers), Mr. W. H. Shaker (secretary of the Lancashire Association), and visitors from Didsbury, Ashton, Reddish, Marple and Bolton, whilst Mr. J. P. Fidler represented Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the contractors for the whole of the bell restoration scheme. The work has included the recasting of 20 bells and adding three new smaller ones, the peal being equipped with modern fittings throughout, and hung in a massive cast-iron and steel framework upon a grillage of steel girders. The bells are inscribed as follows, each bearing a line from Tennyson's immortal poem, 'In Memoriam'—

Tenor.—M. C. Ring out the grief that saps the mind.

This peal of bells was recast and rehung in the Coronation year of King George VI., 1937.

22nd.—W. H. T. For those that here we see no more.

T. S. W.	M. E. M.	J. B.
W. K.	W. D.	R. N. B.
R. T.	W. M.	T. R. A.
J. H. S.	G. W.	E. G.
W. C.	J. C. G.	N. W.
S. W.	J. M. W.	G. R. L.

(The initials are those of members of committee.)

21st.—J. H. Ring out the feud of rich and poor.

20th.—J. L. Ring in redress to all mankind.

19th.—J. M. Ring out a slowly dying cause.

18th.—C. S. And ancient forms of party strife.

17th.—J. C. Ring in the nobler modes of life.

16th.—J. A. With sweeter manners, purer laws.

15th.—J. W. Ring out false pride in place and blood.

14th.—G. B. The civic slander and the spite.

13th.—J. T. Ring in the love of truth and right.

12th.—J. H. Ring in the common love of good.

11th.—J. B. Ring out old shapes of foul disease.

10th.—J. G. Ring out the narrowing lust of gold.

9th.—W. B. Ring out the thousand wars of old.

8th.—J. M. B. Ring in the thousand years of peace.

7th.—P. F. W. Ring in the valiant man and free.

6th.—B. N. The larger heart, the kinder hand.

5th.—J. K. Ring out the darkness of the land.

4th.—J. G. L. Ring in the Christ that is to be.

The three smallest bells have no inscriptions.

The Loughborough foundry have added another glorious peal of twelve to their imposing record. The bells are now rung from the chamber above the previous ringing chamber, and the shorter draught will no doubt be much appreciated by all those who are familiar with the tower. There is no doubt that the Police Guild will make good use of this, their first ring of twelve bells.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

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## PEALS OF DOUBLES.

The following motion was then discussed:—

That so much of all previous resolutions of the Council as defines or attempts to define what shall be recognised as a peal of Doubles be rescinded and that the following be substituted therefor:—

1. Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
  - (a) True and complete Six-Scores, without interval between any two Six-Scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
  - (b) Round blocks consisting of two or more Six-Scores, provided that each of the Six-Scores which comprise the round blocks shall be itself a true and complete round block.
  - (c) Twelve-Scores known as Morriss' and Pitman's.
  - (d) Combinations of (a), (b) and (c) above or any two of them.
2. At the conclusion of 5,040 or more changes, rung in accordance with (1) above, one true touch of any length less than 120 changes may be added.
3. Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell.

It was moved by Mr. Wilfred Wilson, in a 'maiden' speech. He reviewed the course of the controversy on Minor and Doubles peals, commencing with the Hereford meeting in 1928, and urged the Council to adopt his proposal as placing Doubles on the same basis as Minor, since the admission of the Bankes James arrangement.

The motion was seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, and opposed by Mr. S. H. Wood and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Mr. J. Hunt, Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. P. J. Johnson spoke in support, the last-named on the ground that the Council should be consistent in its inconsistency.

An amendment, moved by Mr. Trollope and seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, to omit clause 2, was carried, but another amendment, moved by Mr. W. B. Kynaston and seconded by Mr. S. H. Hillier, to delete sub-clauses (b), (c) and (d), was defeated by a considerable majority, and the resolution, as proposed, was then adopted.

The Council by a large majority decided to meet next year at Leeds. Other places proposed were Leicester and Dublin.

## CONGRATULATIONS.

On the motion of Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Trollope, it was resolved to send a letter to the Ancient Society of College Youths congratulating them upon attaining their tercentenary.

On the suggestion of Mr. F. W. Rogers it was also decided to send a letter of congratulation to the Ladies' Guild on reaching their silver jubilee.

The subject of 'radio' bells was ventilated, but no action taken.

Mr. A. J. Harris broached the subject of the publication of notices of matters of major importance at least six months before the Council meeting, so that associations might have the opportunity of considering them at their own annual meetings.

It was pointed out that, to enable all associations to have this opportunity, motions would have to be handed in a year ahead.

The President ruled that no action could be taken that day as an alteration of the rules was involved, and due notice must be given.

## PROPOSED MEMORIALS TO PAST MEMBERS.

It was resolved, subject to the scheme being carried out to provide a memorial to the late Canon H. J. Elsee, to subscribe a sum of three guineas. The scheme at present before the committee of the Lancashire Association consists of improvements in the tower of St. George's Church, Bolton, estimated to cost about £450.

A sum of three guineas was also provisionally voted to a scheme, if one were set on foot, for a memorial to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, who was librarian of the Council.

## RAISING AND FALLING BELLS.

The President made reference to the practice in some places of jangling the bells up and down, and called attention to a previous resolution of the Council that bells should preferably be raised in peal, but where it was necessary to raise them otherwise it was desirable to raise them singly and in order. He hoped that ringers would adhere to this practice where they could not raise or lower the bells in peal.

An omnibus vote of thanks to all concerned in the arrangements for the meeting was passed, and hearty thanks were also accorded to the hon. secretary and Mrs. Fletcher, and to the president.

This brought the meeting to a close soon after 5 p.m.

Members and friends afterwards took tea at the County Hotel as the guests of the Kent County Association, and later there was a social evening.

Throughout the week-end there was much ringing done on the bells of the Cathedral and other churches in Canterbury and neighbouring places. There was also a tour of the grand old Cathedral conducted by Mr. Morton Pierce.

A fuller report of the meeting will be commenced in our next issue.

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—On May 2nd, for evening service at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Tuck 1, Miss E. Southby 2, T. E. Denyer 3, G. W. Challen 4, W. Denyer 5, E. J. Gower 6, W. H. Viggers (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. Kenward 8.

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## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(Established 1637.)

## THE TERCENTENARY FESTIVAL.

## PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

A service will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 4 p.m. Dinner at Cannon Street Hotel at 6 p.m. Tickets to members 10s. each, to non-members 12s. 6d. each. The maximum seating capacity is 400. Application should be made as early as possible, as no tickets can be issued in excess of that number.

William T. Cockerill,

Hon. Secretary.

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, 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.—Please note:—The next meeting will be held at OVERSEALE on Saturday, May 22nd. Measham bells not available. Time 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. A hearty welcome awaits all visitors.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**RISHTON PARISH CHURCH.**—The re-dedication of the peal of eight bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, will take place on Saturday, May 22nd, at 3 p.m. The dedication will be conducted by the Rev. Canon G. Stewart Perry, M.A. (Rural Dean of Blackburn). Tea will be provided after the service in the Horwood Road Schools. Ringers and friends are heartily invited to the dedication service.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Walsoken, on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Usual arrangements for tea. The Sharnford meeting is fixed for June 26th.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Millom, on Saturday, May 22nd. Tower open at 2.30.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 22nd. Service 4.15. Tea at the Sun Hotel 5 p.m. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. and after the meeting. Hearty welcome to all.—F. S. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City and Rural Branches.—A combined meeting of the above branches will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please make a special effort to attend, and do not fail to send numbers requiring tea.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chenies (6 bells) on Saturday, May 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Rothley on May 22nd. Quorn bells not available. Ringing from 3.30 to 4.30 and 6 to 8 p.m. only. Subscriptions accepted.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, May 22nd, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Special method: London Surprise Major. It is hoped that members will make a special effort to be present.—K. Arthur, Dis. Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Daventry (8 bells) on Saturday, May 22nd. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Wantage on Saturday, May 22nd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify early.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Histon on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. The short ringers' service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the meeting.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, May 23rd, at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice at Shoreditch on Thursday, May 27th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Ass. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Epping Town (8 bells) on Wednesday, May 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify L. Cordell, Dis. Master, Potter Street, Harlow, Essex.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A combined practice will be held at Hatfield on Wednesday, May 26th, at 7.45. Please note the date, as it will only appear once. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash and H. V. Frost.

**TETSWORTH, OXON.**—The first anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available all day. Dinner 5.30. Please notify.—J. W. Gibbard, Tetsworth, Oxon.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, May 29th. Cathedral bells available from 3 p.m. Meat tea at 5.15 p.m., price 2s. 6d. (1s. to members), but notification by May 26th is essential. Service will be at the sub-deanery church at 4.30. Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Advices by May 26th, please. Special method, St. Lawrence Little Bob Major. Nearest station, Stanmore (Met.), and short walk, or No. 114 bus (if running). Alternative route, if buses are available, tube to Edgware and No. 114 bus. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. number, Larkwood 1959.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Kissingbury on Saturday, May 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 27th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 29th, to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mr. C. Slingsby. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Dover. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea by Monday, the 24th.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Oswestry on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me not later than Tuesday, May 25th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmore, Upper Road, Neole Brace, Shrewsbury.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The branch meets at Cromer on Saturday, May 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at the Rendezvous Tea Rooms, The Parade, at 5 p.m. Special business: (1) Presentation of album containing subscribers' names to his testimonial to Mr. A. L. Coleman; (2) election of branch secretary. It is hoped all members of the association will make a special effort to attend. It is important that I should be informed of those who require tea.—Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday, May 25th?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on May 29th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea by the kindness of the Rector; business after.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, May 29th. Bells available 2.30. Service by Rt. Rev. Bishop N. S. Talbot, D.D., M.C., 4 o'clock, followed by tea (rs.) in Barker Gate Institute. Please notify me for tea by May 26th. This is the Guild's Jubilee year—come and celebrate. Gentlemen specially invited.—I. B. Thompson, 53, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A meeting of the Doncaster District and the Eastern District will be held at Thorne on Saturday, May 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Those attending must make own arrangements for tea. Plenty of cafés near church.—H. S. Morley and E. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—An extra meeting will be held at Leamington Hastings, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Rectory, by kind invitation of the Rev. J. E. Wigram, at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

**ELSTREE,** June 5th.—Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Coach and train service to village from London and places round.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. Tel. City 4270. Herts Association.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Thursday, May 27th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Batley on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Beckwithshaw (near Harrogate) on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. A. Holmes, The Smiths' Arms, Beckwithshaw, before Thursday, May 27th. A hearty invitation to all.—Edward Mudron, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, May 29th, through the kindness of the Rev. H. R. Everson, Rector of Hartill, near Sheffield, the bells (8) of Hartill Church, recently restored, etc., will be available for ringing. For tea, please notify the Rev. H. R. Everson, Rectory, Hartill, near Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Romans Road, Sheffield 7.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 29th, at Seavington. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock at the Volunteer Inn. All requiring tea notify me by Tuesday, May 25th.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, May 29th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. each. Meeting in the Schoolroom. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. A. Kershaw, 118, Moss Lane, Pendlebury, not later than Wednesday, May 26th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Manor Arms at 5.30 p.m. Immanuel bells (8) after tea until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 26th, please.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Coseley, Staffs, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 9d. each for those only who notify me not later than Tuesday, June 1st. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 19th, at Bolsover, Derbyshire. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m., in Church Hall, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea *must* apply not later than June 15th to Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, Derbyshire.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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