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BOURNEMOUTH, 1953

ONE of the happiest meetings in the long history of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was that at Bournemouth. The hot sunshine that bronzed many a face and even caused discomfort to the Editor of a journal familiar to ringers, put everything in its brightest hue. The cordial way the visitors were received by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild and the adjoining Salisbury Diocesan Guild made everyone feel at home. It was a happy thought to hold the Southern Ringers' Rally and the George Williams Commemoration Dinner on the Saturday. In a sense it was a Central Council dinner, and the organiser, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, and those associated with him, must have felt really proud of the success of the evening. The programme of entertainment was of high standard; Dan Matkin's band demonstrated in spliced ringing, the vocalists were charming and the speeches rippled along in a light easy fashion, with wit and story intermingled. The Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth enjoyed this their first engagement after assuming office. On the entertainment side mention should also be made of the hospitality of Mr. J. Martin Stewart at his nurseries at Ferndown and the entrancing tour into Dorset on the Monday. The scenery and bells left the happiest of impressions.

Of the Council itself, in a sense it started a new era. For 21 years Mr. G. W. Fletcher has sat by the side of the president guiding proceedings with a dexterity and understanding of the foibles of Central Council members. When Mr. E. H. Lewis took his seat with the new secretary, Mr. E. A. Barnett, there was a loss of an old familiar face. Also absent was the librarian. Recently, largely through health reasons, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton resigned his appointment, and his successor, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, was only acting; it was not until his election that he could assume office. Early in the proceedings there was a tangible recognition of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher's good services when the president gave them a gift from the Council of a silver salver and two silver tankards. The presentation had that intimate friendly atmosphere, not the formal dignified oration that has its counterpart in civic life. How the meeting enjoyed the quip of Mr. Lewis about the glass bottom to Mrs. Fletcher's tankard so that she could see if George was behaving himself!

The recognition paid to Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, in electing him to honorary membership was indeed timely, if not overdue. The way Mr. C. Roberts sponsored

his election was well said. Now that Mr. Pitman has retired from business life he should be of particular use to the Exercise, and the Council would be incomplete without him. Mrs. Barnett also received honorary membership and an ovation that should encourage her in her duties as assistant secretary.

'The Ringing World,' according to the income and expenditure account, showed a profit last year of £136. This, however, was only produced after £250 had been received in donations—largely the contributions of those who ring peals and quarter peals. There was a strong feeling that the principle of the voluntary contribution should be continued rather than a levy imposed on peals and quarter peals. Mr. J. Frank Smallwood had an easy task in shepherding through his report. The financial difficulties of 'The Ringing World' in the last two years has revealed in a remarkable manner the affection with which the journal is held in the Exercise. This is particularly encouraging to the Editor and the Editorial Committee. Mr. Smallwood was right when he emphasised that increased circulation was the only real remedy, but we would add that the postal subscriber is the real salvation. From a copy sold through a newsagent the journal benefits by only one farthing; there is threepence from the postal subscriber. If the present 1,600 postal subscribers were substantially increased then financial progress would be made.

There were three other financial points that should be commented upon. The publications account only produced a profit after not allowing anything for the advertisements in 'The Ringing World.' It has always been the policy of the librarian and his advisers to fix the selling price of the Central Council publications at the lowest possible figure. It is not a profit-making concern, but has as its aim the provision of technical publications for the advancement of ringing within the compass of every pocket. Such a policy is sound, but can be a source of anxiety to the librarian. The new librarian has been asked to consider the selling price of publications.

Regarding the general funds of the Council, they are completely inadequate to meet the normal work of such a body. Affiliation fees produced £37 10s.; next year they are to be doubled, but even so the margin will be inadequate. While the Council at the end of the year had £1,673 12s. 7d. cash at bank and in hand, it should be able to meet its normal expenses from its yearly income. Incidentally, its donation of £50 to the Canon Coleridge Memorial Fund has yet to appear in the accounts.

One of the unhappiest of speeches that Mr. Albert Walker has had to make in public related to the expenditure of £29 16s. on the Carter Broadsheet. As far back as 1947 the Council decided to have this broadsheet reprinted. It was sent to the printers and then the trouble started. Mr. Charles Roberts started to check the proofs at the request of a member of the committee. Checking the proofs of a broadsheet of this character is not like reading a book for author's corrections. When one has to deal with thousands of peals and misprints were found in the original, the task assumed a proportion without a sign of finality. The months ticked by; the printers argued that they could not keep the type standing indefinitely and it was finally 'dissed,' leaving the Council to pay nearly £30. From the discussion that emerged Mr. Roberts was able to assure the conductors present that there were no false peals; the misprints would probably be detected by them. There has been an advance in Cinques and Caters compositions since the days of John Carter and there was a feeling which found expression in resolution that a small book should be prepared. The lesson has been learnt; there will be no going to the printers before the copy has been checked and is perfect.

An advance was made regarding the Rolls of Honour. These are to be placed in a glass case in St. Paul's Cathedral. All that remains is the provision of a case, costing approximately £30. As to meeting the cost, Mr. Harry Miles gave the Council two ways—a generous donor presenting it or a levy of 10s. on each affiliated society. If the first fails then the second should be employed. A suggestion that the rolls should be taken to each Council meeting did not find favour. It was felt that the responsibility was too great on the individual concerned. Since the Eastbourne conference Mr. Miles has been engaged on the roll, its compilation and 'seeing it to press.' He deserved and received the Council's thanks.

The Methods Committee sailed through with flying colours. They presented a nine page report on Method Extension which was accepted by the Council. The crux of the position in the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's words was: 'We found no reason for altering the decision of the Council made some 50 years ago.' They have, however, given the Exercise eleven recommended rules which will be published in due course.

A subject of wider interest was broadcasting of bells. The inadequacy of the time allotted on the air for service ringing is a subject of frequent complaint. What is the remedy? Should the headquarters of the B.B.C. be approached or the regions of the B.B.C.? The general opinion was that the most effective work would be through Guilds and Associations to their respective regions. The success in the Western region and the television broadcast from Kingston Seymour received very favourable comment.

The next Central Council meeting will be at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Not since 1913 has this city been visited, and there was a feeling that it was long overdue. We cannot conclude these brief impressions of the Bournemouth Council meeting without an expression of thanks to the Bournemouth Corporation, who hospitably entertained the members and their wives to tea, and to Mr. George Pullinger, the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, who was a real host in himself, ever mindful for the happiness of all the visitors. Thank you, Bournemouth.

TEN BELL PEALS

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 22, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	ALBERT V. COATES 6
*HAROLD SPENCER 2	HARRY SHORT 7
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON 3	*HAROLD PARKER 8
*DOUGLAS ELWICK 4	BERT SUTTON 9
GEORGE W. WHITE 5	SIDNEY R. ELWICK Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal on ten bells.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN Treble	REGINALD W. REX 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2	MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 8
JOHN S. MASON 4	CECIL W. PIPE 9
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON 5
*NEVILLE FENN 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. J. S. Deuchar, widow of a former Rector of Saxlingham.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN B. GUY Treble	*ROBIN G. TURNER 5
*R. JAMES COOK 2	PETER BORDER 6
PETER C. WRIGHT 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS 7
†DOUGLAS C. BIRKINSHAW 4	‡GEOFFREY HARPER Tenor

Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples as conductor.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 13, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,536 of Yorkshire, 2,208 of Cambridge and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt.

*HARRY BAKER Treble	*ROBERT SWIFT 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 2	*WILFRED W. RING 6
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	*MARK W. MARSHALL Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of 3 Spliced. First of 3 Spliced for the Association.

Rung as 4th birthday compliment to Robert Arthur Swift, son of the ringer of the 5th.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

MICHAEL G. MORTON Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 5
MURIEL REAY 2	*ANTHONY AGER 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal in the method.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.
*JOHN VERNON Treble J. BAILESS 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2 †WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. .. 6
N. L. WALKER 3 †PETER J. THOMAS .. 7
†DENIS ALLSOP 4 FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal on eight. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., May 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. Treble BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
MURIEL REAY 2 ANTHONY AGER 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3 †MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4 *GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 11).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 300th peal together. † First peal in the method.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 18, 1953, in 2 hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble CEDRIC CURSON 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2 ARTHUR G. BASON 6
*WILLIAM LOVE 3 BERT GOGLE 7
†DAVID HEIGHTON 4 GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*JOHN HAWTIN Treble W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2 SIDNEY H. JONES 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE .. 3 JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 4 ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Little Bob.

Rung to mark the appointment of the Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Hogarth, as Hon. Canon of Leicester Cathedral.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*FRANK WARRINGTON .. Treble †WILLIAM O. NOBLE .. 5
†HERBERT W. PRATT 2 FRANK W. LACK 6
†MARGOT R. THOMPSON .. 3 JOHN W. C. BLYTHE .. 7
†JOHN R. G. SPICER 4 HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* 450th peal. † First Major peal 'inside.' ‡ First Major peal.

Birthday compliments to the conductor's sisters, May and Ruth.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

IAN P. MCEWAN Treble GEOFFREY PEARSON 5
NORMAN TOMPKINS 2 JOSEPH THORNLEY 6
FREDERICK BROWNLOW .. 3 PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
ALAN PENDLEBURY 4 ALBERT GREENHALGH .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung to celebrate the 45th wedding anniversary of the conductor and Mrs. Crook, and a farewell to the Vicar and his wife.

LYDD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 20, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT Treble ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
*MAISIE VANTONE 2 MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN 3 FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 7
†JOHN R. COOPER 4 MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Kent.

Rung to celebrate the 22nd consecutive election of Alderman Gordon Thomas Paine, M.B.E., J.P., and churchwarden, to the office of Mayor of the Borough of Lydd.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*THOMAS SEWELL Treble †THOMAS COOKE 5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 2 §DENIS A. BAYLES 6
W. NORMAN PARK 3 §ERIC N. HARRISON 7
†THOMAS M. COX 4 ROLAND PARK Tenor

Composed by N.-J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major. § First peal in the method. § 25th peal together. The 100th peal of Surprise for the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CYNTHIA BIBBY (aged 12) Treble FRED JACKSON 5
ELIZABETH M. BIBBY 2 OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. 6
†WILLIAM G. BIBBY 3 JOHN E. BIBBY 7
*HAROLD MATHIAS 4 FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Elizabeth M. Bibby and Mr. George Edward Daniels, of Dilham, Norfolk. Also completes 40 years as regular Sunday service ringers at Frodsham for J. E. Bibby and F. Bibby. Rung by the Sunday service band.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

CYRIL H. KINCH Treble PHILIP WALKER 5
MARIE R. CROSS 2 FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 6
EDMUND E. PEARSON 3 PETER BORDER 7
GEORGE F. BURTON 4 EDGAR J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.



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On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN B. SANSOM Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. 5
JANET S. BAILEY 2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 6
FRANK BLONDELL 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 7
JOHN R. MAYNE 4	G. WILLIAM MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung as 83rd birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd. It was also the 59th anniversary of his first peal.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 5
RONALD RUSSELL 2	JAMES H. MUSSON .. 6
WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 3	HAROLD HUXLEY .. 7
GEORGE W. CREASEY .. 4	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Percy D. Baldock.

The peal was specially arranged for Mr. Manning and Mr. Huxley, who hail from Warwickshire.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	PERCY NEWTON .. 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	*ANTHONY E. COX .. 6
*SYDNEY A. WARWICK .. 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM .. 7
WALTER LEE 4	CECIL C. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. 36. Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb. in G sharp.	
DAVID E. WEST Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 2	ROSEMARY SEABROOKE .. 6
MRS. R. ROUSE 3	GEORGE WATERMAN .. 7
EDWARD B. SMITH .. 4	RONALD G. BUGG .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt.	
JOSEPH L. STANIER .. Treble	*SIDNEY H. TRANTER .. 5
HOWARD HOWELL 2	LEONARD HEWITT .. 6
*HENRY DOUGLAS 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY .. 4	*THOMAS S. WILKES .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight.

Rung as a thanksgiving peal for the augmentation and restoration of the bells.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sun., May 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
PETER C. WRIGHT .. Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE .. 5
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 2	PETER BORDER .. 6
WALTER F. JUDGE .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. 7
PHILIP WALKER 4	DENNIS H. L. LANGDON .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

HAROLD F. WHITE .. Treble	WILLIAM A. FARMER .. 5
*BERNARD MADELEY .. 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3	FREDERICK PRICE .. 7
†RAYMOND HAZLEDINE .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

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

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
SIDNEY H. JONES 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 6
*W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
WALTER G. SOAR 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. E. Thompson, wife of the 5th ringer.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Nicholas, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, 18 of Grandsire and two 240's. Tenor 13 cwt.

DONALD G. WHEELER .. Treble	BERNARD C. COLLINS .. 4
ARTHUR J. WHITE 2	HARRY C. JONES .. 5
WALTER LEE 3	REX BACON .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LEE.

POWDERHAM, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., May 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Two 2,160's, different callings, and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt.

ELIZABETH BROWN .. Treble	†REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT .. 4
*JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5
FREDERICK WREFOED .. 3	BRIAN PIDGEON .. Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise.

Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MARY DOWSETT .. Treble	RICHARD I. GARDINER .. 4
PETER J. CAME 2	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 5
JOHN WEST 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 21 methods: 1. Rossendale, Stamford, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Netherseale and Annable's London. 2. Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham, Berwick and Hexham. 3. London, Wells and Cuncastre. 4. Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne. 5. Cambridge and Ipswich. 6. Norfolk and Primrose. 7. York and Durham. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. Treble	JAMES W. HAW .. 4
*ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR .. 2	*WILLIAM H. OLDMAN .. 5
CECIL WADE 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal in 21 methods.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

*CHRIS. R. F. MUNCEY..Treble | MICHAEL N. BLAND .. 3 Tenor 4½ cwt.

†HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. 2 | MARIE K. ROBERTS .. 4

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

HONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 different twelve-scores.

*GEORGE A. INGLEBY ..Treble | F. GEORGE VICKERS .. 3 Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDK. W. PINCHBECK .. 2 | DENIS A. FRITH .. 4

THOMAS W. CHARITY .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells for nearly 40 years.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*REGINALD F. EALES ..Treble | GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 4

FREDERICK C. CASE .. 2 | WILLIAM YATES .. 5

EDWIN R. LAMBERT .. 3 | FREDERICK PATEMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Pateman, who were married 32 years previously at this church.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents.

RONALD G. BECK ..Treble | VICTOR SAVAGE .. 4 Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 2 | E. JOHN TARGETT .. 5

JAMES TOPP .. 3 | EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells.

FISHTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED A. OLDERSHAW ..Treble | THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 4

FRANK TAYLOR .. 2 | CYRIL WANDER .. 5

JOHN G. AMES .. 3 | ERNEST BRITAIN .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

HANDBELL PEALS

DROGHEDA, IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 15, 1953, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

AT 26, WILLIAM STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

JAMES TAYLOR .. 1—2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3—4 Tenor size 8 in C.

JOHN HUBER .. 5—6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 11, EXTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 37.

JAMES E. DANIELS .. 1—2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5—6 Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3—4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7—8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Kathleen E. Fletcher, also as a welcome home to Jim Daniels, on the completion of his National Service



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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

A Change in Mastership — Target of 1,000 Members Set

ON Whit Monday the 74th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford. Ringing commenced at 10 o'clock followed by a service in the Cathedral conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford (the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, M.A.). The Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips) read the lesson, the address being given by the Archdeacon of Southend (the Ven. E. N. Gowing).

During the service the names of members who had passed on to higher service during 1952 were read, namely:—L. W. Binder, A. W. Brighton, H. L. Dawkins, C. Harrington, G. A. Hayward, W. Keeble, G. Parsons, R. Sharpton, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson and the Rev. H. Siviter.

The Archdeacon, during a heartening address, referred to the fact that bells had been an essential part of English Church life since the seventh century. By ringing the bells for service, ringers were entering into the corporate life of the church just as much as the other organisations connected with it.

The collection taken at the service for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 9s. 4d.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, J.P.) presided at the annual general meeting held in the Cathedral Chapter House, supported by the life vice-presidents, District Masters and other officers of the Association. He extended a hearty welcome to all visitors and hoped that they would have an enjoyable day.

Apologies for absence were received from:—The Provost of Chelmsford, the Archdeacon of Southend, Mr. H. W. Mansfield (vice-president), Miss H. G. Snowden, Messrs. F. Lufkin, A. H. Everett, J. Elliott and J. H. Stich.

The annual report, prepared by Mr. F. V. Gant (secretary of the South-Western Division) with the co-operation of other District secretaries, showed that interest in the Association and its work had increased considerably. Full ringing membership had increased from 865 to 868 and honorary members from 163 to 184. There are now some 108 towers in union. These figures were most encouraging but it must be remembered that the strength of any Association was in its ringing members and efforts must always be made in that direction—to increase the ringing strength to 1,000 members. This target was not too high for their Association.

Ringling for divine service had been the principal aim throughout the year but it was to be regretted that some towers with ringable bells were silent Sunday by Sunday through apathy or lack of interest.

INCREASE IN PEALS

During the year 108 peals were rung in 58 towers as against 74 in 1951, an increase of 26. This was extremely gratifying. If Surprise method peals can be taken as an indication of strength, then this year has been most successful. Peals of special interest were:—Spliced Surprise in six and eight methods at Harlow Common; Stedman Doubles at Hutton, consisting of 42 extents using alternatively slow, quick and the normal start; Grandire Cinques at Chelmsford; Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Chelmsford.

Mr. R. Suckling headed the list of conductors with 20 peals, Mr. H. Turner next with 12, and Mr. J. H. Crampion with 9. It was interesting to note that 37 members conducted peals during 1952.

For the recorders, 29 rang their first peal, an increase of 7; 170 rang their 'first' in the method, an increase of 58; there being four first peals as conductors; 250 different members participated in the peals, representing approximately 30 per cent. of the ringing membership.

The Association extends their congratulations to the following members on passing their respective milestones:—R. Suckling on his 200th peal and 100th as conductor; H. Turner on his 150th peal and 100th as conductor; U. W. Wildney on his 100th peal for the Association; J. H. Crampion on his 200th peal; and J. Jennings on his 100th peal.

Quarter peals amounted to 144, rung in 56 different towers. Romford have supplanted Hornchurch at the top of the list with 14 quarters. Hornchurch, however, remain in second place with 13 quarters.

Various members spoke on the report generally. The attention of the Association was drawn to the fact that there were several very valuable books in the library and that some manuscripts were well worth reading. A vote of thanks to Mr. Gant was proposed for all the time and trouble he took in preparing the report. Mr. Gant, in replying, requested the help of every member in preparing the report.

FINANCES SOUND

The hon. treasurer, in presenting the accounts, drew attention to the gross income from the districts, totalling £117 3s. The sum of £51 7s. 11d. had been contributed to the Bell Restoration Fund from collections at the various District meetings. Peal fees added a further £17 12s. 6d. The balance on the General Account at the end of the year stood at £230 7s., while that of the Bell Restoration Fund was £188 7s. 3d. The sum of £20 10s. had been paid out of the Bell Restoration Fund in grants to towers.

Mr. H. Turner (Shenfield), in moving the adoption of the statement of accounts, drew the attention of the Association to the need of paying peal booking fees promptly. Delay in re-mitting amounts due caused extra work and book-keeping and made striking the balances at the end of the year more difficult than was necessary.

Early in the summer the Rev. C. Scott Little, the Deputy Master, announced that he was accepting another living out of the county and tendered his resignation. He had filled this role with courtesy, distinction and efficiency.

The new form of service has come into general use during the year and has been universally well received by clergy and ringers.

Restoration work and augmentation of rings has been particularly noticeable in the county during 1952. Bures have been augmented to eight. Nazeing to six and Sandon to six. Restoration work has been carried out at West Ham, South Weald and Finchingham.

The report was then submitted to the meeting and was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Spencer-Phillips at last year's annual meeting, informed the Association that it would be the last year in which he would accept nomination as Master of the Association, and that he intended retiring at the next annual meeting and therefore declined nomination. Mr. R. C. Heazel was unanimously elected Master. Mr. G. L. Joyce (in the chair) congratulated the newly-elected Master on behalf of the meeting.

Mr. Heazel, in reply, thanked the members for their confidence and trust in him, and said that he would endeavour to carry on the high standard set by his predecessors, especially the retiring Master.

It was proposed by Mr. R. C. Heazel that Dr. Spencer Phillips be elected a life vice-president of the Association. The motion was carried with acclamation.

Dr. Spencer Phillips, in reply, thanked the Association for the honour they had bestowed upon him.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Chalk and seconded by Mr. J. Crampion that Mr. H. Turner be elected Deputy Master of the Association. Mr. Turner was unanimously elected.

It was proposed by Mr. B. G. Burton and

seconded by Mr. S. F. Clark that Mr. F. V. Gant be elected secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year. Mr. Gant was unanimously elected to that office. In reply, the newly-elected secretary thanked the Association for the trust they had placed in him and had pleasure in accepting the office.

The following officers were also elected:—Auditors, Messrs. D. G. Mayell and J. Grove; trustees, Messrs. A. L. Simmonds, P. Eves and A. Hubble.

The following members were elected life members:—Messrs. H. Chinery, F. Goodwin, G. Rashbrook, G. Moss, W. H. Chalk, A. South and F. Ridgewell.

A LOYAL ADDRESS

The Master reported that a Loyal Address had been forwarded by him on behalf of the Association to the Home Secretary for presentation to Her Majesty on the occasion of the Coronation. He had been advised by the Home Office that it will be laid before Her Majesty immediately after June 2nd.

The retiring Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon of Southend for giving the address; to the Provost for the use of the bells and conducting the service; and to the organist, Mr. Derrick G. Cantrell, for his assistance.

The members then adjourned to the Cathedral Hall where an excellent lunch was well served, the Provost being the chief guest.

At the conclusion of the lunch the Master expressed the regret of the Association of Dr. Spencer Phillips' retirement from the office of Master. Mr. G. L. Joyce, in seconding the vote of thanks, asked the company to stand and sing 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow.' This was sung with such gusto and strength that the new secretary and treasurer awaits with not a little trepidation the bill for the repairs to the roof!!!

Mr. J. Chalk also expressed his appreciation of the retiring Master's services to the Church, the Association and the Exercise.

K. C. W.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of June 6th, 1913
ODD CHANGES

Referring to our article upon the Kent ringer and county cricketer, George Collins, a correspondent reminds us that the name of Cox, of Sussex, should be added as that of a ringer and first class cricketer. For some time he formed one of the Warnham band . . . as is well known, he has been for many years one of the mainstays of the Sussex team, and many performances, both with bat and ball, stand to his credit.

[George Cox, sen., father of the present-day player, took 1,843 wickets at an average cost of 22.86 runs each during a first-class career extending from 1895 to 1928. George Collins' most remarkable feat was to bowl four successive wickets when taking all ten wickets for 65 runs against Notts in 1922!!]

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ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hall 1, E. R. Lambert 2, F. Hall 3, G. Webb 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung for evening service and Empire Day.

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Payne 1, D. Brazier 2, R. A. Ward (first 'inside') 3, C. D. Mann 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, A. Holder 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Bob Major: C. Harwood 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, T. Holehouse 3, B. Scoot 4, W. Collins 5, W. Pooley 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major by 1 and 2.

BEDWELTY, MON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Williams 1, Miss H. Evans 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, Miss J. Powell 4, C. Thomas 5, G. Flower 6, A. R. Price 7, A. Williams 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Neville (first quarter) 1, A. Cattell 2, W. Parrott (first quarter as cond.) 3, C. Blundell 4, E. Gosden 5, E. Goldsmith 6. Rung for Whit Sunday.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On May 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Lins (first quarter) 1, W. Sear 2, H. Sear 3, W. Daniells 4, F. Stenton 5, D. J. Mager 6, J. Marks 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Rung for Whit Sunday.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On May 16th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: J. Harrold 1, A. Cozens 2, K. Perkins 3, I. Dickin (cond.) 4, G. Rooms 5.

BROSELEY, SALOP.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Powell 1, G. Oliver 2, J. R. Garbett 3, Miss D. E. Garbett 4, Miss J. B. White 5, W. J. Garbett 6, A. J. Garbett (cond.) 7, W. Hartshorne 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Birthday compliments to ringers of 3 and 4.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On May 20th, 1,272 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 552 Kent Treble Bob): E. Deacon (first quarter) 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. J. Howard 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbing (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. D. L. Williams (Vicar), who died May 16th.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Childs (first quarter) 1, R. Shire (cond.) 2, K. Braddick (first quarter) 3, M. Long 4, W. Moore 5, R. Braddick 6.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James', on May 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss D. A. Deverell (first in method) 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, Miss P. J. Leaning 3, F. A. Barker 4, E. F. Pryor 5, R. Newman 6, W. D. Prockson 7, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 8. Rung for Empire Day and a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 7.

QUARTER PEALS

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Duddridge 1, C. W. J. Lock 2, A. E. Welcher (first 'inside') 3, L. T. Richards 4, R. E. Coleman (cond.) 5, E. Colman 6. Rung for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells for the dedication of the new altar in memory of the late Rector (Preb. H. C. Young).

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Fortune, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Southrepps, 120 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): I. Dicken (cond.) 1, J. Harrold 2, A. Cozens 3, K. Perkins 4, G. Rooms 5.

FARNWORTH, BOLTON, LANCs.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catharine Howard 1, N. Tompkins (cond.) 2, I. McEwan 3, G. Pearson 4, J. Thornley 5, V. Gaunt 6, O. Davies 7, H. Prescott 8.

GLASGOW.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Pickett 1, Miss R. M. K. Branson 2, H. F. Sargent 3, A. Scott 4, T. C. Winderam 5, L. Bounphrey 6, E. Bounphrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, C. R. Raine (cond.) 9, A. E. Haynes 10.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 17th, 1,440 Durham and York Surprise Minor: P. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, D. Gullick 3, J. Church 4, E. Winters 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. Hunnisett (first quarter) 1, E. Hobden 2, E. Breed 3, F. Blackman 4, G. Gadd (cond.) 5, C. Booth 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Erin Triples: J. R. Mayne (cond.) 1, S. A. Warwick 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, J. D. Niblett 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne 7, A. G. Wigmore 8. First in the method for 3 and 5.

HATFIELD, BROAD OAK, ESSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. G. Roast 1, P. Eves 2, H. Egglestone 3, Mrs. F. L. Harris 4, P. J. Came 5, E. Johnson 6, F. L. Harris (cond.) 7, J. West 8.

KENSINGTON, W.—At St. Mary Abbots, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: W. S. Langdon 1, W. H. Pasmore 2, E. R. Mackrell 3, J. Bullock 4, A. B. Peck 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, R. F. Deal 7, C. J. Watts 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, W. W. Bailey 10.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): R. G. Morris 1, A. C. Morris 2, J. L. Lightfoot 3, A. A. Upton 4, D. Harrison (cond.) 5, A. Nix 6. First in three methods for all the band.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): L. Sears 1, W. Avery 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, R. Wright 5, C. Hagger 6. First quarter in two methods by all.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On May 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. S. Coles 1, D. Sheldon 2, A. H. Reed 3, W. H. Tarr 4, C. Williams 5, J. Pugsley 6, C. Stephens 7, H. Churchill 8, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 9, R. W. Tudball 10. Rung in memoriam Mr. G. Stacey, for over 60 years a ringer at this tower and also 50 years hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery. First on 10 bells for 7 and 10.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Rowe 1, Miss G. Johnson 2, A. J. York 3, A. E. York 4, C. Loke 5, R. Summerly 6, H. Baxter 7, B. Austin (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by 1, 2 and 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss G. Johnson to Mr. B. Austin.

SWINTON, LANCs.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Higham 1, N. Tompkins (cond.) 2, W. Thompson 3, J. Thornley 4, O. A. Davies 5, H. Rothwell (first 'inside') 6, J. A. Somers (first 'inside') 7, D. M. Spencer (first quarter) 8. In honour of the 90th birthday of Mrs. Hardman, oldest member of the Mothers' Union.

THORNFALCON, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 480 Stedman, 300 Grandsire): A. G. Sage 1, F. Matravers 2, R. W. Shire 3, B. J. Burston 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5.

THURNBY, LIECS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): W. Bott 1, P. Pawley 2, M. Rootie 3, J. Pawley 4, L. Wykes (cond.) 5, G. Voss 6. A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. J. C. Meers).

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At St. Matthew's, on May 24th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales (first of Treble Bob Minor) 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for all the band except the fourth.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bacon 1, H. C. Jones 2, D. Walton 3, F. Kirtland 4, W. Lee (cond.) 5, L. Andrews 6. First quarter for 3 and 6. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Fiona Heath 1, W. Lee (cond.) 2, F. Kirtland 3, D. Wheeler 4, R. Eggleton 5, Verona Naylor 6.

WILLUGHBY, WARWICKS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. O. Hancock 1, G. H. Hancock (cond.) 2, F. W. Hancock 3, S. G. Ivens 4, P. J. Isom (first quarter) 5, C. J. Jarvis 6. A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. H. Hill).

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OUR CORONATION NUMBER

'The Ringing World' will issue a 20-page
number on June 19th to deal with Coronation
ringing and other activities. Please submit your
copy early. A number of Coronation peals will,
however, appear in our next issue.

The Universities Association are preparing a course of mental aids for the conductor who omitted to send the name of the conductor and the name and address of the sender when he submitted a peal for publication. We call attention to this in all friendliness and express the hope that those submitting peals and quarter peals during the Coronation will kindly check their peals.

Mr. J. W. Cotton has now 'circled' the tower of Whitwick Parish Church.

Mr. George Voss, verger at St. Luke's, Thurnby, Leics., and a ringer for 50 years, rang his first quarter peal on Whit-Sunday.

We are pleased to see that 'evergreen' Mr. Frank Blondell is still in our peal columns. He rang at Heston for his 83rd birthday.

York Minster bells were broadcast in a world round-up of Coronation celebrations on Coronation Day.

'Gratefully Acknowledged' column this week includes a sixpence picked up on the floor of the Devonshire Hotel during the Central Council's visit.

Mr. Leonard E. Pitstow is hoping to meet his many ringing friends at the Saffron Walden Great Ringing Day at the end of next month. He has been out of action for three months with meningitis which has left him double vision and partial deafness. The doctors reassure him of complete recovery but it will take twelve months.

Thanks to Miss Ida B. Thompson, of Dun-
kerk, Nottingham, Miss J. S. Armstrong has been able to place in Morpeth Watch Tower a framed picture of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Beneath is a peal card recording the peal of Stedman Triples Mr. Robinson rang in this tower on February 14th, 1906. The portrait is headed: 'Hero of a thousand peals.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Jean Stewart, who was welcomed as a new member of the Central Council, has not yet reached her 21st birthday. She is a representative of the Irish Association. Has there ever been a member of the Council who has not reached 'the official age of discretion'?

It is not unusual for Kelvedon ringers to ring three quarter peals and a 220 after Evensong on festival days. The regular Sunday service band submit this week four quarters in four different methods.

The Editor was not the only ringing correspondent reporting the Central Council proceedings at Bournemouth. 'The Irish Bell News' sent their special correspondent in the person of Mrs. F. E. Dukes. Her presence would have been welcomed at the Press table!

As M.C. for the social evening after the Bournemouth meeting, Mr. Harold J. Poole excelled himself. The sight of Bill Cartwright, Harold Poole, Charles McGuinness and Fred Dukes all kneeling on the floor and doing the Leicester version of 'lapping' was a sight for sore eyes.

To mark the Coronation, Great Tom of Oxford, which weighs 9½ tons has been hung so that it revolves. Hitherto it has been 'clocked' each night. In future it has to be rung. Last Friday on Radio News Reel the boom of Great Tom was heard, and Mr. Frederick Sharpe recounted its history. With Mr. Sharpe was Mr. Douglas Hughes, who firm have rung the bell.

On Monday, May 7th, 1888, the St. James' Society, Bristol, rang Holt's Six-part of Grand-sire Triples, conducted by Mr. H. Porch. Of the band, Messrs. F. Gooding, A. Pearce, G. Pearce and G. Pymm are still living and Messrs. A. Pearce and G. Pearce are still active ringers. We doubt if such a record of four still living who took part in the same peal 65 years ago has ever been surpassed.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CORONATION MEETING

BOURNEMOUTH'S WARMTH DELIGHTS MEMBERS — PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. G. W. FLETCHER — MR. A. J. PITMAN HONOURED — 'RINGING WORLD' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

BOURNEMOUTH presented its most glorious picture to the representatives of the Central Council who attended the third session of the 26th Council held on Whitsun Tuesday in the Town Hall.

A welcome from the Dioceses of Winchester and Salisbury opened the proceedings. The president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. A. Barnett) were accompanied by the Rural Dean of Bournemouth (Canon A. L. E. Williams) and Canon C. Carew Cox as they took their places on the platform.

The President announced that he had received a letter from the Bishop of Winchester regretting that he was unable to be present as he had received a summons to attend at Westminster Abbey for a Coronation rehearsal in which he had a part to perform.

The Rural Dean, who deputised for the Bishop, said Bournemouth was a very good centre for bell-ringers. There were some very good towers both in the Winchester and Salisbury Dioceses and he hoped they would sample some of those towers.

He understood their President came from Scotland and there were also two representatives present from Ireland. He came from Ireland and there was a fine ring of bells at Ballymena placed to the memory of his grandfather. He was at one time Rector of a parish in Yorkshire which had three old bells, one of which was cracked. While he was Rector he had the bells recast and three new bells added, making a nice ring of six. For those bells they had two teams, one being composed entirely of ladies, which became one of the crack teams of Yorkshire. He could not claim much personal connection with ringing except having broken a stay.

It was a great pleasure that morning to welcome 60 of them at the Communion held in his church. He felt it was the right way to begin. Campanology was not only a science: it was sacramental. Not only did they want to be proficient as ringers, but they wanted primarily to be Christians and loyal members of the Church.

Canon Carew Cox gave to the Council the apologies of the Bishop of Salisbury and the Bishop of Sherborne. Speaking on behalf of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, he said they were very grateful to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild for their kind invitation to share in the welcome to the Council. As most of them knew, at Bournemouth they were very near to Dorset and some of them had discovered that Dorset had some very fine bells and some natural attractions which they were not afraid to put into competition with anything Hampshire could offer. He wished he could have taken part in some of the ringing that Whitsun, but it had been impossible. But he did enjoy facing a large representative gathering such as that and it brought to his mind those active days when he, on a bicycle, went here and there and everywhere for the sake of ringing.

The President thanked Canon Williams and Canon Cox for their welcome and the Church authorities for placing their bells at their disposal.

TELEGRAM TO THE QUEEN

With the hearty accord of the meeting the Chairman suggested that the following telegram should be sent to H.M. the Queen:—

'The Central Council of Church Bell-ringers in annual meeting assembled at the Town Hall, Bournemouth, beg to offer your Majesty their loyal salutations. It will be

the proud privilege of ringers to celebrate the forthcoming Coronation with the tribute of the bells, and it is their fervent prayer that your Majesty's reign may constitute a long and glorious period in the history of our country.'

The following reply was received from Buckingham Palace:—

'Please convey to all members of your Council the sincere thanks of the Queen for their kind and loyal message of good wishes.'—Private Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL

The Secretary announced that there were 54 associations and guilds affiliated to the Council with 150 members. In addition there were 24 honorary members and seven life members, making a total of 181. There were vacancies for two ringing members and five honorary members.

THOSE PRESENT

The following members attended:—

Life members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members.—Mrs. L. K. Marshall, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. Osborn, F. J. Sharp, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, W. H. Viggers and A. Walker.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Messrs. G. W. Cecil, A. B. Peck, J. F. Smallwood.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. E. M. Atkins, Mr. S. E. Darmon.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. D. Carlisle, Mr. A. Mould.

Devon Guild.—Messrs. E. W. Biffen, J. E. Lilley and T. G. Myers.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. B. Lufkin and Miss Hilda G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Miss D. M. Drew, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. G. L. Grover, A. Harman, A. C. Hazelden, A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. F. Lewis, Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. G. E. Oliver.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Miss Jean Stewart.

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. E. Songe, Mr. G. H. Spice, Mr. J. Willis.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss D. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. C. Sharples.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley, Mr. E. C. Turner.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rodgers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock, C. W. Roberts, E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association.—Mr. W. Cathrall.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Borcham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild.—Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. F. Procey, Mr. W. C. West.

Sheffield District.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pike.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. Cooper.

Sussex County Association.—Messrs. F. Bennett, R. G. Blackman, F. Dallaway, L. Stilwell.

Swansea Diocesan Association.—Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. H. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Messrs. W. E. Critchley, P. J. Johnson, L. W. G. Moores, S. F. Palmer.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Messrs. W. Ayre, P. E. Baker, A. L. Bennett, T. R. Butler, H. G. Cashmore, P. A. Corby, J. W. Clarke, G. E. Debenham, F. Dunkerley, J. T. Dyke (suffering from chest hæmorrhage), C. W. Evans, T. H. Francis, J. A. Freeman (unwell, and has a painful hip joint which might necessitate an operation) Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Messrs. D. Hughes, S. T. Holt, W. H. J. Hooton, H. Michael Howard, B. G. Key, G. L. Hewitt, J. W. Jones, Rev. J. Kingdon, Messrs. H. J. Mansfield, B. P. Morris, R. C. Noon, G. R. Newton, J. W. Raithby, J. Segar, A. Paddon Smith, C. J. Sedgley, G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, Messrs. J. J. Webb, E. Alex. Young (who has been ill for the past three or four weeks) and F. Colclough.

Upon the president's suggestion the hon. secretary was instructed to write letters to Mr. Dyke, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Young wishing them a speedy recovery.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed: Miss D. E. Colgate (Ladies' Guild), Miss J. Stewart (Irish Guild), Mr. W. Cathrall (North Wales Association).

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. G. W. FLETCHER

The president said that last year they thanked Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher verbally for what they had done for the Council over a period of 21 years and the members of the Council thought that while they could not possibly repay them for what they had done they might, at least, make some tangible token of their appreciation and esteem. He asked them to accept a small offering from them all.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

The silver salver was inscribed: 'Presented to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher by members of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, 1953.'

There were also two silver tankards which they thought they might find useful. The larger one was inscribed 'G. W. F.' and the smaller one 'E. K. F.' The latter had a glass bottom through which Mrs. Fletcher would be able to see how George was behaving himself (laughter).

These, continued the president, were second-hand silver, which was now often better than new, and on which there was no purchase tax. They had a small margin left over and they were going to have a word with Mrs. Fletcher in case she might like a nice floral shrub or some other shrubs to plant in her garden (applause).

Mr. Fletcher, in reply, said it was a delightful gift and one they would appreciate very much. The president knew he had associations with the liquor trade and he might have noted that consumption was down and the Chancellor was not getting his fair share (laughter). They would cherish these two gifts very much.

The last 21 years had passed as a dream. It was very enjoyable; he made a lot of friends and he hoped he made no enemies. If he did make any enemies he could now perhaps see their point of view, better as he was sitting below the platform (applause).

Mrs. Fletcher also thanked the members and assured the Council that before George joined the liquor trade he could get rid of one or two (laughter). Seriously, they were very grateful to the Council and although they had had some hard times they had enjoyed every minute. She hoped they would be able to come and enjoy the meetings under the auspices of the new secretary.

ELECTION OF NEW LIBRARIAN

The president announced that Mr. Frederick Sharpe had been nominated as hon. librarian in place of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton and they were very grateful to him for being willing to take over the job. It was not an easy job; he had to do it for two months during Mr. Hooton's illness and he could assure them it was not a light undertaking. They could not have a better man than Mr. Sharpe, who had much knowledge of the antiquarian side of their art and knew more about old books on ringing than any living man. There was no other nomination and he took it that it was their wish that Mr. Sharpe should become hon. librarian. He had been able to interest one of his ringers in the business side of the work and they felt very grateful to Miss Avres for undertaking this work.

The Council agreed to the appointment. Mr. Sharpe thanked the Council for electing him. Whether he continued in the office depended, he said, on certain circumstances. He lived in a small house and the library was rather extensive. Fortunately, opposite to him was a large rectory and the Rector had kindly placed a room at his disposal for housing the library. If at any time he should leave it might be possible that the new Rector would not let them have the room or might want to sell the rectory. He would like the Council to thank the Rev. E. S. Tarrant, Rector of Launton for placing the room at his disposal.

The Council decided, on the proposition of the chairman, to send a letter to the Rector of Launton thanking him for his kind co-operation.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The following honorary members retired and were eligible for re-election: Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. C. K. Lewis and Mr. W. Osborn. There were five vacancies.

The Standing Committee recommended their re-election.

Mr. A. Hoare proposed the election of Mr. A. J. Pitman as an honorary member.

Mr. C. Roberts, seconding, said it was time the genius of Mr. Pitman, as a composer, was recognised by the Exercise. His work had been

invaluable and possibly nobody had done more than he had in the realm of composition. Composition was often relegated to the back-ground.

Mr. F. E. Dukes proposed, and Mr. J. Dunwoody seconded, the election of Mrs. E. A. Barnett as an honorary member.

These elections were agreed to with acclamation.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The members stood while the following past members of the Council who had died during the year were remembered:—J. Broadley (Leeds), H. W. D'Aeth (Salisbury Guild), A. J. Harris (Leicester Diocesan Guild), R. T. Holding, C. H. Parry, R. Soerring (Chester Diocesan Guild), C. Edwards (Hereford Diocesan Guild).

Mr. P. J. Johnson said Mr. Broadley was a member of the Yorkshire Association for 67 years and was an officer for many years. While he had not done any peal ringing for 15 years, his record of peals was greater than that of any other member of the Association.

Mr. C. K. Lewis and Mr. G. W. Pullinger paid tributes to the memory of Mr. Edwards.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

These were published in 'The Ringing World' of May 1st, 1953, and had been circulated to members. On the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead they were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

This report, signed by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, stated:—

Except for copies of 'The Bell News' there has been little borrowing, and in this connection the thanks of the Council are due to Mr. A. N. Wood, who discovered in two borrowed copies a fault in arrangement and most generously had these rebound at his own expense.

An interesting purchase during the year has been a manuscript peal book compiled by a London ringer in the early part of the 19th century. This has been of some interest to the Peal Records Committee. New publications on the bells of Flint and of Stirlingshire, presented by the author, R. W. M. Clouston, are acknowledged with thanks.

The 'Collection of Plain Major Methods' became available for sale and has been in steady demand. Stocks of other publications have been replenished by reprinting and 'Village Bells' still proves a popular little book. Stocks are now high and further reprinting should not be necessary for some time.

It is with great regret I have been compelled to relinquish the librarianship at such short notice, though I should in any case have asked the Council to relieve me before long. As I have remarked in recent years, the library is always expanding and the work involved is now very considerable. For this reason, much that I should have liked to do in connection with the collection of books has had to be left undone.

The president has been able to give most valuable help in making arrangement for the accommodation of the books and I hope that the Council will approve of what has been done.

Books sold during the year numbered 1,271 and 69 free copies had been distributed. The book stock totalled 60,226 and was valued at £346 6s. 6d.

Mr. F. Sharpe moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, in seconding, moved a sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Hooton for his excellent work to the Council as librarian. The Council hoped that he would soon be restored to normal health.

The report was adopted and the hon. secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Hooton on the terms suggested and also thanking him for all he had done.

'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

The report, signed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, stated:—

The year 1952 has been one of intensive effort to balance the gap between income and expenditure. Every possible economy has been continued, but in spite of this, expenditure has been greater than income. Thanks, however, to the splendid help in the form of personal donations, peal and quarter peal self-imposed levies, rendered by well-wishers, we were able to finish the year with a balance on the right side.

The circulation is gradually increasing but not so much as we had hoped, and we would earnestly appeal to all those who are in a position to influence the enrolment of new readers to make every effort to help us in obtaining sufficient readers to enable us to produce the paper profitably. We need hardly point out that the larger the circulation the smaller the cost per copy to produce.

Your committee are reluctant to suggest an increase in the price of the paper as they feel the solution to our difficulties lies in obtaining a larger circulation—and any increase in price might prejudice that effort. They feel that sufficient advantage has not been taken by responsible members of the Exercise of the opportunity of expressing their views on the front page of the paper. The Editor will be pleased to receive suitable contributions for publication.

To all those who sent in literary articles, letters to the Editor, etc., your committee offer their warmest thanks. We would also express our deep sense of gratitude to Mr. T. W. White, the Editor, for his conscientious and able work: to Mr. J. E. Jeater, who has looked after the accounts with commendable efficiency; to Mr. Michael Stephens for preparing the index, and to those who have defrayed the cost of blocks for the few illustrations we have been able to provide. To those who have helped us with donations, we reserve our best thanks, and would say that without their practical help we should have found it impossible to keep the price of the paper at fourpence. Their generosity has saved the situation and the thanks, not only of your committee, but of the whole Exercise, are due to them.

Many inquiries of all kinds relating to bells and ringers reach the office of 'The Ringing World,' not only from the Exercise but from the National Press, magazines and other organisations. In dealing with these your Editor is playing a very useful part in popularising bells and ringing generally.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood moved the adoption of the report and appealed to members to do their utmost to increase the circulation. Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said at the last Council meeting he asked a question which he was afraid was never answered. He would like to repeat it: What were the terms of reference of 'The Ringing World' Committee? Last year they had sent to them a report of the Methods Committee for publication. It had been circulated to all members of the Council and they wanted it published. Was it the duty of 'The Ringing World' Committee to say what should be published or was it their duty just to look after the business side? He asked what were their terms of reference.

The president: So far as we know there are no terms of reference.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher said if they went back to 1942 they would remember that they took over 'The Ringing World' at very short notice—in fact it was on the day of the funeral of Jack Goldsmith. They formed a committee to save the paper and undertook financial obligations. The first committee was appointed to conduct negotiations for the purchase of the paper. Two years ago there was a discussion as to whether they should increase the price of the paper, and at that time it was thought if they had people with technical experience on the committee it would be an advantage. Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. F. I. Hairs were appointed as technical people. They also thought they should have representatives throughout the country and Mr. H. Poole and Mr. J. T. Dyke were appointed.

'I do not think there are any terms of reference. If you give a committee a job, they do it. The literary side is looked after by the Editor and it is his work. The Editor has no standing on the Council; he is not a member although he comes here to report the proceedings. I can see no need for terms of reference.'

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: 'I am not really satisfied. If that sort of thing can happen I think some rules and regulations with the Editor as controlling the editorial side and the Editorial Committee the business side should be drawn up. I am not casting aspersions at the committee. I think they have done a very good job of work.'

Mr. H. J. Poole: 'I feel if the position is left it will right itself.'

Mr. C. K. Lewis supported Mr. Felstead. The committee should form the policy and the Editor carry it out.

Mr. A. G. Blackman held the same view.

Mr. Fletcher said the old committee used to talk to the Editor and the Editor produced a series of articles as suggested. Of course, under the present regime there would be articles submitted which the Editor would refer to the committee.

THE ACCOUNTS

The hon. secretary presented the accounts and said that 'The Ringing World' accounts for 1951 were now with professional auditors.

'The Ringing World' income and expenditure account showed the income for 1952 as follows: Rolls Publishing Co. £1,746 5s. 1d., Postal Subscribers £1,898 4s., Notices and Advertisements £789 5s. 11d., Donations £250 17s. 10d., Miscellaneous £2 12s. 9d., Sale of 'College Youths' £1 2s. 6d., Advertisements General Fund nil (last year £22). Total £4,688 8s. 1d.

The expenditure was to Woodbridge Press printing and blocks £3,365 2s. 5d., dispatch of copies £129 19s. 9d., postage and wrappers £544 5s. 7d., Editor's fees and expenses £240 2s. 6d., clerical assistance £108, postage, stationery and sundry £21 1s. 2d., Accounts Department £138 0s. 11d., miscellaneous £5 13s. 3d. Excess of income over expenditure £136 2s. 6d.

'The Ringing World' balance sheet showed assets as follows: Goodwill and blocks £200, debtors £629 3s., cash balances £1,531 12s. 11d., amount due from General Fund £28 2s. 3d. On the liabilities side the items were: Creditors £375 14s. 11d., payments in advance £518 8s. 11d., Capital Account balance, December 31st, 1951, £1,358 11s. 10d. Profit for the year £136 2s. 6d., making a total of £1,494 14s. 4d. (against £1,358 11s. 10d. in 1951).

Mr. A. A. Hughes moved the adoption of the accounts subject to audit, and Mr. F. E. Perrins seconded.

Mr. H. J. Poole questioned the deletion of a loan from General Funds of £200 that appeared in the liabilities of 'The Ringing World' balance sheet. He asked where it had gone.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher replied that the General Fund had been increased by £200.

The accounts were approved.

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT

The hon. secretary presented the Publications Account which showed Sales £92 2s. 2d., Stock £346 6s. 6d., Stock Stationery £2 15s., making a total of £441 3s. 8d. The account showed an excess of income over expenditure of £14 3s. 4d. No payment had been made for advertisements in 'The Ringing World' (last year £20).

The General Funds of the Council showed on receipt side: Affiliation Fees 1952, £37 10s., Donation (life member) £1 1s., Donation to cost of Roll of Honour £6, Balances 'Ringing World' £136 2s. 6d., Publications £14 3s. 4d.

On the expenditure side the items were: Roll of Honour £26, Carter Broadsheet £29 16s., Biographies Committee £14 17s. 9d., Binding 'Ringing World' for library £1 3s. 6d., Stationery and Printing £31 4s. 1d., Telephone £3 8s. 8d., Postage £5 14s. 9d., Insurance (library) 8s. 9d., Cheque Book 8s. 4d., 'Village Bells' (copyright and blocks written off) £5. Excess

of income over expenditure £87 5s. (last year excess of expenditure over income of £46 1s. 3d.).

On the General Balance Sheet there was a balance carried forward to 1953 of £1,967 13s. 3d. against £1,880 8s. 3d. The accounts had been audited by Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. F. W. Perrins, who moved and seconded their adoption.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher deplored that the £20 payment by the Publications Account to 'The Ringing World' for their advertisement that appeared weekly had been deleted. The item was originally put in at the request of 'The Ringing World' Committee. It enabled the Publications Account to show a small profit instead of a deficit of £6. They had discussed from time to time the margin of profit of the publications and he suggested they should be re-examined. While they did not want to make a profit they did not want to see a loss. He proposed that next year this item of £20 be inserted.

The Council agreed to this course.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he had been looking through the stock in the librarian's hands. They had some old stock and he thought it would be better to write it off completely. This stock had been valued at the cost it was printed. He would like to see the stock re-valued.

The president said he prepared the figures by counting up the books. Most of the old stock was represented by a very small cost. The new stock was valued at the printing price and not the selling price. No doubt Mr. Sharpe will think on this question and write off some of the old stock.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner asked if it was usual to obtain quotations from different printers. He found, as secretary of the Middlesex Association, he could get his prices cut by almost 50 per cent by using Yorkshire firms.

The president said the question would be looked into.

Mr. W. C. Duffield said he was anxious to know about 'The Ringing World' circulation. Without donations they would have had a loss instead of a profit.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood said the circulation was about 5,600.

The accounts were adopted.

CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE

Mr. A. A. Hughes, reporting on the Carter Ringing Machine, said many parts had been renewed and it is in excellent order and was now in the museum. It had been suggested that in order to keep the machine in running order it should be inspected twice a year—in the spring and autumn—followed by a demonstration in the afternoon. The dates would be published in 'The Ringing World.'

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mrs. Fletcher.

Mr. H. W. Rogers suggested that the machine should be seen running more frequently.

Mr. C. Roberts said he remembered being taken to see the machine with Mr. Young. Owing to the obstruction of the then museum authorities it was impossible to see it properly. It had got into a defective condition. He thought the trustee had done a grand thing in getting the machine on view twice a year. It was very nice to know that there were people sufficiently public-minded to keep it in good condition.

Mr. A. Walker said Mr. Hughes' son had done invaluable work in putting the machine in working order. Mr. Brian Price, when he was down from Wales, also did a great deal.

Mr. H. W. Rogers suggested that selected engineers belonging to the local Territorial Association should be given instructions about the machine and they might offer their services in running the machine.

The president: 'We will leave that thought with Mr. Hughes.'

The report was then adopted.

CARTER'S BROADSHEET: £29 16s.

WASTED

Mr. Albert Walker said the original proposition to have the Carter's Broadsheet reprinted was the proposal of Mr. Symonds, of Ipswich, and seconded by himself at London in 1948. The sheets were originally printed by Carter at his own expense. At the time they believed they did the right thing. He understood that since the type had been set up there was some question that some of the peals were not true. The proofs were in Mr. Roberts' hands. In the meantime nothing had been done about reprinting the copies and the printers pressed for the settlement of the cost of setting the type. This had been paid. He was afraid they were in a very unfortunate position.

Mr. C. W. Roberts said when the resolution was passed suggesting the reprinting of the Carter's Broadsheet of Caters and Cinques he was not a member of the Council. Mr. Symonds suggested to him that he might like to check the proofs. This he (Mr. Roberts) was willing to do but he pointed out that as he was not a member of the Council it would be better for someone to go through the circuits and see if any misprints had occurred. He thought the Cinques Broadsheet of 1912 had appeared as a supplement in 'The Bell News' in 1907.

As to the Caters, there were no false peals but there were misprints and his attention was first called to them by Mr. Bob Grimwood. In the Caters there were 12 palpable misprints and he felt that before the copy was sent to the printers somebody should have been selected to go through it.

He had seen the Cinques in 'The Bell News' of 1907, and they consisted of peals of 5,007, 5,017 and 5,019. The 5,007 and 5,019 contained misprints and the 5,017 was all at sea. He felt, himself, that £29 10s. was a tremendous price to pay for a thing that was full of mistakes. He had the greatest admiration for Mr. Carter and his work but he felt that times and conditions changed in composition. He was not endeavouring to minimise its usefulness. When he was a young man he was told by an eminent ringer: 'You need not try and compose peals of Stedman Caters as you will find them all in the Broadsheet.' The type had since been destroyed and he doubted even if it had been published it would have been an economic proposition. He was prepared to continue his work of checking the peals and would place them in the Central Council library as a memorial to Mr. Carter. No blame could be placed on Mr. Walker and Mr. Symonds, who acted in good faith.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: 'This matter comes rather as a shock, because when I was younger I had the Carter Broadsheet and I think I called hundreds of them to Stedman Caters. Did Mr. Roberts see the original Broadsheet? I had one, and when I went to the war I had one and I gave it with Lindoff's London Surprise to someone for safe keeping. My recollection is that I have never had it back.'

Mr. C. Roberts: 'Mr. Pulling can rest assured that what he called was true. There were only 12 out of 7,000 that had misprints.'

Mr. A. C. Hazleden: 'Mr. Pulling has forgotten that he handed the copies to me for custody in the Guildford Diocesan Guild library. We have three copies.'

Mr. J. Freeman said the Broadsheet would have a very limited appeal to-day. He did not think the Broadsheet should be reprinted.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner agreed and suggested the committee should start from scratch.

Mr. C. Roberts thought there should be a similar publication to the book of Major methods. It should include Stedman Caters and Cinques, Erin and Grandshire.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead proposed, and Mr. C. Kippin seconded, that the Council scrap any idea of reprinting the Carter's Broadsheet and this was agreed to.

After the luncheon interval Mr. Felstead moved that the Peals Collection Committee be

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LETTERS

CORONATION PEALS AND QUARTERS

Dear Sir,—It is now almost half a century since I learned to ring, and during that period I have not failed of ringing in a peal for each Coronation and Jubilee. Now I am laid aside and unable to leave the house, let alone joining in the joyful duty of helping to celebrate this great event that is now upon us.

I cannot but feel a sense of some 'failure of duty' in doing absolutely nothing, and am accordingly subjecting myself to a fine instead of 'three hours' hard labour.'

I enclose my cheque and will thank you to apply it to the cost of production of the Coronation number.—Yours faithfully,

'OLD CROCK.'

YOUNG TENOR RINGERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter in your issue of May 15th from Mr. J. J. Webb, Ross-on-Wye, concerning a tenor ringer of 13½ years, irrespective of whether she is the youngest lady to ring a tenor of this weight or not, which I doubt, and paying due regard to earlier letters in your issue on much the same topic, it would appear to me to be more of an act of folly, and nothing to boast of, either for the one who does it, or for those who encourage her to do so. She would be better employed ringing for services in the tower of Bridstow, where she received her tuition.

REGINALD POSTON.

Bridstow, near Ross-on-Wye.

ST. OSWALD'S, HARTLEPOOL

Dear Sir,—I should, with the help of 'The Ringing World,' like to hear from any of my old ringing colleagues at St. Oswald's in West Hartlepool. I left there to go to sea in 1926, but now am in a shore job and have again taken up ringing. I am looking forward to hearing from any of them that remember me.—

AUSTIN STONE.

27, Southwood Road,
Cottingham, Nr. Hull.

DOUBLES METHOD

Dear Sir,—Whilst attempting lately to keep records of Doubles methods ('Boy, fetch me the asprins') herewith a few (im)pertinent observations.

(1) Congratulations to Mr. Blagrove with 24 different methods (and are you short of ringers down there), but why utilise Minor names for your slow course ones—are you following the precedent set with Belvoir Minor and Max?

(2) Recent 42 method peals resolve to eleven methods (Plain Bob renamed seven times);

(3) An excuse for the above is the miserly C.C. Collection. Reason given was cost — rubbish, ringers are not stingy in that direction;

(4) Whilst I'm on with it, to achieve extra-multi-Minor peals the treble appears to be allowed to do everything bar play boogie-woogie;

(5) Carry on, Messrs. Shepherd and Chant;

(6) Hurrah for Bob Triples. — Yours affectionately,

DENIS A. FRITH.

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asked to consider the possibility of publishing a small booklet dealing with Stedman Caters and Cinques.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded and asked that Mr. Roberts be co-opted on to the committee for this particular purpose.

Mr. Harold Poole: 'I take it that the committee will refer the matter back to the Council before any action is taken.'

The president: 'Yes.'

This was agreed to.

(To be continued)

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR—Seven to Thirty Methods

By A. J. PITMAN

Dear Sir,—I send a 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major with five arrangements, which show how peals may be rung from this composition in any number from seven to thirty methods.

Several peals have been rung from this, chiefly in the reversed arrangements, including the one in 25 methods by the Oxford Diocesan Guild on February 4th, 1951. Conducted by W. Judge.

It is now published for the first time in following form:—

5,120	Arr. A.	Arr. B.	Arr. C.	Arr. D.	Arr. E.
2345678	Wembley	Wembley	Wembley	Wembley	Wembley
4263857	Cam. or Lincs.	Cam. or Lincs.	Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire	Apsley
— 2357486	Lon. or Lindum	Lindum	Lindum	Lindum	Lindum
5243678	Lon. or Lindum	Lindum	Lindum or Ed.	Lindum or Ed.	Lin. or Edin.
4562837	Cam. or Lincs.	Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire
— 237486	Cray	Cray	Cray	Cray or Ripon	Ripon
4365827	Cambridge	Cambridge	Cambridge	Cambridge	Cam. or Tring.
— 3527486	Wembley	Wembley	Wem. or Framley	Framley	Coddenham
— 235678	Lon. or Eastcote	Lon. or East.	Eastcote	East. or Acton	Acton
3462857	Lon. or Sup.	Cam. or Sup.	Superlative	Superlative	Superlative
— 4257386	Cray	Cray	Cray	Cray	Cray
3564827	Cambridge	Cambridge	Cambridge	Cambridge	Alden. or C.
— 5427386	Rutland	Watford or Ux.	Uxbridge	Uxbridge	Uxbridge
2534678	London	London	London	London	London
3265847	Cam. or Yorks.	Cam. or Yorks.	Yorkshire	Yorkshire	Yorkshire
— 2547386	London	London	Lon. or Claybr.	Lon. or Claybr.	Claybrooke
— 3425678	London	London	London	London	London
2364857	Cam. or Sup.	Cam. or Sup.	Sup. or Hitchen	Hitchen	Hitchen
— 3457286	London	London	Lon. or Claybr.	Lon. or Claybr.	Shore. or Clay.
5324678	Rutland	Watford or Ux.	W. or Uxbridge	Watford	Watford
2563847	Cam. or Yorks.	Cam. or Yorks.	Yorkshire	Yorkshire	Cambridge
* 5347286	Rut. or Words.	Wordsworth	Wordsworth	Wordsworth	Ches. or Words
* 2453678	Rut. or Words.	Wordsworth	Wordsworth	Wordsworth	Wordsworth
5264837	Cam. or Pudsey	Cam. or Puds.	Pudsey	Pudsey	Pudsey
— 2437586	Bristol	Bristol	Bristol	Bristol	Bristol
— 3247586	Rutland	Rutland	Rutland	Rutland	Rutland
— 5432678	N. Gloucester	N. Gloucester	N. Gloucester	N.G. or Hereford	N.G. or Here.
— 3542678	N. Gloucester	N. Gloucester	N. Gloucester	N. Gloucester	N. Gloucester
— 4352678	Rutland	Rutland	R. or Heathcote	R. or Heathcote	R. or Heathcote
— 6543827	Bristol	Bristol	Bristol	Bristol	Bristol
— 4653827	Cam. or Pudsey	Cam. or Puds.	Puds. or Langley	Puds. or Langley	Puds. or Lang.
— 6327485	Lon. or Eastcote	Lon. or East.	Eastcote	Eastcote	Eastcote
— 4263578					

Repeat four times.

* In arrangement A all the ten leads here to be rung in same method to avoid falseness, only Rutland or only Wordsworth. Cray as Norfolk with 2nds place for 7ths at treble lead.

A gives 7 to 14 methods, B 12 to 16, C 16 to 22, D 18 to 25, E 22 to 30.

For truth in peals, ring from one arrangement only, this is essential.

IRREGULAR LEAD ENDS

Dear Sir,—Without wishing to embarrass the Methods Committee any further, may I add a remark to what Mr. Shepherd has written about irregular lead ends. The method he mentions as being identical with an extent of original Minor has been rung to many peals in the last few years under the name of College Single. It is, moreover, nothing else but a well known extent of Single Court, given in the Central Council Collection, the difference being that a plain lead of College Single is a bob lead of Single Court and vice versa.

Presumably we may ring this method in a peal, having previously arranged to ring the well known extent of College Single, but calling 'omit' for 'bob,' and be justified in claiming to have rung Single Court with bobs made except when called to omit. In this case the peal would be allowed in the analysis, whereas in the former case it would be an 'irregular performance.' The identity of the changes rung has evidently nothing to do with the case.—

Yours faithfully, PETER C. WRIGHT.

University College, Oxford.

BIRTHDAY SHARING

Dear Sir,—At Rowley Regis Parish Church our leader and deputy leader's birthdays fall on the same date, May 26th, which was the late Queen Mary's. Is there any tower where the leader and deputy leader's natal day falls on the same day?—Yours, etc.

THOMAS PERRY.

Rowley Regis, Nr. Birmingham.

A WYKE REGIS WEDDING

On May 23rd the bells of All Saints, Wyke Regis, rang for the wedding of two members of the band, Mr. George Rose and Miss Doreen Sansom.

After the wedding touch the ringers were invited to the reception, attended by over ninety guests. The bells were again rung as the happy couple left for their honeymoon at Paignton.

This was a special occasion in the history of the band, as it was 40 years ago that a local ringers was last married in the church, the bridegroom then being George's father, Mr. Joe Rose, who is still a very active member.

5,056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER, No. 11.

23456	B	M	W	H
43652	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	2
53624	—	—	—	3
25634	—	—	—	3
63254	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	3
42635	—	—	—	—
42356	x	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	3
25346	—	—	—	3
23456	—	—	—	2

Rung at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, May 18th, 1953. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

SEVENTH RINGERS' RALLY AT BOURNEMOUTH

A GREAT RECEPTION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL — DOES THE MINOR THIRD IN A BELL UPSET PEOPLE? — MR. LEWIS ANSWERS COUNCIL CRITICS

THE seventh annual Ringers' Rally and the fourth 'George Williams' commemoration dinner was a happy prelude to the Central Council meeting. The dinner was held at the Council's headquarters, the Devonshire Hotel, on May 23rd, and many of the principal members of the Council supported the function.

The Rev. J. L. Featherstone, Vicar of St. John's, Surrey Road, was a genial chairman. He deputised for Canon Williams, who was indisposed. Guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth (Cdr. and Mrs. H. P. E. Mears), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. G. R. Pullinger (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Pullinger accompanied them on the top table.

The loyal toast was followed by a course of Grandshire Caters, rung by the Bournemouth handbell ringers.

In his greetings to the company the Chairman said they had ringers from all over the country present from as far west as Cornwall and from Argyll in Scotland. He announced a long list for absence and greetings, and these included the Bishop of the Diocese and the Bishop of Southampton.

'We clergy,' he said, 'certainly pay tribute to those of you who train others in the art and skill of ringing the bells. It is a great art, and it requires infinite patience on the part of the instructor. There is one you always remember at this function—that grand old man, George Williams, who lived to be 92 and, by his life, set a pattern of real devoted work to your art.'

CORONATION RABBIT

This is Coronation year. According to the 'Church Times,' a boy of 17 was applying for a job to work in the garden, and the prospective employer said, 'What is your name?' 'Coronation Rabbit,' came the reply. The man looked at him again and asked for an explanation. 'I was born in 1937,' replied the boy. My surname is Rabbit, and as I was born in the year King George VI, was crowned I was called Coronation.'

'Wherever you ring next week,' implored the Chairman, 'Ring with all your heart and soul. We thank God that in our young Queen we have a gracious and wonderful Queen, who has asked for our prayers. She has entered on a life of most exacting service.'

The toast of 'The Bells and Bellringers' was submitted in a humorous vein by the Mayor of Bournemouth. On the following Tuesday he had three conferences to welcome at Bournemouth, and the one he gave priority to was theirs. He hoped that in Bournemouth they would have a happy time, but he implored the ringers present not to work too hard, because the following week, with the Coronation, they would have a lot of ringing. 'I hope you will ring the bells as hard as you can, even if you break the rope—a rope can be easily replaced!'

Mr. E. H. Lewis, who replied, said he was pleased the Mayor enjoyed bells, because there were some people, a few he believed, who did not. Some 200 years ago in a Norwich newspaper there appeared:—

'Ye rascally ringers, inveterate foes.

And disturbers of those who are fond of repose.

I wish, for the peace and quiet of this land,
'You had round your necks what you hold in your hands.'

THE MINOR THIRD

The Mayoress told him during dinner that when she was young bells upset her. He said that he thought it was due to the Minor Third

in the bell. There were five notes that formed the chord of a bell, and one of those was the Minor Third and, in his opinion, it was that note that upset people's nerves. There were some people who could not remain in a room with a cat or eat strawberries, but that was no reason why they should abolish cats or give up eating strawberries. Similarly, there was no reason why they should give up bells.

'We, as ringers, must always try and remember we have a very large audience.' He remembered going to a certain tower in Kent with the Cambridge University Guild. After a time the Vicar came up and said, 'I hope you know there are 20,000 people listening.' The tower was in the country, but happened to be one of the centres of the hop fields. They must always remember to strike the bells evenly; good striking was always more important than complicated change ringing. It was perfect rhythm that counted with the public; they did not know the difference between Yorkshire and Bristol.

In a reference to the Central Council, Mr. Lewis said it represented 20,000 or 21,000 organised change ringers in the country. They were going to meet next Tuesday as a Central Council. There were critics who regarded the Council as wasting a lot of time and talking a lot of rubbish, and asked what did they get out of it? The quality of the Council depended on the individual members, and unless an individual member came forward and submitted a resolution they could not get any further. He appealed to members of the Council present and those younger members who would be members, to remember that it was up to them to make the Council a success.

REPLY TO CRITICS

Another criticism had been made that they tried to lay down the law as to what should and should not be rung. That was not quite correct. The only person who could lay down the law was the incumbent of a tower; he was the only authority. What the Council did was to say what produced the best music from the bells and recommended to the members what it was desirable or not desirable to ring. If they chose to include certain peals in their analysis and exclude certain others they were entitled to do so. The Council could not lay down the law, but it tried to recommend that the methods that were rung were as musical as possible and as pleasant to the public ear as possible.

In conclusion, Mr. Lewis informed the Mayor that in the old days ringers rang for the money paid for ringing. To-day, ringing, thanks partly to the efforts of the Central Council and the various local guilds and associations, was undertaken as a particular branch of church work, and that was how they wished to keep it.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Canon R. P. Price, Vicar of Christchurch, who said they were honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress, and also by the president and secretary of the Central Council. A gathering like that did foster that spirit of comradeship and enthusiasm for the craft which was so strong among bellringers. He sometimes felt that enthusiasm was the eighth gift of the spirit.

GEORGE WILLIAMS

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, who replied, thanked the organisers for 'a lovely evening' and especially Mr. Arthur Davis and his committee. There were two reasons why they came to such a function. One was that it was a social gathering—an opportunity of meeting friends, as, on the eve of the Central Council, it had brought a large number of new faces to Bournemouth.

Secondly, they were honouring the memory of a very famous ringer and one whom he was proud to know, and personally he was very sad at his death. There were people present who knew Mr. Williams before he (the speaker) was born. There was Mr. F. Bennett, and Mr. Williams conducted his first peal in 1899. Mr. Williams was not only a gifted ringer, but a personality. Anybody was welcome to have a chat with him, and he had had that pleasure on a number of occasions. We younger ringers must never forget the debt they owed to the older generation, and it was a good thing for the young ringers of to-day to read about the difficulties of ringers 50 or 60 years ago; how they struggled for their peals, sometimes involving a walk of 10 or 20 miles for a peal of Grandshire.

The concluding toast was that of 'The Chairman,' proposed by Mr. George Pullinger. In reply, the Chairman said if they could get the harmony of the bells in the hearts of men they would abolish war. He expressed the company's gratitude to Mr. Arthur Davis for the tremendous amount of hard work he had put in to ensure the success of the evening.

The speeches were interspersed with an entertainment. The songs and duets of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford, who were accompanied by Mr. H. Johnson, of Canford School, Dorset, were a delight and of a standard rarely heard at a ringers' dinner. The Leicester Cathedral Ringers were very popular with 'the rise and fall on eight' bells. Messrs. A. V. and J. V. Davis gave a course of Grandshire Triples four in hand. The St. Peter's Handbell Ringers received a great ovation for their selections on handbells conducted by Mr. A. V. Davis. The numbers included Heykens' Serenade; 'Jesu, joy of man's desiring' (Bach) and 'Traumerei' (Schumann). For academic ringing the touch of Spliced Major by Mr. D. Matkin and his band was a good performance, their ability being appraised by an expert audience.

THE COMPANY

Apart from those already mentioned, the company included Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Miss K. Barnes, Miss D. Ballersly, Mr. M. Bageley, Mr. J. Blatchford, Mr. H. Bennett, Mr. M. Best, Mr. E. Booth.

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Miss G. Rea, Miss A. Read, Mr. D. Reed, Mr. B. Rogers, Major E. F. Sanson, Miss A. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. F. Skidmore, Miss Sparshott, Mr. and Mrs. P. Staniforth, Prof. R. O. Street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Turner, Miss A. Vicary, Miss R. Ventress, Mr. A. Ward, Mr. S. White, Miss W. Wiggins, Mr. A. Walker and Mr. W. Young.

POINTS OF INTEREST ON OUTINGS

BALDOCK AND NORTON

Towers in the Kettering area were the objective of the combined bands of Baldock and Norton for their outing on May 16th. Ringing was enjoyed at Tichmarsh, Thrapston, Burton-Latimer, Kettering, Irthlingborough, and Higham Ferrers. The age of some of the members provoked the comment that the party looked more like a youth club outing than a party of bellringers.

ST. PETER'S, CROYDON

The recently-restored octave at Tonbridge was the first tower visited by St. Peter's ringers for their outing on May 16th. Then followed the light ten in the massive tower of St. John's, Southover. Other towers visited were Steyning, Henfield and Warnham (with its peal boards for 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major and 10,432 Kent Treble Bob Major). The sincere thanks of the party are due to the various incumbents for the use of the bells and to Miss Potter, who ably made the arrangements.

NAILSEA AND DISTRICT

Ringers from Wraxall, Melksham, Clevedon and Nailsea joined with several friends from the Bridgwater area for an afternoon ringing tour on May 23rd. The towers visited were all fours and fives and lay in the extremely pretty district between the Quantock hills and the sea.

Charlynch, a five, was the first visited, and the long draught, long rope ends and bad go made hard work. Unknown to the party, the Vicar's wife had arranged a fine feed in the parish hall and, despite the early hour, the proverbial ringers' thirst was well in evidence.

Further along the Minehead road was the Victorian Church of St. Audries, West Quantoxhead, where the five was put to good use. As the steeplekeeper proudly pointed out, the clock was made by the same firm that made 'Big Ben.'

West Quantoxhead, reached through a farmyard and across a lawn, proved to be a fine old church with a good mellow toned ring of four with a 16 cwt. tenor. The more musical members of the party disputed as to what notes these bells were, but finally decided that they were the 2, 3, 4 and 6 of an octave and were very similar to the Bethlehem bells heard on the wireless on Festivals.

The next stop was Dodington, another four which went very well. Then came the journey across the marsh lands to Otterhampton with a Saxon font and with a 14th century doorway. These bells were the only ring of the day which were hung on ball bearings. They sounded quite well, except that the ringing chamber roof was the floor of the bell chamber and the noise was terrific.

The last call was Stockland-Bristol, a Victorian church considered to be a fine example of its period. The bells were a good ring of five, and some of the local ringers joined the party in the tower.

M. J. H.

SILSOE, BEDS.

On May 16th, ringers from Silsoe, Bedford, Henlow, Biggleswade, Dunstable, Hitchin, Wavendon, Maulden, etc., set off early for a tour of North Wiltshire, including some less well-known towers. The first two nestled at the foot of the chalk downs near Swindon. Bishopstone (8) were best heard outside, owing to the noise and very short draught in the chamber. Ringing started with a mishap, for, on standing after raising in peal, the fifth rope disappeared through the hole! The slider was out of position.

Lateness made our stay at Wanborough, with both spire and tower, short, which was a pity, for we found this newly rehung six (19

cwt.) the best bells of the day. Lunch was taken after ringing on the light eight at St. Mark's, Swindon, and then we moved on to Wootton Bassett, an old fashioned but good-going eight.

A detour up the Lower Chalk 'Clyffe,' with fine views now the early rain had turned to clear bright weather, brought us to the pretty little church of Broad Hinton, where a good little six was spoilt by the low ropes: it was best to ring the tenor from a chair, otherwise the sally was of no use. Miss Steele, Beds. Association president, took charge, very ably, here. At Lynham, an odd-struck six, interest was divided between the bells and a large aeroplane standing nearby on R.A.F. territory.

Tea was taken at Calne, after which we ascended the fine tower with its old deep-toned octave. The last tower was Bromham, where the Warner six (17½ cwt.) proved a melodious ring.

So the long return journey commenced and, after going badly astray near Thame, ended safely in the small hours.

D. P. J.

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MEETINGS

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Saturday, June 6th. Peak District and Chesterfield District. Edensor (6), Chatsworth Park, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. and Baslow (6) 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—H. E. Taylor and B. A. Cooper. 2680

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, June 6th. Aldenham (8), 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names please. — R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 2659

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Horsmonden (6) June 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.

LADIES GUILD.—West Midlands District. —Annual meeting to be held at Yardley, Birmingham, on June 6th. Meeting at 3 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. Bells (8) available at 4.45 p.m. 2669

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, June 6th, at 3 p.m. 2672

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Cheriton, June 6th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in the Bricklayer's Arms. 2629

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting at Ashbrittle, June 13th, 6.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed. 2672

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. —A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good meeting, please. —L. H. Bywater, Sec. 2697

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at North Cave on June 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea in White Hart Hotel 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 10th, to Mr. G. Hardwick, Everthorpe, Brough. 2689

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Heatherland Cafe, Thurston, June 13th. Special bus leaves Woodside at 2.30 p.m. Burton (6) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Backford (6) after tea. Bus and tea tickets (5s. inclusive) obtainable, before 9th, from Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2693

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Practice, Thorverton (8), Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. More ringing after, if required. Names, by June 9th, to H. Butt, Berry Cottage, Thorverton. 2687

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Morton, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 10th, to Mr. Gough, 13, New Street, Morton, Derbyshire. 2689

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Wadhurst (6), June 13th. Tea at Lesters Cafe. Names by June 11th. Only three seats vacant for outing. July 11th.—C. A. Bassett 3, Pendrill Place. 2684

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Southminster (6), Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Burnham-on-Crouch (6) available in evening. Coach will leave Chelmsford 1.30 p.m. (Corn Exchange). Will those requiring seat on coach or tea please advise me by Thursday, June 11th?—A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Crusader meeting, Loughton (8), June 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Rann, 16, York Crescent, Loughton. 2685

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8), June 13th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 2691

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth (6), June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notify for tea, by June 10th, to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 2683

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twynning, June 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Notify before June 9th for tea, J. Beech, 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Tel. 3244. All welcome. 2656

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice (not meeting, as previously arranged) at Worpleston (8) on Saturday, June 13th, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2686

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 10th, to Mr. D. Cartwright, Manor Croft, Manor Street, Berkhamsted.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2676

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Numbers, enclosing cash please, to Mr. F. A. Rye, 74, Downs Road, Walmer, Deal, not later than Wednesday, June 10th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2686

LADIES' GUILD.—North West District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Rostherne, near Altrincham, Cheshire, June 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, June 9th, to Mrs. H. Sanders, Old Chapel House, Millington, near Altrincham, Cheshire. 2686

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Bridport (8), June 13th. Bells available 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Other towers available: West Coker, 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Axminster, 2.15-3.15 p.m.; Martock, 8-9 p.m. Lunch at Lyme Regis. Names for lunch and/or tea as soon as possible, please, to Miss M. Taylor, Upcott, Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol. 2696

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch and Furness and Lake District Branch.—Joint meeting will be held on Saturday, June 13th, at Silverdale (6). Ringing 2.30 to 8. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale.—N. Newby, R. F. Eccles, Branch Secs. 2685

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mark's, Worsley, June 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 11th, to Mr. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley. Bus from Portland Street or Victoria Bridge. All welcome.—R. Benson. 2692

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willow, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Mawdsley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-in-Makerfield, near Warrington.—W. O. Farrimond and Miss Julia M. Preston, Branch Secs. 2694

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chipping, Saturday, June 13th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 2625

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Misterton, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify, by June 10th, P. J. Thomas, Walcote, near Rugby. Outing fares, £1 2s. 6d., in by this date.—L. W. Allen. 2680

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Woodhouse Eaves, June 13th. Ringing 3. Tea in Tudor Cafe 4.30. Names, by June 10th, to Mr. C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville. 2655

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Higham-on-the-Hill, June 13th. Bells (6) 3. Cups of tea in Church Schools 5 o'clock. Please bring own food.—F. Measures, Hon. Sec. 2670

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 2688

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The 25th annual Branch meeting will be held at Granborough on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (5) 2.45. Service 4. North Marston bells (6) available after tea. Please send names by June 10th.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 2687

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Goring (8) and Streasley (6) on June 13th at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 8th, to Nancie E. Swann, 49, Whitenights Road, Reading. 2681

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, June 13th. Longbridge Deverill (8), 3 p.m. Service and Tea. Names for tea to Slatford, 51, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2690

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Shaftesbury, June 13th. Visitors welcome. Write:—Rev. William Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 2649

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Pulvenbach, June 13th. Delightful spot. Light six. Tea. Midland Red 2.30 and 4.5 from Shrewsbury; Williamsons 2 p.m., 3.35 and 3.45. 2674

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at East Drayton (6), Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Brumptions bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 1 and 3.15. Names for tea by 9th to Mr. J. Roberts, Ashlands, East Drayton, Retford.—H. Denman. 2673

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting at Llanelly on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 2693

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, June 13th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 2684

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. Practice meeting, Easebourne (8), June 13th, 3. Tea 5. Evensong 7. Names for tea, please, by 9th to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 2661

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Amport, June 13th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by June 9th, to G. K. Dodd, Andover Road, Highclere, Hants. 2690

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Collingham, near Leeds, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., for those who notify Miss M. Barker, Westfield, Harewood Road, Collingham, near Leeds, by Wednesday, June 10th. Members, please note these arrangements, as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2657

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Willesborough, June 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2694

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fleet (6), June 20th. Usual times. Names for tea, before June 13th, to Mr. J. B. Hallifax, Fleet, Spalding. 2695

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Aldermaston (8), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 17th, to Mrs. D. Cooper, Bucklebury Village, Reading. 2646

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The branch outing is arranged for Saturday, June 20th, in Gloucester. We shall visit the following towers: Hatherop, Coln-St.-Aldwyn, Fairford (tea), Maiseyhampton, Cirencester. For reservation of bus and tea contact me quickly, please.—Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 2674

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Dedication of rehung bells, Saturday, June 20th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Saturday, June 13th, to Mr. W. Wilkinson, Station Road, Sibsey, Boston. 2682

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 20th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.15 and 6-6.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service at St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 17th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 2691

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingswood, June 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Look up Oxford Treble Bob. Notifications, by June 17th, to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 2678

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierspoint, June 20th. Bells (8), rehung, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by 17th.—C. W. Linington, 11 Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 2677

SAFFRON WALDEN.—The 330th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (12) from 11 a.m. Service at 6 p.m. Lunch (3s. 6d.) in Abbey Hotel at 1 p.m. for those who notify me by 25th.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 2692

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Sketty, Sat., June 27th. Service 3 p.m. The Mayor and Mayoress will be present. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Sketty (8) 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Gorseinop (8) 12-1.30 p.m. and 7.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 2673

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